

**SUPERIORLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Thursday, October 21, 2021**

Call to Order:

Dillon Geshel, Director of Superiorland Cooperative called a special meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 11:03 AM Eastern. The purpose of the meeting was to elect FY 2022 Board officers. The meeting was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendance:

SLC Voting Board Members Present: Anne Donohue, Bradley Winnicki, Jessica Luther, Marion Luckey, Patti Jahn, Kim Nowack, Donna Adams and Ashley Kangas-Smith.

SLC Voting Board Members Absent: Barb Rice

FY '22 Non-Voting Board Members Present: Stephanie Swenski, Tim MConkey

SLC Staff Present: Dillon Geshel, Director and Pamela Malmsten

Library Directors/Staff/Board Members Present: Blair Nelson, Spies Public Library

Member of the Public Present: Aaron Andres

Approval of the Agenda:

Patti Jahn **made the motion to approved the agenda as presented.** The motion was seconded by Marion Luckey. Motion passed.

Election of Officers*

Marion Luckey, spokesperson for the Nomination Committee, presented the following proposed slate of officers:

Chair: Brad Winnicki, Menominee County Library

Vice-Chair: Anne Donohue, Peter White Public Library

Secretary/Treasure: Donna Adams, Forsyth Township Public Library.

Marion called for nominations of officers from the floor. No further nominations were made. Kim Nowack **made the motion to approve the slate of officers as presented by the Nominations Committee,** Jessica Luther seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Newly elected SLC Board Chair, Brad Winnicki called on Dillon Geshel to present his **Director's Report:**

- I've met with all Superiorland staff for one-on-one meetings to get to know them and the scope of their work. I hope to have one-on-one regularly scheduled meetings with all my direct reports going forward. We're also hosting staff meetings now every other week to make sure we're all familiar with ongoing projects , needs, etc.
- I've also had a chance to meet individually with most of Michigan's other library cooperative directors. It's been interesting and really helpful to learn more about the services they offer and they've all been quick to offer support during this orientation period for me.
- I'm working in the office on Mondays and Thursdays, and remotely on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Most SLC staff are also still working a blended work week between home and the office and it seems to work well for all.
- The UPRLC Annual Conference was hosted during my first week at Superiorland. As you know the conference committee needed to make a sudden shift to virtual, and overall it went very well. Several of our staff were recognized with awards and surveyed participants overall ranked the conference very positively.

- Also at our annual conference, Scott Garrison of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) talked about their services and the issues we are having with inequitable RIDES pricing. MCLS is working on implementing a single, base price for statewide delivery, and we'll learn more about this when I meet with Scott on October 20.
- I've been helping advise several libraries that have reached out with various needs - handling personnel issues, applying for state aid, sharing tips on job recruitment, and advocating for local funding. This has already been really rewarding work and I'm looking forward to continuing to help our member libraries with this type of consulting work.
 - I also created a spreadsheet, adapted from statistics the Library of Michigan make available every year, that summarizes Superiorland member library information, so that the information is on hand and easily available when I need it.
- I've been working on a short and easily digestible one-page summary of the history and services offered by both Superiorland and UPRLC. It can be complicated and at times confusing, and I hope this document can be used to orient current and new member libraries as well as board members of the respective organizations to our services.
 - I also created a one-page document focused on Superiorland services for the Michigan Cooperative Director Association's virtual booth at last week's 2021 Michigan Library Association conference.
- We have eight member libraries that have confirmed their interest in a shared subscription to Kanopy, a video streaming service that our databases committee has been exploring over the last several months. Superiorland has budgeted to spend up to \$6,000 to help subsidize the cost for enrolling member libraries.
- I've been meeting with Pam, Gordon, Suzanne Dees and our Erate consultant, Aleck, to get started on the Erate work for the current year. I have a lot to learn on this front and have mostly been observing and taking in information.
- I am troubleshooting an issue we're having with purchasing in OverDrive with Jeremy and Shawn. For several months we have not been able to purchase eBook titles from a specific publisher, apparently because the publisher won't give Superiorland the right to do so. From what I've gathered so far, publishers do sometimes discriminate against certain OverDrive consortia for not meeting certain secret criteria. I'm working to find out exactly why we're left out here and how we can advocate on our behalf.
- I met with Marcus Robbins of the NMU Archives to learn about their UPLINK project and Superiorland's involvement as a partner. I'll be serving on their board in place of Pam, and right now Gordon is working to help transfer UPRLC's U.P. Digitization project files over to UPLINK.
- Last week I attended several sessions at the Michigan Library Association's annual conference, including sessions on library law, penal fines, library advocacy and first amendment audits. These sessions included a lot of good information that will help me best serve our member libraries.

Dillon commented on two updates to the Director's Report, the meeting with Scott Garrison has been rescheduled for Monday, October 25, 2021 and there are now nine SLC libraries confirming interest in Kanopy.

Public Participation:

- Aaron Andres spoke. Aaron introduced himself and noted that he has been active on several disability advocacy boards. He indicated that he was interested in serving on the SLC board and in sharing his expertise regarding disability advocacy. He also said that he feels the Great Lakes Talking Books Center is wonderful and that he would like to learn more about the services offered by the GLTB.
- Numerous questions were asked of Dillon concerning Kanopy.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Marion Luckey, seconded by Patti Jahn. Motion passed. The Meeting was adjourned at 11:33 AM Eastern.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 16 at 10AM Central/11AM Eastern

***Items Requiring a Vote of the Board**

Respectfully submitted



Donna Adams, Secretary