

Northland Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Meeting  
May 19, 2009 10:00 a.m.  
Indian River Area Library

In Attendance:

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  
Carol Luck, Alcona County Library  
Roger Mendel, Northland Library Cooperative  
Lori Haas Weaver, Montmorency County Public Library  
Marcia Monette, NLC Board  
Elizabeth Benson, Topinabee Public Library  
Christine Johnson, NLC  
Grace Micketti, NLC Board  
Maureen Derenzy, Otsego County Library  
Karen Walker, Crooked Tree District Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

Roger Mendel received the Librarian of the Year award at rural library conference.

Jan Stevenson made a motion to approve the agenda and Cliff Carey supported, the motion passed.

Carol Luck made a motion to approve the minutes and Val Meyerson supported, the motion passed.

Directors Report:

A State Aid to Coops Executive Order will cut the coop budget by 4%. Northland State Aid will be cut by \$5,809.00 for the year. There will be a budget adjustment in August to balance the remainder of the fiscal year. The next state fiscal year the Senate proposed a cut to 25% to State Aid. \$2.5 million will be transferred to arts support. MLA will be lobbying in June to restore and maintain library funding. The House proposal proposes flat funding for next year. As of today there has been no e/o to disband HAL and no decision where L of M would reside. Several proposals have been introduced.

There was general discussion about the recent Rural Conference. Great responses to the conference which seems to be much improved from the last conference.

The October to April budget was distributed and all budget lines seem to be doing well.

MeL delivery will again be paid by the coop. Register online and have the bill forwarded to the coop.

If revenue remains flat for the next fiscal year the coop will maintain the same services. If there are reductions in the revenue the budget will need to be adjusted.

There was general discussion concerning the coop hosting another Mini Rural Conference. Should we do it again? If so, where and when? Consensus seems to favor the end of April.

The current model of the cooperative Plan of Service seems to work well and should continue.

A POS template was presented to the members.

Maureen Derenzy made a motion to request the NLC board start contract discussion for the part-time coop director. Sue Warner supported the motion and the motion passed.

A motion was presented to have the governing board be library directors or trustees was a tie vote. The motion did not carry.

A vote for the governing board to be library directors, trustees, or lay persons was called. The motion passed with 3 no votes.

A vote was made to accept Maureen Derenzy amendment.

Roger will ask Lance Warner about the grievance procedure.

Sue Warner made a motion to pass the POS as amended pending interpretation of grievance procedure and was supported by Karen Walker. The motion passed.

The meeting concluded at noon.