

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council meeting
March 17, 2023

Present/Attending: Leslie LaRose (AU), Rita Magno (BA), Linda Heimstead (BL), Amanda Feldt-Smith (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Ginny Julson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Anna Griffin (CE), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Rochel Karlson (CG), John Thompson (IF), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Mary Hebda (OG), Shelby Friendshuh (OS), Christy Rundquist (PE), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Jenna Beyer (PL), Carissa Langer (PR), Rachel Thomas (RL), Tanya Misselt (RF), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Katie Schneider (SV), Su Leslie (SC), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (BO).

Proxy: Rachel Thomas for Heather Wiarda (AM), Ginny Julson for Dawn Ayers (CM), John Thompson for Vince Mussehl (CV), Carissa Langer for Tiffany Meyer (EL), John Thompson for Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Rob Ankarlo for Allison Lutz (TL).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Bridget Krejci, Kathy Setter, Katelyn Noack, Cecelia Cole, Reb Kilde, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Arin Wilken (AL), Nancy Kerr (EC), Kallie Anderson (EW), Charlene Conradi (FC), Amanda Blackmon (FR), Michelle Johnson (HA), Shelley Tougas (HU), Jill Glover (LU), Deb Hyde (PF).

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Sterk (ME) established a quorum by roll call vote.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH
OPEN MEETING LAW:**

Certification of compliance and open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Thompson (IF) moved to approve the agenda. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

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Sterk (ME) moved to approve the minutes dated January 20, 2023. Thompson (IF) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Stempf (BR) noted that Spectrum came to the library, but they couldn't do any work since they did not get prior permission from the Village Board who owns the building.

Leslie (SC) will be hosting The Big Read with other libraries in St. Croix County. This will include hosting a short play that the Remember Project puts on.

Misselt (RF) thanked the libraries who helped promote The Big Read program. They were able to bring in Emmy-nominated historian Abdur-Rahman Muhammad from the UW-River Falls university. There were 125 attendees, and it is viewed as a resounding success. Misselt thanks the libraries that helped with promotion. This year, River Falls celebrates the 100-year anniversary as a municipal library.

Schneider (SV) announced that Author Michael Perry will be at the Spring Valley library in May. All the available slots for the program are taken.

Brown (BB) there has been success in Bloomer with programs with community partnerships including programs for seniors, Strong Bodies hosted with Mayo Health Systems, and a UW-Extension series.

Johnson (CA) has been working towards a building project and designing a concept they like.

French (DR) noted that St. Croix Falls and Dresser are doing their third-year summer reading program collaboration. Leslie (SC) applied for a grant for an intern to help with the program. Others in on the collaboration include the local childcare program and the Village of Dresser.

Julson (BO) announced that today will be her last MORE Directors Council meeting. Kallie Anderson from Elmwood has accepted the director position in Boyceville. Julson will miss everyone.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Leslie (SC) noted that the MORE Operations Committee minutes are posted. They are discussing how bills are printed out and are being returned to the wrong addresses. To save on wasting postage, they are looking for a way to indicate in the system by changing the zip code to 59s and note with "wrong address". The committee also elected officers, reviewed damage billing of old items and the damage procedure adjusted. They are discussing training topics for tutorials for Niche Academy.

Bridget Krejci noted that the MORE Bibliographic Records and Standards Committee met in February. They held the election of officers. Under new business they discussed new Library of Congress (LC) heading Queer fiction. They moved to approve using both Queer fiction and LGBTQIA+ at this time. They added two new local headings of Class Music and Nordic Crime Fiction.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt provided a written report for today's meeting.

There is an opportunity for directors or staff to attend the 2023 Innovative Users Group (IUG) conference. This conference provides a good place to share ideas and practices. Updates are also provided about what is forthcoming.

Kathy Setter, Bridget Krejci, and Roholt plan to attend the conference to be held in Phoenix in May. There is room for another attendee. Details will be provided in this weeks' TWAM (This Week At MORE) with the deadline to apply later this month.

Next week on Tuesday, there will be an update from Sierra 5.3 to Sierra 5.6. It has been a couple years since MORE updated Sierra. Libraries should start Sierra on one computer at a time and wait for Sierra to finish updating before moving on to the next computer. Report any problems to the IFLS Help Desk on the IFLS website. This update does not include a lot of new features, it is just to keep current with the software.

Roholt is already thinking about next year's MORE budget. Roholt asked directors to be sure to share any ideas to incorporate into the budget and she will start on investigations and quotes. A preliminary 2024 budget will be available at the May Directors Council meeting.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson thanked everyone for participating in the wage and facilities surveys. There is almost 100% participation for both surveys. Thompson is hoping for 100% so it provides a good picture of salary and facilities statewide. This information will help the state to better support libraries. DPI will also create resources for better salaries for librarians. They hope to have it ready before July of this year.

The state is reviewing the annual reports submitted by the libraries and systems. Thompson will answer questions that the State may have. If he can't answer, the library will be contacted.

IFLS will be conducting internal planning and staffing job duties and cross-training. This will continue through the year.

Joint Finance is holding a public hearing on the budget on April 11, 2023. Those closer to Eau Claire can come and represent. It is a great opportunity to see different groups advocating for their causes. Thompson will share out information as it becomes available.

2023 EXPLORE MORE PASSPORT PROGRAM:

Reb Kilde sent a message about a month ago with some updates to the Explore MORE Passport Program for 2023. Kilde is working on a new passport design with an 11x17 sheet that is folded down like a map. When all the information is updated, Kilde will send out a PDF.

Explore MORE will be launching on April 26th. All libraries should receive a marketing tool kit within the next week or two. This will include teasers, FB posts, posters, etc. Kilde is finalizing a fabric arts itinerary, which is new this year. There will also be a listing of public golf courses.

MORE BYLAWS:

The MORE bylaws are an appendix within the MORE participation agreement. The MORE participation agreement is the contract between your library and IFLS as a service provider for MORE. The bylaws outline how MORE functions as a consortium. The bylaws are due for review this year.

Roholt included a few suggestions for word changes and those were provided in the meeting documents for today's meeting. Roholt also received a couple other suggestions. The council could review all changes and opt to incorporate or not on each suggestion. A vote could then be taken to consider the review complete. If a vote is taken, there must be 75% of libraries and votes present. Or the Directors Council could just discuss the bylaws today and Roholt could put together a draft incorporating all the changes and vote at the next meeting. Roholt noted that this is not a time sensitive item.

Langer (PR) as proxy for Meyer (EL) spoke to Meyer's ideas. Langer shared her screen. It was noted that Article IV., Section 3. states that all regular meetings must be sent to the directors of all MORE member institutions at least 7 days prior to the meeting date. The question is if the 7 days are up for discussion for the meeting notice. To comply with the open meetings law, notice of meetings is to be sent 24 hours ahead of the meeting. Roholt noted that the timeframe could be adjusted, or a push could be made to ensure agendas get out within 7 days. It was suggested that it should either state calendar or workdays. Roholt noted it is interpreted to be calendar days. It was suggested that since the meetings are on the calendar for the full year, the time to send the agenda and notice could be shortened. The Executive Committee can determine the optimal calendar days and share it out at the Directors Council meeting, both in May.

Another item that Langer (PR) as proxy for Meyer (EL) spoke to was regarding Article VIII., Section 2. And Article IX., Section 3. C. where the two statements conflict on who appoints the chair of committees. Roholt responded that each committee selects their own chair.

LaVold (NR) moved to have the MORE Executive Committee review the recommended changes to the MORE bylaws. Stempf (BR) seconds. Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder