

SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)
Friday, June 16, 2023
12:00 p.m. CST - 1:00 EST

DRAFT MINUTES

I. Attendees:

- A. Superiorland: Dillon Geshel
- B. Library Directors: Megan Buck (Dickinson County), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee County), Heather Harris (Menominee County), Blair Nelson (Spies), Sharon Crotser-Toy (St Ignace), Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Portage Lake), Andrea Ingmire (Peter White)
- C. Guests: Marcus Robyns

- II. Minutes from Previous Meeting (March 8, 2023): *Motion to approve*, Andrea Ingmire; Amanda Winnicki, second. Unanimously passed.

II. UPLINK Presentation

- A. Marcus Robyns, Project Director of the Upper Peninsula Digital Network (UPLINK) and Northern Michigan University Archivist, shared information about the UPLINK project and resources.

IV. SLC Committees

- A. Database Committee Report
 - 1. Dillon reported that the database committee has not met since they helped plan a subsidy for Hoopla libraries. Now that Ellen is in the Database Maintenance role, Dillon will check with her on scheduling a database committee meeting. We now have six libraries using Hoopla with another library going through the enrollment process.
- B. RIDES Delivery Committee:
 - 1. Dillon reported that the RIDES committee recently schedule a meeting in July with MCLS staff, to begin collaborating on a contingency plan in the event that WaltCo stopped serving the U.P.
- C. UPRLC Conference Planning Committee:
 - 1. Dillon reported for Chair, Lisa Waskin. Our call for proposals has closed and we currently have 18-20 proposals, which is higher than the number of sessions we hosted last year. On Monday the committee will met to review proposals, begin creating a draft schedule, and set a date for opening registration. The awards subcommittee will be sending out nomination applications next week.
- D. Programming Committee:

1. Dillon reported that the committee has not met. Our first round of performances from Cameron Zvara, organized by the programming committee, were very well received. 439 people participated at 5 Cameron Zvara events, and that total doesn't include a school assembly for one of our School Public libraries. We have 26 more performances this summer at 19 or 20 libraries.

E. Professional Development Committee:

1. The committee has not met recently but did solidify details for a July event over email. On July 20 Superiorland will host an in-person event in partnership with the Michigan Library Association (MLA). The event will be in Cedarville, at the Les Cheneaux Community Library. Registration is now open and a virtual open is available. Megan shar that our next DeLIBeration event is on August 8 on Customer Service.

IV. SLC Board Meeting Agenda Items

6. Dillon shared that the Superiorland board will be seeking nominations for a secretary. The voting board member who served previously as the secretary has resigned from the board.
7. Dillon reported on the recent Bylaws committee work. The draft amendments to the Bylaws were well received by ABL and the Superiorland board in March; now the board will vote to approve of them at their regular meeting next week. These draft changes are necessary for Superiorland to shift from a system in which voting board members rotate in and out of their seats, to a system in which representatives can stand for election to the voting board. We still need one additional candidate to stand for election from Group 1, and one additional candidate to stand for election from Group 3. Superiorland's Plan of Service also needed to be amended to reflect these changes, and that is on the agenda for board approval as well.
8. Dillon shared that the agenda also includes draft changes to the UPRLC Management Contract. This change coincides with changes that the UPRLC board made to their bylaws.
9. Dillon explained that the Curtis Public Library will no longer be a Superior District Library affiliate effective July 1. Because Superiorland will be working with Curtis while they pursue establishment as an independent public library, and because Curtis and Superiorland both use the same attorney, the board needs to sign a conflict of interest letter. Then, they will look at approving and signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) linked on the agenda, between Superiorland and the Curtis Library.

IV. Old Business

J. None

IV. New Business

K. None

IV. Communications and Collaboration

L. Programs/Promotion

1. Megan shared that the library continues to struggle with issues stemming from material challenges, including complaints about a library program.
2. Katrina encouraged library's to be aware of author Kirk Cameron and his group; they are planning many events at public libraries on August 5.
3. Dillon encouraged libraries to take a look at their FOIA policies so they are familiar with the process. Many libraries that deal with material challenges also deal with broad and time consuming FOIA requests. Andrea noted this is happening at PWPL.

B. Think Tank Time

1. None.

IX. Upcoming Meetings

A. SLC Board Meeting

1. Wednesday, June 21 @ 10AM Central/ 11AM Eastern

B. *Positive Approaches: Addressing Community Pushback, Customer Service and Staff Culture*, Thursday, July 20 @ 1PM Central / 2PM Eastern at the Les Cheneaux Community Library in Cedarville

C. deLIBeration Chat

1. Tuesday, August 8 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern
2. Tuesday, November 14 @ 1PM Central/2 PM Eastern

IX. Adjournment

D. The meeting adjourned at 2:01pm