



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

**October 15, 2007
Minutes**

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

President Janet Kelenson called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. The roll was called and the following Board Members were present to establish a quorum.

Marilyn Boria
Susan Chenoweth
Sylvia Jenkins (absent)
Janet Kelenson
Ingrid Lamp Niinemae
Henry Latzke
Myra Mahlke (via VTEL)

Jeana Mays-Browne (arr. 3:20)
Crystal Megaridis
Milfred Moore
Merri Monks
Tom Read
Elliot Spiegel
Lorée Washington (absent)
Paul Whitsitt

Also present were; Kathy Parker, Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library (Advisory Co-Chair); Jamie Bukovac, Indian Prairie Public Library (SWAN Co-Chair); MLS staff members Alice Calabrese, Scott Remmenga, David Seleb, Su Bochenski, Dean Bryan, Gretel Stock-Kupperman, and Dorothy Kovacs. Attending via VTEL was Neil Kelley, Illinois State Library and Christina Stoll, MLS staff member.

Members absent: Lorée Washington and Sylvia Jenkins.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Agenda
Acceptance of the September 17, 2007 MLS Board Meeting Minutes

Tom Read moved, seconded by Myra Mahlke, that it be:

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

Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #1

- a. Approval of the payment of bills for September 2007 in the amount of \$275,921.21
- b. Balance sheet and detail of expenditures for September 2007

Milfred Moore moved, seconded by Henry Latzke, that it be:

RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS
FOR SEPTEMBER 2007 AND ACCEPT THE BALANCE SHEET
AND DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR SEPTEMBER 2007

A roll call vote of 12 yes, 0 no, and 3 absent was taken. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM #1

Report from Finance Committee Meeting

Susan Chenoweth reported on the MLS Finance Committee meeting held earlier this afternoon:

- A discussion was held about the possibility of SWAN absorption of staff salaries, except for the salary of the Director of Automation and Technology, over a three to five-year period, amount for FY'09 subject to OCLC fee reallocation.
- The issue of new copiers for MLS locations and whether to lease or buy. It was decided to have staff gather more information to bring to the Finance Committee at a future meeting before a decision can be made.
- Some discussion was held on obtaining a backup generator to run the computer at the Burr Ridge location in case of power failure. It was decided to gather more information on this issue as well.

DISCUSSION ITEM #2

System-wide Legislative Breakfast at MLS

After a brief discussion, the Board agreed that it would be a good idea for MLS to host a legislative breakfast at the MLS facility. Alice will bring this issue to Advisory.

DISCUSSION ITEM #3

Illinois State Library Foster Children in Libraries Program

Several MLS staff members attended a meeting called by Anne Craig, ISL Director, and some of her staff to discuss a project offering library services to foster families. Members of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) were also at this meeting as well as representatives from some MLS member public libraries. More meetings to explore this topic are planned for the future.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #1

The Customer Focused Library Grant - \$100,000

Gretel Stock-Kupperman gave a presentation on this grant that she wrote and which was awarded. A grant fact sheet is attached as Exhibit D.1 to the October 15, 2007 Board packet.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #2

OCLC Costs

MLS staff and Marilyn Boria attended an OCLC pricing meeting at the Illinois State Library. Each Library System was invited to come down to the Illinois State Library and talk about OCLC costs. We learned there might be an increase in OCLC costs because of the way reallocations are occurring. Elliot Spiegel asked if there is a suggested formula that will be put into effect.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #3

Results from MLS In-Service Day.

Sue Pasetti reported that the MLS Staff In-Service Day evaluations from staff were very favorable.

Reports:

- a. Report of the Illinois State Library

Neil Kelley gave his report via VTEL. A copy of Neil's report is attached to these minutes. Some points covered include ICN Meetings, LSTA Grants Awarded, Per Capita Grants for Schools and Public Libraries, Webjunction Illinois, Try It! Illinois, Ask? Away, and IPLAR's (Illinois Public Library Annual Reports).

After Neil's report, Tom Read stated he would like to go on record as saying he took umbrage with the letter from Anne Craig dated August 9, 2007 not allowing Shimer College to become a member of Metropolitan Library System.

b. MLS Board President's Report

Highlights from Janet Kelenson's Report include:

- Local Issues Forum (a copy is attached to these minutes). Janet will report back on this issue as an ongoing topic. Janet asked that emails be sent to her with any ideas that anyone may have on this concept.
- MLS annual Meeting will be Friday, November 9, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at Roosevelt University – 430 South Michigan Avenue – Congress Lounge, 2nd Floor, Chicago.

c. Report of the Executive Director

Alice Calabrese then gave her report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes.

d. MLS Advisory Committee Minutes dated August 6, 2007

- Kathy Parker, Advisory Co-Chair, reported that a discussion was held at the September Advisory Meeting on the MLS Governance Study.
- There was also a long discussion on the MLS membership agreement. It was decided to put the issue of the membership agreement out to the zones for further discussion.

e. Report of the SWAN Council Representative

Jamie Bukovac, SWAN Co-Chair, reported that:

- Results of the latest election for new SWAN Governance Group is Pat Nevins representing small libraries; Ruth McCrank and Jan Schmutde representing medium libraries; and Cindy Rauch and Jamie Bukovac representing large libraries.
- The Innovative contract terms will remain unchanged with the proposed five-year extension.
- The old production server will become the new test server.
- E-Commerce is coming up November 15, 2007.

f. Staff Reports

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, November 19, 2007 at the MLS offices in Burr Ridge.

Adjournment

Henry Latzke moved that this meeting be adjourned by acclamation.

All members said aye. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Kovacs
Respectfully submitted,

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Paul Whitsitt,
Board Secretary