

NLC Advisory Council 11/1/07  
Northland Library Cooperative offices, Alpena

In Attendance:

Mark Bronson	Cheboygan
Karen Sherrard	Petoskey
Janis Stevenson	Presque Isle
Dawn Pringle	Jordan Valley
Elizabeth Benson	Topinabee
Susan Conklin	Crooked Tree
Sarah Allaire	Mackinaw City
Val Meyerson	Charlevoix
Cindy Lou Poquette	Indian River
Amy Knepp	Oscoda County
Sue Warner	Wolverine
Roger Mendel	Northland

The meeting was called to order 10:45am.

Karen Sherrard made a motion to approve the agenda and Cindy Lou Poquette supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Amy Knepp made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and Susan Conklin supported. The motion passed unanimously.

Election of officers: Amy Knepp made a motion to recommend Karen Sherrard as Council President and Val Meyerson as Vice-President, Mark Bronson to continue as the Secretary. Cindy Lou Poquette supported the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Roger Mendel: reorganization of coops. Roger asked Val Meyerson to report on her participation in the state-wide discussion. Val reported that the committee had held two meetings and were assisted by a consultant. The proposed changes would involve re-writing the State Aid to Libraries Act which could take at least one year to get through the legislature. Standardized services were a focus: delivery, databases, melcat, connectivity (broadband) along with tech support, training, promotion. Measurement methodology needs to be easily explained to non-library folk. . No state funds would be allocated directly to the coops, funding would go directly to libraries and the libraries would contract directly with the coops to provide services. The funding formula has not been addressed yet. Re-organization notes are posted on the Superiorland website.

The state allocation of Aid to Libraries was cut by 17% (\$2,000,000.00 cut). The per capita rate at .32 per person.

The closing of the cooperative building is scheduled for Dec. 6th. Cooperative will have minimal overhead. Soils testing did not find contaminants in the soil.

PacHug 1st round has been concluded and 2nd round applications are being accepted. Notification will be coming soon.

NLC services budget has \$60,583 in unencumbered money in the coop budget. Members should look at the proposals from the Sept. meeting.

Cindy Lou Poquette made a motion to accept the proposal as presented and Karen Sherrard seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

NLC is asking for bids for bookkeeping services.

NLC documents will be stored off site to comply with retention schedule requirements.

For pickup of furniture and equipment the NLC staff is in the building on Tues., Wed., and Thur. If you come at a different time you will need to schedule for someone to meet you.

Sue Warner made the motion to adjourn at 12:26 and Amy Knepp supported. The motion passed unanimously