

Northland Library Cooperative  
Advisory Council Minutes  
August 14, 2008

In Attendance:

Mark Bronson	Cheboygan Area Public Library
Susan Conklin	Crooked Tree District Library
Amy Knepp	Oscoda County Library
Susan Warner	Wolverine Community Library
Roger Mendel	NLC
Janis Stevenson	Presque Isle District Library
Maureen Derenzy	Otsego County Library
Dawn Pringle	Jordan Valley District Library
Elizabeth Benson	Topinabee Public Library
Cliff Carey	Boyne District Library

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am and participants introduced themselves. New Boyne City director Cliff Carey was welcomed to the group.

Additions to the agenda under the Interim Director's Report:

Internet Lab Policy

Board member-at-large position

OCLC situation

Motion by Sue Warner to approve agenda; second by Amy Knepp. Motion carried.

The May minutes were reviewed. Motion by Susan Conklin to approve the minutes; second by Cliff Carey. Motion carried.

Interim Director's report:

Contract for 2008/2009 is the same except for increase in wage. The contract would run from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. Motion by Sue Warner to recommend approval of the contract; second by Amy Knepp. Motion carried.

Roger distributed a Technology Upgrade Program report. Libraries with money left to spend must submit invoices by September 15. Anything considered newer technology is eligible.

The Library Programming report was also distributed. Libraries who paid Mideastern for programs now need to bill Northland for those costs.

**REMEMBER – IF YOU DON'T SPEND IT, YOU LOSE IT!**

Every library has submitted a Library Enhancement Grant. They will go before the board this month and should all be approved. This will leave an estimated fund balance of between \$250,000 - \$300,000.

State aid remains unchanged the next state fiscal year. The total is \$10 million and will be distributed at 32.47 cents per capita for each of the three categories.

At the last Advisory Council meeting it was proposed that the Internet Lab be housed at Indian River. Cindy Poquette is willing to house and book the Lab.

Interim Cooperative Director Roger Mendal reviewed the proposed 2008/09 NLC budget with the Ad. Council. Roger suggested the possibility of a Continuing Education allocation that might be used to charter a bus so that members could attend the American Library Association meeting which will be held in Chicago in 2009. A motion was made by Amy Knepp to recommend the proposed budget to the NLC Board and the motion was seconded by Dawn Pringle. The motion passed unanimously.

Roger continues to inquire about the fees charged by OCLC for ILL services. NLC is averaging 10 requests per month and the fee is based on much higher average use. A motion was made by Susan Conklin and seconded by Sue Warner to work on the development of partnerships between GAC and OCLC Libraries.

Roger announced that he will be retiring in Sept. 2009. It is time to begin the discussion about the future leadership of NLC.

Roger asked members to suggest a board replacement now that Alpena County Public Library and Curtis Township Library have left the cooperative.

There was discussion of the draft of the Mobile Internet Lab Policy. A motion was made by Dawn Pringle to recommend adoption, with suggested changes, of the Mobile Internet Lab Policy. The motion was seconded by Susan Conklin. The motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by Maureen Derenzy and Mark Bronson