

Northland Advisory Council  
Nov. 11, 2008

Mark Bronson, Cheboygan Area Public Library  
Karen Sherrard, Petoskey Public Library  
Cliff Carey, Boyne District Library  
Val Meyerson, Charlevoix Public Library  
Sarah Allaire, Mackinaw Area Public Library  
Jan Stevenson, Presque Isle District Library  
Sue Warner, Wolverine Community Library  
Cindy Lou Poquette, Indian River Area Library  
Carol Luck, Alcona County Library  
Roger Mendel, Northland Library Cooperative  
Lori Haas Weaver, Montmorency County Public Library  
Eunice Teel, North Central Michigan College Library

The meeting was called to order 10:40. Carol Luck motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Cliff Carey supported the motion and motion carried.

Cindy Lou Poquette made a motion to accept the minutes for the Aug. 14 and Sept 23 meetings. Val Meyerson supported. Motion carried.

Roger Mendel reported on the budget update, that the state aid report had been completed and submitted. State finances are grim and the next budget year will have a decline in revenues to the state. Coop directors are meeting with Gretchen Courad to discuss the state budget.

Roger distributed copies of the proposed PA89 rule changes. Superiorland hired legal advise to review the rule changes. Some issues to be challenged. The document distributed contains recommended changes to the proposed rules. See the highlighted portions. A major concern is the elimination of continuing education requirements. Members should participate in the public hearings to express concerns. New rules do not allow for a part-time director and the state librarian has reinforced that only full-time directors will be allowed. Karen Sherrard proposed that the attendees compose a letter to be read into the public record at the public hearing in Lansing on Nov. 24th, 2008. Cindy Lou Poquette made a motion for the proposed letter concerning an option for a part-time director. Sue Warner supported the motion. Motion carried.

Update on the Overdrive project, little interest at this time because of expense and broadband accessibility. Also a limited selection of titles.

Roger Mendel reviewed the list of reimbursable services that will be offered to members this year: summer reading and technology upgrade, also included is Mel delivery.

Roger Mendel will prepare a revised proposal for the continuing education stipend.

Roger Mendel mentioned the OCLC partnership program and assigned libraries for each OCLC member. Sue Warner moved to adopt the proposed list and Carol Luck supported. Motion carried.

Discussion was held about the environmental scan which has three questions. This is a continuation of the 1999 futures conference. It is to be used as an assessment tool for the 10 year term.

Future of Northland: healthy fund balance that could be used to satisfy rule requirements for a full-time director. Northland is now the smallest co-op in the state. A committee was formed to

explore options for the future. Appointed to the committee were Mark Bronson, Cliff Carey and Jan Stevenson. Val Meyerson made a motion to adjourn at 1:02 pm and Sue Warner supported. Motion carried.