

**SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)**  
**Wednesday, March 8, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m. CST - 10:00 EST**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

- I. Attendees:
  - A. Superiorland: Dillon Geshel, Pam Malmsten, Lisa Waskin, Megan Buck (Dickinson County), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County), Blair Nelson (Spies), Mike Frampus (Alanson), Sharon Crotser-Toy (St Ignace), Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Portage Lake), Andrea Ingmire (Peter White), Carolyn Stacey (Escanaba)
  
- II. Minutes from Previous Meeting (January 5, 2023): *Motion to approve*, Carolyn Stacey; Amanda Winnicki, second. Unanimously passed.
  
- III. SLC Committees
  - A. Database Committee Report
    1. SLC is rolling out the subsidy for Hoopla. Four libraries are already using it, three libraries are considering enrolling and two new libraries have signed on.
  - B. RIDES Delivery Committee:
    1. Dillon reported that the committee met yesterday. The discussion was about next steps to push MCLS to advocate for SLC for a contingency plan in case Waltco stops service to the UP. There has been a request to MCLS to acknowledge the situation and commit to a 30 day period to come up with a plan for serving the UP.
  - C. UPRLC Conference Planning Committee:
    1. Dillon reported for Chair, Lisa Waskin. The conference is scheduled for September 13- 14 at LSSU. The theme is "Charting the Course," and a logo has been created. Currently, there are no pre-conference sessions because there is no location available. After-hour events and activities available in the Soo will be planned. Keynote options are still being discussed. The vendor hall will be back. The awards committee will be reconvening this week to plan. Pam will be updating the SLC website with this information.
  - D. Programming Committee:
    1. The committee met to discuss a potential budget amendment to increase subsidies in light of the Library of Michigan canceling the summer mini-grant program. Dillon shared that the committee is working on the mini-grant program and coordinating shared summer performers. There are 5 performers currently being coordinated and 21 libraries participating. In May, SLC is looking to apply for the MI Humanities Arts and Touring Grant Program to help subsidize the summer performers.

- E. Professional Development Committee:
  - 1. MLA collaboration for summer event, DCL sponsored youth workshop as model for other libraries going forward
- IV. SLC Board Meeting Agenda Items
  - 1. Pam reported that a budget amendment of \$10,500 will be requested to cover some attorney fees and mini-grant subsidies.
- V. Old Business
  - A. Report from ABL Representation on SLC Finance Committee – No report
  - B. Report from ABL Representation on Personnel Committee – No report
- VI. New Business
  - A. Superiorland Summer Mini-Grant Program

SLC has had a \$5,000 budget to support summer reading programs (\$3,000) and some fall programs (\$2,000). SLC will request an increase to this budget, based on the loss of the Library of Michigan mini-grants. The total budget would be \$15,000. More participation is expected. Member libraries could be expected to receive not more than \$500.00 each. Dillon will send out an explanation and updates following the SLC board meeting. Katerina asked about the possibility of a tiered model for supplementing libraries that have smaller program budgets. Dillon will bring this to the program committee. Amanda expressed her appreciation for planning and organizing the programs at the SLC level.
  - B. LSTA Improving Access to Information Grants

Library cooperatives can now apply for funds. Superiorland can apply for up to \$25,000 to support programs at member libraries. There is no SLC grants committee so Dillon is looking for feedback. Several directors have volunteered to be on a committee to explore options. More webinars are upcoming from the Library of Michigan. Amanda suggested polling member libraries to find out how many may be applying.
  - C. Bylaws

Dillon shared his slide deck of draft amendments. A committee of SLC directors and SLC board members has been meeting since January. Andrea asked for clarification on how elections would work. Dillon confirmed that libraries would only be voting within their group. The proposed timeline for a final version of bylaws for approval would be in June, 2023. See the link in the SLC board agenda for a document showing all the changes and details.
- VII. Communication and Collaboration
  - A. Minimum Wage
    - 1. Dillon shared information on a webinar that the Library of Michigan is putting together with Foster & Swift for Feb. 2nd. Currently, the minimum wage is set to increase to \$13.03 an hour and the Earned Sick Time Act (ESTA) would require all employees who work 30 hours to be given 1 hour of sick leave. These two items are still being debated in State courts but are slated to go into effect Feb. 20th.

B. Programs/Promotion

1. Megan shared information on Dickinson's prom dress swap scheduled for the first weekend of March and the Youth Workshop on January 19th.
2. Dillon shared information about the First Amendment webinar with Clare Membiela coming up the following week on Thursday.
3. Katrina shared about PLDL's redesign project slated for May.
4. Blair is working with Rethinking Libraries on the final steps of Spies' new strategic plan.
5. Lisa shared Pickford Community Library's grand opening and other future plans.

C. Think Tank Time

VIII. Upcoming Meetings

A. SLC Board Meeting

1. Wednesday, January 11 @ 10AM Central/ 11AM Eastern

B. UPRLC Conference Meeting

1. Wednesday, January 11 @ 1PM Central/ 2PM Eastern

C. First Amendment with Clare Membiela (Webinar)

1. Thursday, January 12 @ 10AM Central / 11AM Eastern

D. Michigan Library Directors Friday Virtual Meeting

1. Friday, January 13 @ 1PM Central / 2PM Eastern

E. Youth Workshop

1. Thursday, January 19th @ Dickinson Co. Library

F. Changes to Michigan Minimum Wage and Paid Leave with Mike Blum (Webinar)

1. Friday, February 3 @ 9AM Central/ 10AM Eastern

G. deLIBeration Chat

1. Tuesday, February 14 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern
2. Tuesday, May 9 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern
3. Tuesday, August 8 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern
4. Tuesday, November 14 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern

IX. Adjournment

- A. The meeting adjourned at 12:01pm (EST).