



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM**
Held at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP-525 W. Monroe-Chicago, Illinois

February 26, 2007

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. The roll was called by Dorothy Kovacs and the following Board Members were present to establish a quorum.

Peg Blasage (absent)
Susan Chenoweth
Sylvia Jenkins (absent)
Janet Kelenson
Henry Latzke
Fifi Logan
Myra Mahlke (absent)

Milfred Moore
Tom Read
Jan Schmudde
Susan Siebers (absent)
Elliot Spiegel
Connie Tapia
Paul Whitsitt

Absent: Susan Siebers, Peg Blasage, Myra Mahlke, and Sylvia Jenkins

Also present were MLS staff members Alice Calabrese, Dean Bryan, Sue Pasetti, Scott Remmenga, David Seleb and Dorothy Kovacs.

Other guests: Neil Kelley, Illinois State Library and Kathy Parker, Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library, MLS Advisory Committee Representative.

President Spiegel administered the Oath of Office to Ingrid Lamp Niinema who will be filling the unexpired term of Susan Taeuber who resigned due to health reasons.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approval of Agenda
 - b. Acceptance of the January 8, 2007 MLS Board Meeting Minutes
 - c. Approval of the payment of bills for January 2007 in the amount of \$429,345.25
 - d. Acceptance of the balance sheet and detail of expenditures for December 2006 and January 2007

Susan Chenoweth moved, seconded by Paul Whitsitt, that it be

**RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS
PRESENTED.**

A voice vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1

Chicago Leasing Issue

Milfred Moore moved, seconded by Fifi Logan, that it be

RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM SIGN A FIVE-YEAR LEASE COMMENCING JULY 1, 2007, AT 224 SO. MICHIGAN AVENUE, SUITE 680 IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

A voice vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2

Approval of Agreement for full SWAN Participation

Henry Latzke moved, seconded by Jan Schmudde, that it be

RESOLVED, THAT AUTHORIZATION BE GRANTED TO EXECUTE THE USUAL CONTRACT FOR FULL SWAN PARTICIPATION BETWEEN MLS AND THE THORNTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A voice vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #3

VTEL Request from the Illinois State Library

Janet Kelenson moved, seconded by Paul Whitsitt, that it be

RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACKNOWLEDGE THE REQUEST FROM THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY TO TRANSFER POLYCOM EQUIPMENT TO THE CHICAGO PUBLIC LIBRARY AND INFORM THE ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY THAT WE INTEND TO STAY AT 224 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE IN CHICAGO AND UTILIZE EQUIPMENT IN THE FUTURE.

A voice vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #4

Basic Responsibilities of the MLS Board of Directors

Janet Kelenson moved, seconded by Milfred Moore, that it be

RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACCEPT THE

DOCUMENT ENTITLED "BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES OF
THE MLS BOARD OF DIRECTORS" INCORPORATING
CHANGES PRESENTED AT TODAY'S BOARD MEETING.
(a copy of this document is in the Board packet file dated Feb. 26, 2007)

A voice vote of 11 yes, 0 no, and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

The Board agreed that they can take another look at this document next year.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #1

Illinois Library Systems as State Agencies

Alice reported that the Board packet today includes copies of memos from the Illinois State Library dated February 10, 1984 and March 8, 1984 which address Illinois Library Systems as State Agencies and Definitions of Library Systems.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #2

2007 Board Elections

President Spiegel announced the Nomination Committee Members

- Mary Sue Brown from Woodridge Public Library will chair the Nominating Committee
- Jill Postma from Adler Planetarium will represent special libraries
- Christopher Stewart from the Illinois Institute of Technology will represent academic libraries

The next step will be the call for Nominations and Applications Sent to Membership via Email on March 5, 2007

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #3

ILA Library Day – April 19, 2007

There is a plan for buses to Library Day from the Library Systems.

Reports

- a. **Report of the Illinois State Library** – Neil Kelley was present for the Board meeting and reported the following:
 - Secretary of State FY2007 school per capita grant
 - LSTA grants announced.
 - ✓ Grant writing for people who have not been awarded a grant before
 - ✓ Safety grants for a lot of different topics such as defibrillators and staff safety
 - ✓ Digital imaging grants
 - ✓ Expanding services to unserved territories
 - ✓ Son of ELI is on the web site. You can create your letter of intent and submit it electronically. They are trying to streamline the process
 - A new class of Synergy has been announced. Six participants from MLS libraries
 - Interlibrary Loan codes will be updated. Kate Boyle is involved with that
 - The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) invites proposals to study the impact of free access to computers, the Internet, and related services at public libraries. IMLS will conduct this study with support from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
- b. **MLS Advisory Committee Minutes dated October 25, 2006**
Kathy Parker, MLS Advisory Committee representative, said there is nothing new to report and the committee is presently talking about the role of advisory

c. **Report of the Executive Director (report is attached to these minutes)**

Highlights from this report include:

- Strategic Planning
- Staff Report
- Facilities
- Statewide Initiatives
- Advocacy
- SWAN Governance Study Group
- ALA Conference in Seattle

d. **SWAN Report**

Dean Bryan reported that:

- Several members feel SWAN Governance should be reviewed.
- The Innovative System Audit was accomplished; the report will be available soon.
- There are a lot of good things happening with SWAN.
- Regrettably, Reavis High School Media Center is leaving SWAN.

e. **Staff Reports** (reports attached to these minutes)

President Spiegel asked Dorothy to send a thank you letter to Susan Siebers and Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP for the use of their facilities for the MLS Board meeting this afternoon.

ADJOURNMENT

Tom Read moved, seconded by Henry Latzke, that:

THE BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED

Unanimous voice vote carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Kovacs
Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret A. Blasage,
Board Secretary