

NLC Advisory Council 2/15/07  
Indian River Area Library

Sarah Allaire	Mackinaw Area Public Library
Karen Sherrard	Petoskey Public Library
Moira Maus	Curtis Township Public Library
Jennifer Dean	Northland Library Cooperative
Carol Luck	Alcona County Library
Judi Stillion	Alpena County Library
Valerie Meyerson	Charlevoix
Nannette Miller	Boyne District Library
Maureen Derenzy	Otsego County Library
Cindy Lou Poquette	Indian River Area Library
Janis Stevenson	Presque Isle District Library
Susan Conklin	Crooked tree District Library
Sue Warner	Wolverine Community Library
Amy Knepp	Oscoda County Library
Francine Thuston	Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa
Mark Bronson	Cheboygan Area Public Library
Patti Webb	Gerrish-Higgins School District Public Library
Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson	Crawford County Library System

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by Chair Janis Stevenson.

Karen Sherrard made the motion to approve the consent agenda, Val Meyerson seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer reported that MLC is offering a MEL Gateway workshop. Christine Johnson is trained to present this program. Consensus was to offer the program in the fall, the Rural Libraries Conference will be the primary presentation of this program.

Money is available for investor education. The program is funded through fines paid by investment companies that have taken advantage of customers. The State of Michigan will provide free workshops at libraries. Jennifer will send information to libraries; those who are interested may set up workshops for their libraries.

MLA is asking the state to consider that as it works on the replacement for SBT and in the future business personal property taxes that libraries be held harmless.

Jennifer reported on her small local Coop budget meetings. The trends and consensus she observed was to: split state aid, member control of their portion, delivery, oclc ill. The Cooperative priorities appear to be continuing ed and oclc cataloging.

Jennifer announced that she will be resigning her position as Director of the Coop. effective March 30, 2007. She has accepted a position at Saginaw Valley State University.

She presented many options for members to pursue as they explore the future of NLC. General discussion was held about the budget and the plan of service offered by the cooperative.

A committee comprised of: Judi Stillion Bambi Mansfield-Sanderson, Cindy Lou Poquette, Moira Maus, Mark Bronson, and Valerie Meyerson was appointed to explore options for an interim director and future of the coop. The committee will meet in early March.

Break at 12:05

The meeting resumed at 12:45

Work will continue on pursuing the paper trail of penal fines. We would like to see the information for the transmittal records. Let Jennifer know what percentage of your library budget comes from penal fines.

Jennifer reviewed the portions of the Plan of Service that have been adopted. Rather than going through the approval process, she will create a service schedule as a separate part of the budget that can be updated annually or as necessary.

There was discussion of the group purchase of publicity services. Where are we going, is this product of interest to members? The consensus was no with some interest in creating general ads that would promote libraries.

Next meeting is in May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Cheboygan Area Public Library.

Moira Maus made a motion to adjourn 1:15.