

**MINUTES**  
**MORE Directors Council Meeting**  
*Friday, July 18, 2025*

**Present/Attending:** Olivia Moris (AL), Leslie LaRose (AU), Beth Sippl (BA), Linda Heimstead (BL), Sue Christianson (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Trevor Richards (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Anna Griffin (CE), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Kati Morley (CV), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Nancy Kerr (EC), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Nick Andrews (EW), Charlene Conradi (FC), Heather Marek (FR), Michelle Johnson (HA), Jennifer Mabie (HK), Shelley Tougas (HU), John Thompson (IF), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Joleen Sterk (ME), Bonnie Carl (MI), Monica LaVold (NR), Amy Abele (OG), Anne Miller (OS), Judy Kraetke (PF), 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), Becky Manley (SV), Su Leslie (SC), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Colby Peterson (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

**Proxy:** Rachel Thomas for Heather Wiara (AM), Rachel Thomas for Dawn Ayers (CM), Barbara Krueger for Rozanne Traczek (FA).

**Also Present:** Lori Roholt, Jackee Johnson, Katelyn Dubiel, Joanne Gardner.

**Absent:** Kallie Anderson (BO), Rochel Karlson (GC), Jill Glover (LU).

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Meyer (EL) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

**LIBRARY NEWS:**

Library Directors shared news and events from their libraries.

**ESTABLISH A QUORUM:**

Sterk (ME) 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:**

*LaVold (NR) moved to approve the agenda. Krueger (DP) seconded. Motion carried.*

## **MINUTES:**

*Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the minutes dated May 16, 2025. Sippl (BA) seconded. Motion carried.*

## **MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

The MORE Resource Sharing Collection Development committee met on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) noted that the bulk of discussion included the pros and cons of Vega and BiblioCore. The recommended budget for 2026 is to remain with BiblioCore.

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

MORE has used Innovative Interfaces' ILS software since MORE's inception. As the ILS industry continues to develop, it is in the best interest of MORE to investigate how other ILS options compare to our current platform. IFLS would like to facilitate the process with input and expertise of member library staff and directors. Experience of other library consortia will be helpful as well.

The current Sierra maintenance contract will end in December 2027. It would be good to get started this year on exploring options. Directors should think about themselves and library staff about being involved in the process. It could be as part of a main investigation, focus group with expertise in a particular set of ILS functions, or by following along with the process and responding to requests for feedback.

MORE's Database Maintenance team, in cooperation with the three cataloging partners (Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, River Falls) have added almost 18,000 new title records so far in 2025. These records help patrons and staff discover and access the collections of all MORE libraries.

MORE has switched to a new vendor for authority control. The previous product was Marcive and MORE is now using BackStage. They work similarly. BackStage is a little easier to work with and is cost compatible.

The new service automatically supplies eBook, digital audiobook, and digital magazine records for the MORE catalog. There used to be a delay in getting the records, but with the new product, they are available timelier. Additionally, catalogers do not need to maintain local records.

Roholt and Johnson are pleased to introduce new options for deleting item records that should streamline the process and limit the potential for errors. Watch for new options in upcoming TWAM newsletters.

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

Thompson announced that the 2026 State Budget has passed. System funding was increased by one million dollars. IFLS will see \$70,000 new money in 2026. A portion of these funds will be used to subsidize MORE and address various increases in inflation.

The Federal Budget is in process as they work on agency budgets. IMLS funding will be discussed later this month. IFLS and others statewide are working on an advocacy campaign with postcards. Thompson will keep the libraries up to date on funding for IMLS.

The IFLS Board of Trustees will meet next week at the Chippewa Falls Public Library. They will be reviewing results from the Director Evaluation survey sent to library directors. Thompson thanked the directors for completing the survey.

The Board will also review a budget revision for IFLS to reallocate dollars for 2025 expenditures and looking forward to 2026. One large item is continuation of IMLS and Tech Development Grants from the State. IFLS may need to figure out a gap fill. Some money will also be allocated for professional development as the American Library Association conference will be held in Minneapolis in 2026. IFLS is planning to provide busing to the conference.

Misselt (RF) inquired about the scope of possible shortfalls if IMLS is defunded or shut down. Thompson noted that if the State of Wisconsin does not receive the Grant to States, most state folks would be let go at the division level. Support for BadgerLink goes away and well and interlibrary loan support. Basically, all support from the State for statewide products could possibly go away. There are certain statutory functions at the division level that may not function as well. An example is that the WISCAT software is in the state budget would still exist, but the support from the division would be gone. The division will have a plan at some point. Currently the money now is used to maximize staff funding. Tech innovation and tech support for LEAN WI will continue as far as we know. We cannot plan until we know the scenario with which we are dealing. It will likely have a cascading effect, and we are not able to see the impact right away. Future budgets may be impacted. There is the possibility to reallocate state funds.

Misselt (RF) inquired about the impact on the process of developing a process for booking meetings at libraries. Thompson noted that this booking software is a LEAN WI product. Misselt/rf-state consortium lib websites. Process of developing booking meeting rooms for libraries. This will continue as the shared position is funded through state aid to the participating systems.

## **2026 MORE BUDGET:**

The 2026 MORE Recommended Budget being reviewed and approved today is dated June 20, 2025. This recommended budget was reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee following the budget hearing held June 20, 2025.

Roholt noted that shortly before the budget hearing, she received the costs for the MORE catalog software – BiblioCore and BiblioApps from vendor BiblioCommons. The pricing for 2026 is \$59,426.00 for both products bundled.

The IFLS subsidy is increased some. The total IFLS subsidy will be \$161,300. This is applied in two separate ways. There is a portion off the top of \$48,250. Then a per-library subsidy of \$1,850 is applied. There is a subsidy to the cataloging partner libraries.

*Motion by Sterk (ME) to approve the MORE 2026 Budget. French (DR) seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **MORE BYLAWS:**

The Directors Council initially looked at the MORE Bylaws at their May meeting. No changes have been recommended.

If changes are recommended today, approval will be postponed to a future meeting.

*Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the MORE Bylaws. Karlson (GC) seconded. Motion carried.*

#### **ADJOURN:**

*The meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.*

Joanne Gardner, Recorder