

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, November 15, 2024

Present/Attending: Leslie LaRose (AU), Linda Heimstead (BL), Stacey Brown (BB), Kallie Anderson (BO), Kathryn Stempf (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Anna Griffin (CE), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Kati Morley (CV), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Denise Korenuk (CN), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Nancy Kerr (EC), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Nick Andrews (EW), Charlene Conradi (FC), Rochel Karlson (GC), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Anne Miller (OS), Christy Rundquist (PE), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Jenna Beyer (PL), Carissa Langer (PR), Rachel Thomas (RL), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Katie Schneider (SV), Sue Leslie (SC), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

Proxy: Rochel Karlson for Leslie LaRose (AU), Rob Ankarlo for Dawn Ayers (CM), Su Leslie for Leann French (DR), Rochel Karlson for Michelle Johnson (HA), Katelyn Dubiel for John Thompson (IF), Becky Puhl for Deb Hyde (PF).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Bridget Krejci, Kathy Setter, Joanne Gardner.

Absent: Olivia Moris (AL), Heather Wiarda (AM), Sue Christianson (BN), Barbara Krueger (DP), Lori Gilles (DU), Rozanne Traczek (FA), Amanda Blackmon (FR), Jennifer Mabie (HW), Shelley Tougas (HU), Monica LaVold (NR), Amy Abele (OG), Tanya Misselt (RF), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Allison Lutz (TL).

CALL TO ORDER:

Sterk (ME) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Roholt established a quorum was present by roll call vote.

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

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Swearingen (LA) moved to approve the agenda. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Meyer (EL) moved to approve the minutes dated July 19, 2024. Leslie (SC) seconded. Motion carried.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Krejci reported that the MORE Bibliographics Committee met on October 24th.

They discussed the impact of Marcive closing their doors in December 2024. MORE staff have reached out to potential vendors to fill this vacancy. Backstage by Library Works provided a quote and responded in a timely manner. Their quote fits the needs and is comparable to Marcive with what they do and the costs. To move forward, they will need to run a back file. We would send all existing bib records to the new vendor to get a baseline. The fee for this would be covered by an LSTA Grant. The annual cost of the service falls within the 2025 approved budget. MORE staff will be working in the next month or so and sending test files and setting up profiles for the new service. The process would be fairly straight forward. MORE staff talked to other systems in the state that use Backstage and they had good things to say.

Sterk (ME) thanked the MORE staff for taking on this task.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt's written report is posted to the website.

It is with tremendous appreciation for her years of service to MORE and IFLS that we bid farewell and a happy retirement to MORE Project Manager Kathy Setter. Roholt thanked everyone who was able to come to the open house on Wednesday. The transition will be difficult, and we will all miss Kathy a lot. Kathy has been tremendously generous with her knowledge and teaching us what she has learned. Kathy will be leaving us well-positioned moving forward. From its very beginnings in the late 'nineties to the present-day, Kathy has been instrumental in the formation, development, and maintenance of MORE as a resource sharing consortium that now includes all of IFLS's member libraries. With Kathy's retirement, there will be a staffing changes for MORE. We are not able to hire someone with all Kathy's varied skills. The new staffing structure will better define the roles in support of MORE. Use of the IFLS help-desk system is encouraged for MORE related questions. Interviews have been conducted, but no one is in place yet. Roholt will include specific staff updates and introductions in TWAM (This Week At MORE).

As part of the 2025 MORE budget, a new text messaging service for circulation notices will be available in early 2025, with more details to come. ShoutBomb details will be shared at the MORE Operations meeting next Tuesday. Once the plan and timeline are finalized, this information will be shared via TWAM.

A few volunteer libraries are testing out the updated email circulation notices from Sierra using a platform called LXStarter. Testing is making clear that it will work best to roll out the new text messaging notice option before widely introducing LXStarter email notices.

Roholt provided a CABS update. The full time cataloger (Steph Regenauer) resigned in September to accept a new professional position at UWEC McIntyre Library. The replacement includes the hiring of Alyson Jones as a Database Maintenance Specialist. Alyson was previously the director at Altoona and Fall Creek libraries. Alyson most recently

worked at the reference desk at the Eau Claire library. We are excited for her to join the MORE staff in mid-December.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Katelyn Noack is the proxy for Thompson (IF) who is attending the ALA Core Forum in Minneapolis. Librarians are encouraged to please take time to review the WPLC Data Dashboard and share feedback via the survey. The dashboard is easy to use and an incredible tool. Reach out to Noack or Thompson with questions. Librarians are encouraged to get feedback to them to see how to keep this going. Kim from WILS created a webinar which was included in the Weekly Digest. Sterk (ME) echoed Thompson's request to complete the survey.

As the year begins to wrap up, begin to compile the data you will need for your 2024 annual report.

Noack shared the following from Thompson (IF): *"Today begins the end of an era for IFLS and MORE. This is Kathy Setter's last Directors Council. I want to recognize the many years she has spent making MORE the service we all are using today. She took an active role in helping start MORE while she was director at Deer Park with the initial group of libraries and helped transition MORE to an IFLS service. She has spent many hours helping new libraries add their collections and train their staff members on the features of MORE. Her dream was to have all 53 IFLS libraries join MORE. This dream became reality this year when Hawkins officially went live. She was not only instrumental in making MORE a success she was actively involved with the national Innovative Users Group. Thank you, Kathy, for everything you have done for MORE and our libraries. We will miss your passion for helping library staff members. Your retirement is well deserved. You will be missed."*

ELECTION OF 2025 MORE OFFICERS:

Per the MORE Bylaws, the last meeting of the calendar year is when officers are elected for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee met and produced a slate of recommended nominees. They include Chair – Tiffany Meyer of Ellsworth Public Library, Vice Chair – Leann French of Dresser Public Library, Secretary – Joleen Sterk of Menomonie Public Library; and Director-at-large – Karen Furo-Bonnstetter of Woodville Community Library.

The MORE bylaws specify the officers and their duties. These specific sections are provided in the meeting materials.

Sterk called for nominations from the floor three times. None were forthcoming.

LaFond (CL) moved to accept the slate of candidates as presented. Rundquist (PE) seconded. Motion carried.

Roholt thanked the officers willing to serve and offered a thank you to Allison Lutz.

ADJOURNMENT:

There was a round of applause for Kathy Setter and the sharing of profound thanks for her commitment to MORE. Libraries benefited from Setter's leadership.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Joanne Garder, Recorder