

SUPERIORLAND LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
QUARTERLY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Location: SLC, 1615 Presque Isle Ave., Marquette MI 49855
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
10AM Central / 11AM Eastern

Call to Order:

Brad Winnicki, Chair, SLC Board of Directors called the 12th of June 2024 regular board meeting of the SLC Board of Directors to order at 11:01 AM EDT.

Attendance: 9/9 Quorum present

SLC Voting Board Members Present (representing/location): Anne Donohue (Peter White/Marquette), Marion Luckey (Munising/Munising), Blair Nelson (Spies/Menominee), Eyre Becker (Negaunee/Negaunee), Daryl Orr (Superior District/Sault Ste. Marie), Stephanie Swenski (West Iron/Iron River), Lynne Wilson (Dickinson/Iron Mountain), Kim Nowack (St. Ignace/St. Ignace), Brad Winnicki (Menominee County/Stephenson).

SLC Board Members Present: None.

SLC Board Members Attending Virtually: Jennifer Donovan (Portage Lake District Library).

SLC Voting Board Members Attending Virtually: None.

SLC Staff Present: Dillon Geshel, Director and Pamela Malmsten, Assistant Director for Finance.

Members of the Public Present: Katrina Linde-Moriarty (Portage Lake District Library), Mary Hook (Manistique School & Public Library).

Approval of the Agenda:

Brad Winnicki, Chair, asked for approval of the agenda. Dillon Geshel asked that the board add School Library Bills to New Business. Marion Luckey moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Anne Donohue. Motion approved.

Approval of the Minutes:

Brad Winnicki, Chair, called for the approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2024. Motion by Anne Donohue, seconded by Eyre Becker to approve the March 13, 2024 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Director's Report:

Dillon Geshel highlighted several items from his director's report. Dillon shared that he visited several library board and township meetings to present on service contracts, material challenges and millage campaigns. He shared that Superiorland recently resumed their monthly director chats. Dillon also shared that he attended Advocacy Day in April to advocate with legislators for the introduction of the Freedom to Read bill and an increase in state aid to libraries. Dillon noted that he has been working with the staff on a Customer Service Philosophy for Superiorland and will present a final version to the board in September. He mentioned that he is hopeful we'll receive a positive funding commitment decision for our Category 2 E-rate application soon.

Financial Report: Pam Malmsten

FY 2023/2024 Cash disbursements, Year to Date Reports and Balance Sheet:

Motion made by Marion Luckey, seconded by Daryl Orr to accept the March 2024, April 2024, and May 2024 cash disbursements, expenses and revenues reported as of May 31, 2024, and the balance sheet as of May 31, 2024. Motion approved.

Public Participation

Lynne Wilson shared that a recent Dickinson County Library board meeting included discussion and public comment on a pride month display within the library. Discussion ensued on what other libraries are doing regarding pride displays.

Committee Reports

A. Advisory Board of Librarians: Katrina Linde-Moriarty, Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL) Chair, reported that the ABL group met on June 5 with a small group of library directors. The meeting included a short presentation from Scott Garrison of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services on their Text to Learn program. Katrina summarized the committee reports given at the ABL meeting, also included on our board agenda today.

B. Bylaws Committee: Dillon shared that the Bylaws Committee met recently to discuss the addition of Curtis Public Library as a full member of the cooperative. Superiorland's bylaws include a list of all member public libraries, and a list of all three voting Groups. The Bylaws Committee discussed where Curtis might fit into the voting Groups, considering the goal of equal population served and equal number of libraries within each Group. Dillon will share draft bylaw amendments that reflect the committee's recommendations later in the meeting.

C. Nominating Committee: Marion Luckey shared that the committee met and discussed what information they'd like to share with member libraries. Marion and committee members drafted a letter to all Superiorland board representatives about their role and the role of voting board members, encouraging participation and encouraging collaboration between voting Groups. Dillon sent the letter to library directors, encouraging them to also share it with their local library boards, and he also sent it to all board representatives.

D. Professional Development Committee: Dillon shared that the committee met in March to brainstorm deLIBeration topics for 2024. The committee chose conflict resolution as a topic for their May meeting, and hosted that session a week after a presentation for Superiorland library directors on the same topic by a federal mediator. In August, the deLIBeration event will focus on library programming. The committee discussed our MeL training events hosted in February. These events were very well received and now the committee will work on scheduling more MeL training at member libraries this fall. The committee is not planning an in-person July event with the Michigan Library Association (MLA) this year. Instead, we will host MLA Executive Director Debbie Mikula virtually for a presentation to library directors in July.

E. Program Committee: Several presenters selected by the Program Committee will be visiting Superiorland libraries in June, July and August. Superiorland's summer mini-grant program application period is now open. In May, Dillon learned that Superiorland will receive funds from the Michigan Humanities to help cover costs for an author and performer visiting several member libraries this summer. The committee will meet again in the fall to begin discussing possible authors and performers for 2025 and our mini-grant program.

F. UPRLC Annual Conference Committee: Dillon shared we received twice as many proposals this year compared to last year. The conference has grown steadily over the last few years and at

this point it is nearly a full two-day conference. Registration for UPRLC and Superiorland libraries will open soon, before opening up to state-wide participation after that. Pam shared that the conference will be held on the campus of Bay College in Escanaba on September 25 and 26 and that planning has been going very well.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A. School Library Bills: Dillon gave an overview of Senate Bills 741, 742 and 743, which would require school districts in Michigan to have a library and employ at least one certified school librarian. Marion noted that these requirements would be prohibitively expensive for most of Superiorland's school-public libraries to meet the criteria outlined in the bills. Further discussion ensued.

B. Approval of FY2023/2024 Budget Revision: A FY 2023/2024 proposed budget revision was presented to the board. Pam Malmsten summarized the revisions.

Motion made by Anne Donohue, seconded by Marion Luckey to approve of the FY 2023/2024 Budget Revision, motion approved.

C. Review of Amended Superiorland Board Bylaws: Dillon presented the draft amendments to the Superiorland Board Bylaws. The updates include the addition of Curtis Public Library as a full member library; the addition of the Curtis Public Library to Group 1; and the shifting of the Whitefish Township Community Library from Group 1 to Group 3. The bylaws indicate that the board cannot approve amendments to the bylaws in the same meeting in which they are presented, so the board will vote on these changes at their next meeting in September. Marion Luckey noted that Group 2 does not have many member libraries that are close to Marquette. Further discussion ensued.

D. Approval of the FY 2022/2023 Financial Audit: The FY 2022/2023 Financial Audit was presented for approval. Pam Malmsten highlighted several sections of the audit that help summarize finances for the 2022/2023 fiscal year.

Motion made by Eyre Becker, seconded by Daryl Orr to approve of the FY 2022/2023 Financial Audit, motion approved.

E. 2024 Board of Directors Election Update: Dillon shared that elections opened for the Superiorland Board of Directors on June 11. There are no candidates from Group 1; three candidates from Group 2; and one candidate from Group 3. Local library boards will have through September 6 to cast their votes.

F. Discussion and Vote on RIDES Delivery Subsidies: Discussion was held and motion made by Anne Donohue, seconded by Eyre Becker to approve the RIDES delivery subsidies. Motion approved.

Public Participation:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn at 12:47 PM made by Anne Donohue, seconded by Lynne Wilson. Motion passed.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 11 at 10:00AM Central Time/11:00AM Eastern Time.