



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM – CHICAGO OFFICE**

April 16, 2007

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

Chairman Elliot Spiegel called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The roll was called and the following Board Members were present to establish a quorum.

Peg Blasage	Milfred Moore (absent)
Susan Chenoweth	Tom Read
Sylvia Jenkins	Jan Schmutde
Janet Kelenson	Susan Siebers
Ingrid Lamp Niinemae	Elliot Spiegel
Henry Latzke	Connie Tapia
Fifi Logan	Paul Whitsitt
Myra Mahlke (via VTEL)	

Absent: Milfred Moore

Guests included MLS staff members, Alice Calabrese, Sue Pasetti, Dean Bryan, Scott Remmenga, David Seleb, Su Bochenski, and Dorothy Kovacs. Also present were Neil Kelley, Illinois State Library; and Kathy Parker, Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Acceptance of the March 19, 2007 MLS Board Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of the payment of bills for March 2007 in the amount of \$149,362.75
- d. Balance sheet and detail of expenditures for March 2007

Susan Chenoweth moved, seconded by Henry Latzke, that it be

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

A voice vote of 14 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1

Resolution Regarding HB1727

Henry Latzke moved, seconded by Tom Read, to accept the following Resolution regarding House Bill 1727 as presented.

Whereas, Illinois House Bill 1727 mandates Internet filters on all public and school library computers for all users; and

Whereas, Illinois House Bill 1727 allows any citizen to file a suit to enforce its provisions; and

Whereas, House Bill 1727 imposes fines of \$100 per day on libraries; and

Whereas, House Bill 1727 requires librarians to file annual perjury oaths that would make librarians subject to criminal perjury prosecutions when they honestly believe that they cannot comply with this law's requirement; and

Whereas, House Bill 1727 is clearly unconstitutional and would cause the state to be liable for legal fees for passing an unconstitutional bill, similar to the \$500,000 in costs incurred after passing the unconstitutional ban on video games legislation.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Library Directors of the Metropolitan Library System opposes House Bill 1727 which would require installation of mandatory Internet filters on all public and school library computers. This comprehensive ban on free access to the Internet would apply to computers used exclusively by adults. Local officials -- library trustees, librarians, and other professional library staff - are the most qualified to decide how Internet access should be provided to their patrons. House Bill 1727 overrules all local decisions and imposes a "one size fits all" approach.

Be it further resolved that the Board of Library Directors of the Metropolitan Library System commend State Representatives Sidney H. Mathias, Joe Dunn, Julie Hamos, Lou Lang and Elaine Nekritz for voting in committee against this draconian legislation.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be sent to members of the Illinois State Legislators serving libraries in the Metropolitan Library System area.

There was a brief discussion on the fact that some libraries had placed notes on computers stating that the patron will not have access to the internet on our computers if this bill passes.

It was agreed to add the number of libraries in the MLS membership to the copy of the Resolution. Tom Read also wondered whether we should develop a public policy statement for future attempts.

A voice vote on accepting the above resolution was taken with the following results: 14 yes, 0 no, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2

SWAN Internet Access Agreement

Janet Kelenson moved, seconded by Jan Schmudde, that it be

RESOLVED THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO
THE SWAN INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT

A voice vote of 10 yes, 0 no and 4 absent was taken. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #3

SWAN Enhanced Access Agreement

Susan Siebers moved, seconded by Jan Schmudde, that it be

RESOLVED THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE REVISIONS TO
THE SWAN ENHANCED ACCESS AGREEMENT

All members present said aye. Motion carried.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #1

Finance Committee Report

Susan Chenoweth reviewed the FY2008 budget numbers. The budget will be presented at the May 2007 MLS Board meeting for final approval.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #2

System Presidents & Directors Meeting (Elliot Spiegel)

President Spiegel reported that on April 10, 2007 he and Alice Calabrese, MLS Executive Director, attended the System Presidents and Directors meeting in Springfield. The next meeting is October 30, 2007. Some points covered include:

- An update presentation from the Secretary of State's Budget Office on the ID program and the Secretary of State's budget in general.
- Systems are to be funded at the present level,--no increases. They did put in \$1,000,000 extra for the public library per capita grants.
- There were presentations on collaborative and cooperative projects done by the various systems. Our presentation was our insurance program. Alice went through the MLS website showing various LIMRiCC programs .
- LSTA projects--Putting Illinois on the Map. By 2009, before the next census, there will be maps for every library district if not other governmental agencies.
- PolyTalk, the language tool that a number of libraries have access to enables patrons to communicate with library staff in their own language from cards listing basic library-related statements. It is a great thing and will be good for community colleges also. <http://www.polytalk.info/> is the website for details.
- Library Partnership Trust at North Suburban Library System. They are working on group purchasing of various software and media programs. Check their website. There may be things there to benefit your library.
- Updating websites. We will begin training in October. Website design software – PLINKIT.
- Fund for Illinois Libraries was created to help small libraries who are not 501(C)(3) accept gifts. This is run by the Shawnee Library System. Administrative fee for this is \$100.00.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #3

Board Election Update

The Board was in receipt of the slate of candidates from the MLS Nominating Committee.

Academic Libraries

Lawrence J. McCrank, Chicago State University
Merri M. Monks, American College of Education

Loree Washington, Riverdale Public Library

Public Library Librarian

Marilyn Boria, Elmhurst Public Library

Public Library Trustees

Janet Kelenson, Oak Park Public Library
Jeana R. Mays-Browne, Glenwood-Lynwood
Public Library District
Thomas Read, Downers Grove Public Library

Special Libraries

Michael David Godow, Field Museum Library
Crystal S. Megaridis, Praxair, Inc.

The next item on the election timeline is the deadline for petitions for inclusion on the slate of candidates which is Friday, May 11, 2007. At the July Board meeting, newly elected Board members will be sworn in and new officers of the Board will be elected. The typical turnout for election is under 100 libraries. The library director is usually the one to vote. There may be additional people who are added to this slate if petitions are received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #4:

\$35,000 Grant to MLS from Praxair, Inc.

Crystal Megaridis, Library Director at Praxair, Inc., delivered a check in the amount of \$35,000 to Alice Calabrese at the MLS Burr Ridge offices as a grant from the Praxair Foundation to support MLS's upgrade of computer labs used for member training. Crystal is also a member of the MLS Advisory Committee as well as a Trustee at the Indian Prairie Public Library.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #5

Evaluation of the Executive Director

President Spiegel stated that he has a template of an evaluation that was used at his library. The template would contain the goals from the MLS Strategic Plan. President Spiegel will email the template to Dorothy who will then customize it by including Alice's goals. Elliot told the Board to email him anything they would like added to the evaluation form and he will put it all together and have it ready for the Board for an Executive Session at the May meeting.

Reports

- a. Report of the Illinois State Library – Neil Kelley was present for the Board meeting and reported the following:
 - There is a need for grant reviewers. Grants will be reviewed in August.
 - Openings are still available for the 14th annual Small Public Library Management Institute sponsored by the ISL and hosted by the U of I at Springfield the entire week of June 3-8, 2007. Each of the Systems has an opportunity to send one of their consultants for the entire week.
 - Penny Severns Summer Family Literacy grants totaling \$250,000 have been awarded to 53 organizations throughout the state.
 - The University of Illinois/CARLI has issued a delivery RFP to determine if a commercial service can more efficiently and economically handle statewide delivery. Delivery would include all CARLI academic libraries.
 - Novelist and Novelist K-8 goes to electronic resources. ISL will subsidize 50% of the cost for each library building. Application on ISL website.
 - Construction grants workshops are coming up. Tuesday, April 24, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. is the date of the workshop here at the Burr Ridge location. Twenty-six people have signed up.
 - IOUG Annual Meeting will be held on May 16, 2007 at DePaul University, Loop Campus in Chicago.

- b. MLS Advisory Committee Minutes dated February 28, 2007.
Highlights from that meeting include:
 - Librarian for a Day at Chicago Public Schools
 - Reciprocal Access Policy
 - Public Library Membership Agreement
 - Illinois Library Day – April 19, 2007
 - Listen Illinois
 - LibraryU Module Demo

- c. **Report of the Executive Director** (Report is attached to these minutes)
Highlights from the report include:
 - Staff report
 - Statewide Initiatives
 - SWAN Governance Study Group
 - Advocacy
 - LSTA Grants
 - Customer focused library grant

- Encore Grant
- MLS staff continuing work on our Strategic Plan at the implementation level. This will come to the Board at our May meeting
- 2.0 Symposium we are sponsoring with NSLS to be held at the Marriot Oak Brook
- Consulting staff is working on a communication procedures manual.
- Illinois Library Day
- Janet Kelenson is up for election as Trustee at Oak Park PL tomorrow

d. **Report of the SWAN Council Representative** (report attached to these minutes)

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

ADJOURNMENT

Paul Whitsitt moved, seconded by Ingrid Lamp-Niinemae, that:

THE BOARD MEETING BE ADJOURNED

Unanimous voice vote carried.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Kovacs
Respectfully submitted,

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Margaret A. Blasage,
Board Secretary