

# SLC Advisory Board of Librarians (ABL)

Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:30 a.m. EST

## MINUTES

### Attending:

Megan Buck (Dickinson) Shawn Andary (SLC), Pam Malmsten (SLC), Lissa Potter (SLC), Luke Bowers (SLC), Amanda Winnicki (Menominee), Eric Magness-Eubank (Alpena), Dillon Geshel (Portage) Alycia McKowen (St. Ignace), Wanda Tessmer (Carp Lake), Carolyn Stacey (Escanaba)

- I. **Introductions/Comments**
- II. **Minutes from Previous Meeting** – March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Accepted on Consensus.
- III. **SLC Committee Reports**
  - a. ALB Policy – no meeting since last meeting
  - b. Database – Amanda Griggs (not present) is Chair. Shawn reported that one task for the committee will be coming up with a collection development policy for the Overdrive collection. Other projects are planned for future. More information will be coming for member libraries on Niche Academy.
  - c. Grants – chair: Lisa Waskin - No report. Shawn mentioned that the larger LSTA grants are currently open. Applications are due May 31<sup>st</sup>. More information is available through the Library of Michigan.
  - d. Prof. Dev./Continuing Ed. – co-chairs: Megan Buck and Carolyn Stacey. Expect a meeting in the next 5-6 weeks.
  - e. Programming – chair: Alycia McKowen – Committee meets this afternoon.
  - f. RIDES – chair: Amanda Winnicki. Nothing to report. Shawn reported that there was not an RFP issued for this year, due to transitioning to a new MCLS director. Discussion on discrepancy in costs between lower and upper Michigan will continue.
  - g. Technology – chair: Mary Hook. No report  
All Committees should plan to meet to provide some input into the Plan of Service update.
- IV. **Updates from SLC Director/SLC Staff**
  - a. SLC was one of six co-ops to sponsor the recent Mini-Rural Conference. Approximately 30 people from the Cooperative attended. Shawn reported very positive results. A session on Social Media from the conference will be presented as a Zoom meeting, so that more libraries can take advantage of the information. There will be a joint meeting between SLC and UPRLC Executive Councils on May 17<sup>th</sup> in Marquette.
- V. **Old Business**
  - a. Report from ABL Representation on Finance Committee – no report at this time. A meeting will be scheduled this summer. Shawn reported on a special board meeting re: E-rate consultant fees that will continue through July. The Great Lakes Talking Books Library received a generous bequest that will enable some local recording with a sound-proof booth. It will be available to any library in our service area eventually.
  - b. Report from ABL Representation on Personnel Committee - Shawn will be sending information out re: her evaluation to Committee via email.
  - c. SLC Plan of Service Committee – Eric is Chair. The committee is tasked with providing meaningful input and feedback to SLC as they update the Plan of Service for the upcoming year.
- VI. **New Business**
  - a. Upcoming May 17<sup>th</sup> SLC Meeting 10:00 in Marquette. Shawn reported that SLC will reimburse mileage for member libraries attending in Marquette. A joint meeting between SLC and UPRLC's Executive Councils will focus on the contract that SLC has with UPRLC for the automated system. Also on the agenda, an analysis of the Northern Michigan Library Network (NMLN), created in 2008 for the sole purpose of protecting the property that SLC owns. A UPRLC Executive Council meeting will follow. There will be a Zoom option for these meetings.

**VII. Communication and Collaboration**

- a. Ride Sharing Opportunities – no comments
- b. Programs/Promotion – Wanda reported that Carp Lake will be having a 10 year anniversary celebration in June. Eric reported that Alpena is going for millage increase in August. Alpena is planning to host David Sedaris! MCLS Community Engagement staff will be visiting in Marquette on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Shawn will send out more info to member libraries. Peter White’s Open House is scheduled for **WHAT DATE?**
- c. Think Tank Time – Megan asked about policies re: sex offenders in the library. Eric and Dillon described some practice they have in place, but no specific policies. Megan has requested opinion from Claire at the State Library. Shawn talked about her idea to have a fundraising event for Superiorland at the Kaufmann Auditorium in late August that would feature musical performances and poetry.

IV. **Next Meeting Date** - Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:30 CT and 10:30 EST. Send agenda items to Megan!

V. Adjournment at 11:30 a.m.