

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, November 21, 2025

Present/Attending: Olivia Moris (AL), Heather Wiarda (AM), Leslie LaRose (AU), Beth Sippl (BA), Linda Heimstead (BL), Sue Christianson (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Kallie Anderson (BO), Trevor Richards (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Emily Resendiz (CH), Joe Niese (CF), Kati Morley (CV), Cricket LaFond (CL), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Heather Marek (FR), John Thompson (IF), Christinna Swearingen (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Joleen Sterk (ME), Monica LaVold (NR), Jody Eckert (PF), Christy Rundquist (PE), Rebecca Puhl (PH), Rachel Thomas (RL), Tanya Misselt (RF), Tori Schoess (RO), Shelly Rae (SA); Kristina Kelley-Johnson (SO), Su Leslie (SC), Colby Peterson (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

Proxy: Colby Peterson for Dawn Ayers (CM), Rachel Thomas for Rob Ankarlo (CU), Kimberly Hennings for Nancy Kerr (EC), Barbara Krueger for Rozanne Traczek (FA), Leann French for Bonnie Carl (MI); Susan Solberg for Carissa Langer (PR).

Also Present: Lori Roholt, Jackee Johnson, Joanne Gardner, Reb Kilde, Cecelia Cole.

Absent: Anna Griffin (CE), Denise Korenuk (CN), Nick Andrews (EW), Charlene Conradi (FC), Rochel Karlson (GC), Michelle Johnson (HA), Jennifer Mabie (HK), Shelley Tougas (HU), Ava Freeman (OG), Anne Miller (OS), Jenna Beyer (PL), Becky Manley (SV), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST).

CALL TO ORDER:

Meyer (EL) called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

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:

Sterk (ME) moved to approve the agenda. French (DR) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Rundquist (PE) moved to approve the minutes dated September 19, 2025. Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) seconded. Motion carried.

EXPLORE MORE PASSPORT RECAP:

Reb Kilde was present to provide a quick overview of the MORE Passport Program. The program ran as expected and people liked the use of stickers. There was not much confusion seen at the member libraries.

Kilde posted a graph showing the growth over the past four years of the Passport Program. This year there was a significant uptick in participation at all levels. Kilde prepares and sends all needed supplies to the libraries. It is the relationships with communities that drive the program. Libraries were thanked for participating in an overall positive program.

Kilde noted that just because we have done the program for a few years does not mean it should continue. The program did what it was originally intended for: to get people out of the pandemic.

Kilde would love feedback and hear from libraries what they would like to see in this program.

Sterk (ME) was impressed with the statistics showing there was doubling of the impact in four years' time. Council members agreed that the program was done well and thanked Kilde for her work. It was asked if this is something that could be offered statewide. Kilde discussed with the marketing cohort. Organizing our fifty-three libraries is a remarkable feat. Organizing statewide is next to impossible. All systems operate slightly different and times would be difficult to align.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library Directors shared news and events from their libraries.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Roholt noted that MORE Operations Committee met on Monday. The minutes and documents are posted on the website. One of the items they discussed was not unilaterally moving holds to another format if the one requested is not produced. Libraries would be notified and give staff options to work with patrons. The committee also discussed Hudson moving away from paper-based paging. Staff take a tablet around and mark off things found and not found. Operations was interested in learning more about this product. It was noted that using personal devices is not optimal. If the library has a tablet for staff use, that would be the most useful tool. The committee will continue reviewing MORE policies.

Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) noted that the Resource Sharing Collection Development Committee is discussing notes in records for AI generated materials. It was noted that BiblioCommons is putting together a possible new home page which will feature staff created lists. Minutes with additional information is located on the MORE Committees page on the IFLS website.

Roholt noted that the ILS Evaluation Task Force met as well. There have already been thirty-four respondents to the Sierra survey for all to take. They are convening to learn more about the ILS landscape and where people are at with Sierra (staff-facing software).

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt reminded council members that the survey deadline is December 12 for the ILS Evaluation Project. Everyone is invited to attend meetings and follow along with the process. Agenda and notes are posted on the MORE Committees page on the IFLS website.

The MORE Catalog homepage will have an update. The familiar search box and account access options at the top will remain, but the rest of the page will provide better options for patrons to browse and search the shared collections of all MORE libraries. The updated homepage will feature staff-created lists. Roholt will solicit ideas and lists periodically in TWAM, and directors and staff should feel free to suggest lists to feature as well.

IFLS Catalogers, in cooperation with MORE's Cataloging Partner libraries, continue to create, edit, and maintain title records for MORE member libraries. Almost 26,000 title records have been added for newly acquired materials.

The database maintenance team is adjusting and assisting with new ordering patterns following the fall's announcement that Baker & Taylor is ceasing operations by year's end. Jackee Johnson is looking into the best way to get order information to the catalogers.

As we near the end of the year, MORE staff will complete several annual database maintenance tasks related to library holdings and patron records for the 2025. Several batches of item records will be deleted on December 15. Check with Jackee Johnson before then if you have questions about item records being deleted.

Other year-end considerations included collection of closed dates, call for advisory committee volunteers, and patron record clean-up. Watch for emails as well as reminders and deadlines in TWAM and the IFLS calendar on the website.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson noted that annual report season is coming up quickly. For new directors who have never completed a report, IFLS will be holding two workshops at the end of January. There are worksheets, instructions, and guidance for 2025 on the DPI website. Roholte provided the link.

Staff have sent various emails that libraries should be sure to read. Brad Jensen sent a note about those who need computers and the deadline for ordering. Cecelia Cole sent an email about those wishing to put money towards OverDrive content. Additionally, Leah Langby sent an email weighing the feasibility of sending a bus to the Public

Library Association (PLA) conference for one day. Libraries should complete the interest survey if they would like to participate.

The System Long Range Plan and budget for 2026 have been approved at the State Bureau of Libraries. IFLS will receive a large portion of the funding in November and the remainder in 2026 once system compliance is approved.

Since this is the last meeting directors will all collectively be together, Thompson thanked the directors for all their hard work in 2025 and their dedication to communities. LaFond (CL) was thanked for her many years of service at Clear Lake Public Library and best wishes.

ELECTION OF 2026 MORE OFFICERS:

The Executive Committee met and pulled together a recommended slate of candidates. Nominations will also be taken from the floor prior to election. The MORE Officers and their duties are provided in the meeting materials. There is a limit of three consecutive terms as an officer. After one year, any member may again be elected as an officer.

Thanks to Joleen Sterk (ME) and Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) for their service as officers the past three years. Tiffany Meyer and Leann French are eligible for another term and have volunteered to continue. The recommended slate of nominees for 2026 include:

- Chair: Tiffany Meyer, Ellsworth Public Library
- Vice Chair: Leann French, Dresser Public Library
- Secretary: Olivia Moris, Altoona Public Library
- Director-at-large: Tori Schoess, Roberts Public Library

There was a call for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming.

LaVold (NR) moved to approve the recommended slate of nominees for 2026 as presented. Sterk (ME) seconded. Motion carried.

Meyer (EL) thanked Sterk (ME) and Furo-Bonnstetter (WO) for a job well done. Thanks, were also provided to French (DR) for continuing to serve and new officers Moris (AL) and Schoess (RO).

Meyer (EL) wished everyone a wonderful rest of 2025 and looks forward to 2026.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder