

MINUTES
MORE Executive Committee Meeting
Friday, November 5, 2021

Present/Attending: Shelly Rae (SA), Katherine Elchert (RL), Samma Johnson (CA), John Thompson (IFLS).

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Rae (SA) called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Johnson (CA) verified a quorum was present.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Johnson (CA) moved to approve the agenda. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Johnson (CA) moved to approve the minutes dated October 1, 2021. Thompson (IFLS) seconded. Motion carried.

SLATE OF MORE OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2022:

At the October meeting, three current members agreed to be on the slate of nominees for another term. They included: Shelly Rae as Chair, Katherine Elchert as Vice Chair; and Samma Johnson as Secretary.

Elchert (RL) contacted Allison Lutz of Turtle Lake to find out her interest as being added to the slate of nominees for the Executive Committee as member-at-large. Lutz agreed to serve on the ballot.

Thompson (IFLS) moved to approve the slate of candidates for the 2022 MORE Executive Committee ballot. Elchert (RL) seconded. Motion carried.

SYSTEM WIDE STANDARDS FOR BILLING:

Roholt noted an agenda request from Joleen Sterk (ME) was received to adopt system-wide standards for billing. In the request, Sterk noted there has been an uptick in the volume of item replacement fees that are being charged to replace damaged materials. Library staff are spending a significant amount of time assessing damaged items and results in longer wait times

for people who are requesting items. Sterk raises the question when damage can't be definitively attributed to someone, it seems unfair to punish the last patron. Sterk inquired if all libraries can agree to assume a certain amount of collection value loss due to use and normal wear and tear.

Roholt received another note from a library director raising a similar concern with the overzealousness of damaged items. While the owning library determines whether or how much to bill for damage to their materials, it can be time-consuming and create an inconsistent patron experience.

Roholt noted that the task for this group is to decide whether this topic warrants additional investigation. If so, the MORE Operations Committee or Resource Sharing/Collection Development Committee could provide input. Thompson (IFLS) suggested a joint meeting of the two committees. Elchert (RL) will contact Becky Puhl (PH), Chair of the Operations Committee to see if the joint meeting could address the concerns raised.

ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn at 10:32 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder