

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 17, 2019**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Chair Trish Burns at 10:05 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019, at the Library of Michigan.

Attendance

Members Present: Trish Burns, Pam Christensen (*via phone*), Julie Clement, Jen Crowley (*via phone*), Elaine Didier (*via phone*), Kyle Guerrant, Stacy Nowicki, Randy Riley, Kay Schwartz, Kristin Shelley.

Members Absent: Judy Hauser, Beata Kica, Judith Rapanos, Kristen Wall (Office of Senator Jim Stamas).

Staff Present: Tim Gleisner, Don Todaro.

Visitors: Randy Dykhuis, Romy Fitschen, Katrina Frank, Klaudia Janek (*via phone*), Kate Pohjola Andrade.

Agenda

STACY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Meeting Minutes

JULIE CLEMENT MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2018 MEETING MINUTES. THE MARCH MEETING DATE WAS LISTED INCORRECTLY AND WILL BE CHANGED FROM MARCH 17 TO MARCH 14. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Reports

Board Chair

Board Chair Trish Burns acknowledged the re-appointment of Elaine Didier to the Board. She also noted that State Librarian Randy Riley toured the Bay County Library System, of which she is the director.

Board

Members

Board members presented their reports.

Partnership Reports

Cooperatives

Kate Pohjola Andrade presented the Cooperative Library Directors Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

MAME

The MAME Report was distributed at the meeting. Klaudia Janek presented the report by phone. Incoming President is Cynthia Zervos.

MCLS Randy Dykhuis presented the MCLS Report.

MLA The MLA Report was distributed at the meeting and was presented by Romy Fitschen.

MiALA The MiALA report was included in the Board packet.

State Librarian's Report

State Librarian Randy Riley presented the State Librarian's report. The document is attached.

Head of Special Collections, Tim Gleisner, spoke about the 2019 Michigan Notable Books program, the new literacy space for children at LM, and mentioned LM will be hiring a new community engagement librarian.

The Michigan Notable Books 'Night for Notables' celebration will take place on April 27. Sixteen of the twenty authors will be at the event.

Board Discussion – Old Business

The Board discussed COSLA's \$1.00 per capita proposal. A resolution will be drafted and presented at the next Board meeting.

Board Discussion – New Business

Randy shared information regarding the naming of Senator Jim Stamas as the 2018 MLA Legislator of the Year Award. A congratulations card from the LM Board was passed around for those wishing to sign.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adjournment

KRISTIN SHELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:32 A.M.

Signature – Trish Burns, Board Chair

Signature – Randy Riley State Librarian

Trish Burns, Chair

Randy Riley, State Librarian

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Michigan Notable Books in the Detroit Free Press

January 6 the Detroit Free Press gave three pages to announcing the Michigan Notable Books program. We hope to continue this partnership in the future.

MLSA Passes

Reauthorization of MLSA is a vote of confidence in IMLS and its library grant programs through the Library Services and Technology Act. It is an explicit validation from members of Congress that an agency serving all their constituents—from job seekers and entrepreneurs to veterans and learners of all ages—deserves federal support. The new legislation authorizes IMLS through 2025 and contains improvements to enable more libraries on tribal lands to participate in IMLS grant programs, permit use of IMLS funding for disaster preparedness and assistance, and encourage greater use of data-driven tools to measure the impact and maximize the effectiveness of library services. While reauthorization of the legislation provides backing for IMLS, it does not ensure robust funding for the agency.

MCLS Executive Director Search

An announcement should be coming out soon naming the new Executive Director of MCLS. After interviewing 7 candidates the board has decided on who the next ED will be. Great candidates made the decision process challenging, but MCLS is in good hands with the new director choice.

Governor Whitmer's Landing Team

On December 7 the state librarian was part of a group that met with Gov. Whitmer's transition team to talk about the leading issues impacting the MDE and Library of Michigan.

FY 2017/18 Library of Michigan Annual Report

The annual report has been submitted to the legislature and is available.

Library of Michigan Foundation

No decision has been made by the board regarding the hiring of a new LM Foundation Executive Director. Darlene DePeel continues to maintain the day to day running of the office.

Improving Access to Information Grant Program (medium grants)

This LSTA grant program is designed to provide public and academic libraries with the opportunity to expand services for learning and access to information and/or to develop library services that provide all users access to information. The intent is to fund one-year projects that increase capacity to provide access to library collections and information. In a given fiscal year, the Library of Michigan will fund **a limited**

number of grants that meet these priorities.

GRANT PRIORITIES:

- Increase a library's capacity to offer services & information in areas of literacy.
- Increase a library's capacity to offer services & information in areas of local history or special collections.
- Increase a library's capacity to improve access to information for community users with limited access.

Applicants may propose a project for any of the three priorities listed. Grants may be awarded to:

- Develop or increase the scope of literacy projects in the broad sense, such as early literacy, financial literacy, digital literacy, ESL, etc.;
- Develop or improve access to local history or special collections;
- Improve access to online information and services for users with limited access.

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY:

Michigan public and academic libraries. Eligibility will be confirmed by the Library of Michigan.

FUNDING AVAILABILITY:

The Library of Michigan announces each fiscal year whether competitive grant funds are available. The grant period is one year (Oct.-Sept.) and funding is for \$5,000 to \$25,000 per year.

PROGRAM TIMELINE:

- Application Due Date - Thursday, May 31, 2019, 5:00 PM EST
- Grants Awarded - August 2019
- Grants Begin - October 1, 2019

APPLICATION WEBINARS: Register at www.michigan.gov/ceeevents.

- Improving Access to Information Grant Overview and Application
 - March 26, 2019 - 2:00 PM
 - April 11, 2019 - 10:00 AM
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New MeL Outreach Staff

Ann Kaskinen and Theresa Runyan are the two newest members of the MCLS MeL team. Ann is the MeL K12 Engagement Specialist, and Theresa is the MeL Public

Library Engagement Specialist. They will be developing training and support materials and promoting the use of MeL through education and engagement programs.

If you would like to schedule a visit with Ann or Theresa go to <http://mcls.org/melrequest>

Strategic Planning

An RFP has gone out for hiring a strategic planning consultant. Proposal deadline is Feb. 4 and targeted start date April 1.