

## Minutes

Northland Cooperative Library Board Meeting

March 27, 2009

Presque Isle District Library, Rogers City

Members Present: Grace Micketti, Judy Olsen, Phil Curtiss, Barbara Steele, Eunice Teel, Hugh Conklin, Karen Heide

Members Absent: Marcia Monette, Marcia Armstrong

Staff: Roger Mendel

Guests: Karen Sherrard, Janis Stevenson, Sue Warner

Meeting called to order by Board President Grace Micketti at 10 a.m.

Public Comment: None

Approval of Minutes: Motion by Barbara Steele, second by Eunice Teel to approve the minutes from the Nov. 18, 2008 meeting. Motion passed

Financial Report: Roger Mendel presented financial report. Included in report was request to amend mileage rate to 55 cents per mile. Motion by Hugh Conklin second by Phil Curtiss to approve change. Motion Passed.

Advisory Council Report: Karen Sherrard discussed part-time director position and the advisory council's "firm" support for current Northland Library Cooperative Director Roger Mendel to continue in position after his retirement this fall. Ms. Sherrard also reported on Plan of Service changes and recommendations made by the advisory council. The revised Plan of Service needs to be approved by each cooperative member's library board.

There was also much discussion about the structure of the cooperative library board considering the recent changes in the cooperative. With a "virtual office" and part-time director, questions were raised about the need for the board to function in the role as it has historically. After much discussion, the consensus of the board was that a new board membership should be explored.

Update on State Aid, Library of Michigan, History, Arts and Libraries Department: Director Mendel explained about the upheaval within the department and what impact that may have on the future state funding. At the present time, funding seems secure but with the current state of affairs within state government, that may change.

Status of Rule and Regs for P.A. 89; Plan of Service and 3-year Cooperative and LM Strategic Plan: Director Mendel discussed State Aid Rules, which take effect on Oct. 1, 2009. Of particular interest to Northland is the change allowing for a part-time director. A draft plan of service and 3-year Statewide Plan of Service was presented to the board.

Interim Director's Report: Attached

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.