

**MINUTES**  
**MORE Directors Council Meeting**  
*Friday, November 17, 2023*

**Present/Attending:** Arin Wilken (AL), Leslie LaRose (AU), Linda Heimstead (BL), Stacey Brown (BB), Kallie Anderson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Vince Mussehl (CV), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Denise Korenuk (CN), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Nick Andrews (EW), Charlene Conradi (FC), John Thompson (IF), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Anne Miller (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), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Allison Lutz (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

**Proxy:** Emily Resendiz for Amanda Feldt-Smith (BN), Leslie LaRose for Samma Johnson (CA), Barbara Krueger for Rochel Karlson (GC).

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

**Absent:** Heather Wiarda (AM), Rita Magno (BA), Dawn Ayers (CM), Anna Griffin (CE), Nancy Kerr (EC), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Amanda Blackmon (FR), Michelle Johnson (HA), Shelley Tougas (HU), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Mary Hebda (OG), Deb Hyde (PF).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**ESTABLISH A QUORUM:**

Lori Roholt established a quorum was present by roll call vote.

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

Certification of compliance and open meeting law was confirmed.

**AGENDA:**

*Runquist (PE) moved to approve the agenda. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.*

**MINUTES:**

*LaVold (NR) moved to approve the minutes dated July 21, 2023. Niese (CF) seconded. Motion carried.*

## **LIBRARY NEWS:**

Library directors shared local news, events, and information on their libraries.

### **MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The MORE Operations Committee met on Tuesday. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) noted that several items were up for discussion and can be found in the minutes posted online. The committee did vote to default on the Not Wanted After Date from 12 months to 18 months.

The MORE Bibliographic Records & Standard Committee met on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The committee revisited local practices, use of picture books, nonfiction that look like picture books; best practices with 590 field, and the Awards list note.

### **MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Hawkins Area Library has been awarded grant funding to join MORE. The plan would be for Hawkins to go live on MORE as of July 2024. Hawkins is the last IFLS-member public library to join MORE.

A group of ILS and technical services staff around the state, including IFLS staff, are collaborating on a grant-funded project to improve access to library materials for patrons. The group hopes to establish best practices for cataloging in a shared environment and explore improving access.

Librarians are starting to hear about year-end cleanup tasks. Please watch for messages from IFLS staff about cleanup tasks. Tending to these tasks ensures both accurate reporting and good data for the prefilled annual reports.

### **IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

The interview team to hire a shared web position met a week ago. The team will meet again to discuss candidates and how to move forward. It is still the goal for this position to start in early January. Right now, this position is shared with Wisconsin Valley and Northern Waters.

The IFLS Board of Trustees approved the 2024 Budget and Long Range Plan. IFLS will move forward with the current services. There will be some internal planning and looking at priorities to better serve our member libraries.

### **FINAL REPORT FOR THE 2023 PASSPORT PROGRAM:**

Kilde reported on the conclusion of the 2023 Passport Program. Compared to last year, library visits increased by 8%, stamps from libraries visited increased by 18%, and completed entry where forms were up by 1.6%. Several patrons downloaded the passport. On the 2023 passport, there were five extra spaces for those who chose libraries outside of IFLS. These got used frequently. There were nine individuals who were named Super Explorers. Those individuals visited at least fifty libraries. In addition to patron explorers, there were eleven staff

explorers. Staff member, Martha Spangler, from Altoona created a scrapbook to show IFLS staff and hopes to make it available to circulate for those who want to view it.

There was some good media coverage of the program, including the airing on television from Altoona. At least three systems in Wisconsin created similar versions of the program. There were also inquiries from Ramsy and Hennepin Counties in Minnesota.

Kilde would like information on what worked and what did not to further plan future passport programs. The marketing committee decided to change the timing based on feedback. It will run from mid-May until the end of September. This will help to amplify the summer library programs.

When the passport program was implemented, it was approved for 3 years. 2024 will be the last year for the program. It is up to MORE to decide if you would like to continue the program and decide for how long. The cost to libraries to participate was \$56 for 2023.

Kilde noted that libraries should look for the evaluation survey. They are starting the planning process for 2024 with a scavenger hunt theme.

Kilde thanked the libraries for participating and having fun with the program.

#### **ELECT MORE OFFICERS FOR 2024:**

Per the MORE Bylaws, officers for the Directors Council and Executive Committee for 2024 should be elected at this meeting. The MORE Executive Committee has recommended a slate of nominees. They nominees are listed in the meeting materials as well as the MORE Officer duties.

Rae (SA) asked for nominations from the floor for the MORE officer positions. None were forthcoming.

*LaFond (CL) moved to accept the 2024 MORE Executive Committee slate of nominees as presented. Meyer (EL) seconded. Motion carried.*

Roholt congratulated the newly elected officers. Rae (SA) was thanked for her leadership of MORE during the past three years. Rae (SA) also thanked the officers and their willingness to serve in these positions.

#### **TIMELINE FOR HAWKINS AREA LIBRARY TO JOIN MORE:**

Per the MORE Bylaws, the MORE Directors Council must approve the timetable and schedule of payments for adding each new MORE member. Because Hawkins start-up payments are fully grant-funded, MORE Directors Council only needs to approve a timetable for joining.

Roholt noted that it would work well for the library and IFLS staff to get Hawkins on board with a planned “go live” as of July 1, 2024.

*Krueger (DP) moved to accept the proposed timeline for Hawkins to join the MORE Consortium. Schoess (RO) seconded. Motion carried.*

**ADJOURN:**

*Krueger (DP) moved to adjourn at 10:55 am. Leslie (SC) seconded. Motion carried.*

Joanne Gardner, Recorder