

Northland Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
Presque Isle District Library – Onaway  
Thursday, November 17, 2005

Present:

Bronson, Mark, Cheboygan Area Public Library  
Conklin, Susan, Crooked Tree District Library  
Dean, Jennifer, Northland Library Cooperative  
Miller, Nanette, Boyne District Library  
Poquette, Cindy Lou, Indian River Area Library  
Pringle, Dawn, Jordan Valley District Library  
Stillion, Judi, Alpena County George N. Fletcher Library  
Warner, Sue, Wolverine Area Library

Motion by Cindy Lou Poquette, second by Sue Warner, to accept the minutes of the Sept. 27, 2005 meeting. Passed unanimously. (This motion was made about 50 minutes into the meeting because there was not a quorum at the beginning of the meeting. A late arrival provided a quorum and the motion was presented.).

Motion by Susan Conklin, second by Mark Bronson, to correct the Aug. 8, 2005 minutes. Warren Meyer was incorrectly identified as leaving the NLC Board; the minutes should have read Norm Yoder. Passed unanimously.

#### Director's Report

Jennifer and Christine will attend E-rate training Monday 14<sup>th</sup>.  
Eligible services – draft only, but start your 470's now.  
Check your technology plan – must be written prior to submitting your 470 and cover entire funding year.

Jennifer discussed the new MLA director Gretchen Couraud. She has some lobbying background. She will attend the February Advisory Council meeting.

Jennifer asked members to let her know if their library is considering starting or increasing MEL delivery stops. Libraries can add or change their service plan quarterly.

Jennifer is on the Michigan Notable Books committee. She discussed how books are selected and the programming for the next year.

Nancy Robertson is the new State Librarian. She has been serving as the interim director since February.

There was some discussion on ride sharing to attend the PLFIG meeting on Nov. 28, 2005.

#### 2005-2006 budget report

Jennifer reviewed the NLC budget with the Advisory Council. The first State Aid checks should start arriving. Jennifer discussed the plan to phase out Autographics, which is still on schedule. The schedule for joining MELCAT has slowed down but libraries are still being added. Internet account revenue is up a little but the plan for exiting the Internet business is still on track.

The deadline to respond to the Gates Grant is due by Dec. 1, 2005.

#### Reports from Libraries

Jennifer distributed a newsletter to list events for libraries in the cooperative.

#### Other Business

Jennifer asked if members would be interested in a performers showcase organized by Joel Tacey. There is an interest and Jennifer will communicate with Joel to schedule the event.

There was discussion about the plan-of-service and the future course of the plan. Jennifer will send out a survey to member libraries. The survey is part of the QSAC for Cooperatives and it will help identify the needs and desires of the Cooperative.

The group re-visited the discussion concerning the make-up of the Northland Board and the rotation of Board appointments. Should we move to a model that is a mix of lay members and librarians? If we move to this model how would this affect the Advisory Council? Jennifer will gather more information and address the issue in the above-mentioned survey, and we will continue the discussion.

There was discussion of the participation of ROC members. How involved are they, do some want to be more involved, are some not interested in participating?

Dawn Pringle made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second came from Judi Stillion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting is Thursday, February 16, 2006 at the Indian River Area Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. Bronson