

MINUTES
MORE Directors Council
Friday, May 15, 2026

Present/Attending: Olivia Moris (AL), Heather Wiarda (AM), Linda Heimstead (BL), Sue Christianson (BN), Stacey Brown (BB), Trevor Richards (BR), Samma Johnson (CA), Anna Griffin (CE), Joe Niese (CF), Shauna Peterson (CL), Denise Korenuk (CN), Rob Ankarlo (CU), Barbara Krueger (DP), Leann French (DR), Lori Gilles (DU), Tiffany Meyer (EL), Rachel Kinsella (FC), Rochel Karlson (GC), Jennifer Mabie (HK), John Thompson (IF), Joleen Sterk (ME), Brandon Hardin (MI), Anne Miller (OS), Jody Eckert (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), Su Leslie (SC), Elizabeth Miniatt (ST), Colby Peterson (TL), Karen Furo-Bonnstetter (WO).

Proxy: Sue Christianson for Emily Resendiz (CH), Barbara Krueger for Rozanne Traczek (FA), Michelle Saifullah for Shelley Tougas (HU), Jennifer Rickard for Monica LaVold (NR).

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

Absent: Leslie LaRose (AU), Beth Sippl (BA), Kallie Anderson (BO), Dawn Ayers (CM), Kati Morley (CV), Lisa Bragg-Hurlburt (CO), Nancy Kerr (EC), Nick Andrews (EW), Heather Marek (FR), Michelle Johnson (HA), Christina Swearingen (LA), Jill Glover (LU), Ava Freeman (OG), Becky Manley (SV).

CALL TO ORDER:

Meyer (EL) called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

ESTABLISH A QUORUM:

Moris (AL) 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:

Rundquist (PE) moved to approve the agenda. Sterk (ME) seconded. Motion carried.

MINUTES:

Rundquist (PE) moved to approve the minutes dated March 20, 2026. Beyer (PL) seconded. Motion carried.

LIBRARY NEWS:

Library directors shared news and events from their libraries.

MORE COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Beyer (PL) reported that the Resource Sharing/Collection Development (RSCD) Committee met in March. They spent time with proposed adjustments to collection maintenance standards for sources related to materials created by AI. The committee also discussed OverDrive Advantage funding and provided a recommendation for the 2027 budget. The committee will meet again in August. All information is within the meeting minutes on the IFLS website.

Schoess (RO) noted that the ILS Evaluation Taskforce Committee met last week. They received responses from four RFI's (Request for Information). Once they are reviewed and scored, vendors will be invited to provide a demo.

MORE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Roholt provided a summary of the work of the MORE ILS Evaluation in the Administrator's Report. Volunteers have dedicated significant time and expertise to this project, and it is greatly appreciated. The taskforce is on schedule to make a recommendation to the larger group this fall.

Bonnie Clausen is set to retire from IFLS after working at IFLS for the past seven years as a MORE Database Specialist. Bonnie has worked in numerous capacities with school and public libraries for many years. Libraries wishing to send well wishes on Bonnie's retirement, can direct their email to either Roholt or Faulhaber. Jodi Kiffmeyer was hired as Bonnie's successor. Jodi is currently a staff member at Chippewa Falls and has worked at Rice Lake and the Chippewa Valley Museum. Jodi will begin working next week.

MORE staff missed the PLA Conference in Minneapolis due to icy roads. Roholt and MORE staff attended the Innovative Users Group Conference in Chicago. MORE's ILS Evaluation Taskforce attended several sessions and vendors on ILS products. Deb Faulhaber, Jackee Johnson, and Julia Reed also attended the conference, provided written reports, and recapped sessions and networking they did. They also ran into Kathy Setter at the Conference.

IFLS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Thompson noted the IFLS Board of Trustees will meet at the New Richmond Community Library on May 27th and receive a tour of the new library. The IFLS Personnel Committee will also meet at New Richmond on the morning of May 27th to plan for the system director evaluation for 2026. Directors should look for details on that in early June.

