MINUTES MORE Executive Committee

Friday, October 4, 2024

Present/Attending: Allison Lutz (TL), Joleen Sterk (ME), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO), Leann French (DR), John Thompson.

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Bridget Krejci, Katelyn Noack, Joanne Gardner, Jamie Smith (HU), Olivia Moris (AL).

Absent: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

Lutz (TL) called the meeting to order at 10:04 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Lutz (TL) established a quorum was present.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETING LAW:

Certification of compliance with open meeting law was confirmed.

AGENDA:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the agenda. Sterk (ME) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2024. French (DR) seconded. Motion carried.

CREATING A SLATE OF 2025 MORE OFFICER CANDIDATES:

The November MORE Directors Council will be the last meeting of the calendar year. Per the MORE bylaws, officers for the Directors Council and Executive Committee should be elected at their November meeting. It is helpful for the Executive Committee to recommend a slate of nominees and nominations are also taken from the floor.

The meeting materials listed the MORE officers and their duties. The positions include Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Director-at-large. The committee also includes the IFLS Director. Roholt provided a list of MORE-member library directors and officer history since 2011. All current Executive Committee officers are eligible for another term except Allison Lutz.

Current Executive Committee members (excluding Lutz) agreed to stay in their current positions. So, the only open position would be the Chair.

The committee discussed several directors to provide a good mix on the Executive Committee. The committee agreed upon a list of five directors to be contacted to see if they would be willing to be added to the slate for the Chair position. They include Tiffany Meyer (EL), Rachel Thomas (RL), Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Nick Andrews (EW), and Shelley Tougas (HU). Sterk will begin by contacting the first director on the list and move down the list until she obtains agreement to be on the slate for the Chair position. Once confirmation is received Sterk (ME) will let Lutz (TL), and Roholt know.

CONSIDER POLICY ON DUE DATE EXTENSIONS:

The Director at the Chippewa Valley Technical College Library has requested MORE consider a policy that would state library staff cannot adjust due dates on items from another MORE library, without explicit permission from the lending library. Currently there is no specific policy.

Roholt noted that the MORE circulation policy covers a lot of this. This issue has come up before, but it comes up less frequently in a fine free environment. Loan periods are determined by the circulating library, regardless of which library's materials are being loaned. Reasonable extensions are at the discretion of the circulating library.

This group decides if this consideration warrants moving onto the Operations Committee for their consideration or if they prefer the status quo of no specific policy.

French (DR) moved to forward the consideration of a policy on due date extensions to the Operations Committee. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

It was suggested that Kati Morley (CV) attend the Operations Committee.

It was discussed and decided Roholt would remind libraries via TWAM (This Week at MORE) the current best practices regarding due dates.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on November 1st to recommend a slate of officers for elections at the November Directors Council meeting.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder