

## **MORE Executive Committee**

Friday, December 15, 2017

**Present:** Chair Krissa Coleman (RO); Tina Norris (HU); Katelyn Noack (CA); Rebecca Smith (PH) via phone conference; John Thompson (IFLS).

**Also Present:** Lori Roholt (MORE); Kathy Setter (MORE); Bridget Krejci (MORE); Pamela Westby (EC).

Coleman (RO) called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. A quorum was established. Compliance with open meeting law was established.

*Norris (HU) moved to approve the agenda. Noack (CA) seconded. Motion carried.*

*Thompson (IFLS) moved to approve the minutes of November 3, 2017. Norris (HU) seconded. Motion carried.*

### **New Business**

#### **Discuss and Prepare Responses to Appeal Forms for Local Hold Priorities**

Coleman (RO) sent out appeals from two libraries – Deer Park Public Library and Phillips Public Library. Roholt reminded the group that the appeal process is laid out in Appendix C of the MORE bylaws. The appeals are now in the phase of the process where the Executive Committee will provide a written response within fourteen business days – which would be Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>. The response should include some kind of decision. Appellants can decide if they are satisfied with the decision or move the appeal up the chain to the IFLS Board of Trustees.

The motion for Local Hold Priorities was read as approved by the MORE Directors Council on November 17, 2017. Local Hold Priority has been discussed many times over many years.

*Westby (EC) arrived at 10:12 am.*

Roholt noted that each Appellant was asked to state what they would like done/provided. Each wished for it to be brought back to the Directors Council for consideration and the weighted voting system should be re-evaluated.

Norris (HU) noted that there is a system in place for Directors to vote and this has been discussed substantially. Norris has worked in small libraries, consolidated libraries, and now IFLS. The Directors Council made a decision and it didn't go the way everyone wanted, but the decision should be respected. Norris further noted that libraries should not decide it will be a disaster without trying and implementing it. This decision will affect a very small number of items from each library.

Noack (CA) is curious on how it will work and suggested that MORE could reevaluate it a year after it is implemented and see if there is an impact on the small libraries. Roholt asked what measures could be used to know if it is working or not. Average time spent in transit and patron feedback may be the only useful measures.

Thompson (IFLS) mentioned a couple things to be mindful of regarding the sharing of materials. Money for in-demand materials should be allocated for titles most libraries will not buy because they don't reach a significant hold-to-item ratio for any given library, but do have many holds. A vast majority of materials will be on library shelves and won't be impacted by the holds priority. Thompson added that since there will be time prior to this going into effect, this will provide an opportunity to reevaluate the high-demand materials budget. Undesignated carryover funds could be used and changes could be made to the high-demand materials budget.

Westby (EC) noted that what spurred her to bring to the Directors Council was discussion sharing in SRLAAW of how holds priority is done at Bridges Library System and they felt it worked well. Westby will forward the emails to Thompson.

Thompson (IFLS) noted that implemented Local Hold Priorities is not a same services issue. That principle means that any patron using a library gets the same service regardless of where they live.

The Resource Sharing Committee sets up the guidelines for in-demand items. Thompson (IFLS) suggested adjusting those guidelines to help prevent lots of queue-shuffling.

Westby (EC) inquired if all libraries had Lucky Day collections. This may present smaller libraries the opportunity to solicit donations from patrons that could be used as the Lucky Day counterpart to the purchased circulating copy. It was noted about half of the libraries currently have Lucky Day collections.

*Thompson (IFLS) moved to refer the weighted voting system be reevaluated by volunteers to serve on the MORE Bylaws Committee formed at the January 2018 Directors Council meeting. Norris (HU) seconded. Motion carried.*

Thompson (IFLS) noted that the Bylaws Committee could consider adding a "majority of libraries present" to the current "51% vote based on vote distribution," or take weighted votes out and make simple majority present. The weighted voting scheme was added about six years ago. Appendix B of the MORE Bylaws shows the Vote Distribution formula. The Bylaws Committee could see if other systems in the state use weighted voting systems.

Thompson noted that evaluation of high-demand materials is already on the agenda for the MORE Resource Sharing Committee.

*Thompson (IFLS) moved to support the vote at the November 17, 2017 MORE Directors Council and direct the Resource Sharing Committee to reevaluate Local Hold Priorities after twelve months of implementation. Noack (CA) seconded. Motion carried.*

**Discussion and Action on Scholarships for IUG in Orlando for Next April**

Roholt noted that historically MORE has covered sending some IFLS and member library staff to the Innovative Users Group (IUG) conference each year. The IUG conference will be held in April at Orlando, Florida.

In the past, the decision of who to send was left up to the MORE staff by selecting applicants who completed and submitted a simple form. Often times, all applicants are able to attend. Applicants who haven't gone before or those who might benefit the most are selected.

The Executive Committee directed the MORE staff to handle the scholarship process to send MORE-member library staff and directors to the IUG Conference.

**Adjourn**

*Norris (HU) moved to adjourn at 11:03 am. Noack (CA) seconded. Motion carried.*

Joanne Gardner, Recorder