In July, IFLS will be making budget revisions to the 2026 budget. Two significant cost issues are the fuel surcharge for delivery has increased significantly and we need to be proactive and adjust for the purchase of computer RAM, which is expected to increase significantly.

Thompson reminded directors that payment requests are due by July 1st. Directors should reach out with any questions.

The Wisconsin Library Standards are still being worked on and there are a couple of meetings yet before they are handed off to the Bureau of Libraries.

The State will start work on the 2027-2028 budget soon. State funding for systems is part of this biennial budget. We need to be collective in what we ask for in funding and initiative requests. There will be a new Governor and leadership in the House and Senate.

2027 MORE BUDGET PREVIEW:

Roholt noted that the 2027 MORE Budget Hearing will be held on June 12th and the MORE Directors Council will vote on the budget July 17th. Today's meeting is the first look at the budget prior to the budget hearing.

The preliminary budget for today's meeting is titled 2027 Preliminary Budget dated 4/30/2026. The budget was put together with no service changes, and expected cost increases. The total cost is almost \$1.3 million dollars. There is a breakdown provided showing the 2027 cost to libraries broken down with the proportionate cost for each library. An IFLS Subsidy is provided in two ways. The first portion is a subsidy taken off the top (\$51,020) and then a \$2,000 per library subsidy is also included. Roholt reviewed what costs were associated with each line item of the budget presented.

Libraries should think about the budget and costs and let Roholt know prior to the budget hearing if she can provide additional information.

Beyer (PL) noted the increase in the IFLS Management Charges for 2027 and inquired if there is the potential for those costs to drop back down in 2028 or keep increasing over the years. Roholt responded that if 2027 is a migration year, 2028 will likely be a training year. Roholt is not sure the extra work around the migration would be completed in 2027. Thompson (IF) added that when South Central migrated to a new platform there were a lot of bugs and we want to anticipate extra staff time to address issues with the migration.

If was asked how many libraries contribute individually to the OverDrive account for content. Roholt will pull together the amounts contributed individually by libraries in 2025 and can possibly get a projection for 2026. Several libraries put money into that pot.

It was asked if the goal of the IFLS OverDrive Advantage is to provide our libraries with more content and a quicker access to electronic materials and how we compare to other systems. Roholt noted that almost every other system has an Advantage collection to assist in reducing wait times for patrons.

Thomas (RL) noted that COLAND just had a meeting where econtent and rising prices were discussed and recognized that this is a real struggle to try to satiate the demand from patrons. Thomas was curious how IFLS compares with other systems. Cole noted that although she did not have the numbers in front of her, there is data out there that shows the spending by system. Cole added that this year because IFLS' overall spending increased enough, as a system, we now qualify for an additional membership on the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) Steering Committee. Martha Spangler and now Jennifer Rickard

are on this committee. IFLS is one of the few systems that have more than ne representative based on our spending.

For 2025, the OverDrive Advantage budget was \$70,000 in addition to \$15,000 back from the Wisconsin Public Library Consortium. Cole heavily takes advantage of Friday frenzy sales and submits as many orders as she can. She has earned about \$5,500 in credit which is used for more content. In addition, roughly \$61,000 in library contributions and private donations from patrons are used. When it is all added up the total for 2025 was around \$158,000.

Rickard noted that since becoming part of the WPLC Steering Committee, she is still learning. It was noted that they may evaluate the platform cost and changes in the collection budget.

Meyer (EL) inquired if 2027 ends up not being a migration year, what would the anticipated cost be for IFLS Management Charges? Meyers does not expect an answer today. Roholt noted that we will not have a decision to migrate or not by the time of budget approval. Thompson (IF) added that the idea was floated to reduce the library bill if migration was not voted for. But it is safest to assume for budgeting purposes that the migration will occur.

ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Joanne Gardner, Recorder