



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

**January 12, 2009
Minutes**

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

President Janet Kelenson called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. The roll call from the previous LIMRiCC meeting stands and the following Board members were present to establish a quorum.

Marilyn Boria	Jeana Mays-Browne (absent)
Sylvia Jenkins	Crystal Megaridis
Janet Kelenson	Milfred Moore
Robert Kolodziejski (absent)	Merri Monks
Ingrid Lamp Niinema	Tom Read (via videoconference)
Henry Latzke	Loree Washington
Myra Mahlke (absent)	Paul Whitsitt

Also present were MLS staff members Alice Calabrese, Sue Pasetti, Su Bochenski, Scott Remmenga, Aaron Skog, Gretel Stock-Kupperman and Dorothy Kovacs.

It was noted that Judith Kolata is no longer employed at Nuveen Investments and, therefore, is no longer a member of the Board per the MLS Bylaws. President Kelenson will appoint a replacement for Ms. Kolata to fill the 2 ½ years remaining on her term.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of Agenda
- b. Acceptance of the Nov. 17, 2008 MLS Board Meeting Minutes

Moore moved, seconded by Boria, that it be:

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

Voice vote carried.

ACTION ITEM #1

- a. Approval of the payment of bills for November and December 2008 in the amount of \$239,340.23
- b. Balance sheet and detail of expenditures for November and December 2008

Read moved, seconded by Moore, that it be:

**RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM
BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS
FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2008 AND ACCEPT THE BALANCE
SHEET AND DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES FOR NOVEMBER AND
DECEMBER 2008 AS PRESENTED.**

Roll was called. 11 yes, 0 no, 3 absent. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM #2

Bank Resolution

Boria moved, seconded by Megaridis, that it be:

RESOLVED, THAT THE METROPOLITAN LIBRARY SYSTEM OPEN A MaxSafe MUNICIPAL (MONEY MARKET) ACCOUNT WITH WINTRUST GOVERNMENT FUNDS.

Roll was called. 10 yes, 0 no, 3 absent, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM #1

Report from MLS Planning Committee Meeting

Moore, Chairman of the Planning Committee, reported that the Committee met to review the Strategic Plan for FY2010-FY2012. Revisions were made and the document will be up for approval at the February 9, 2009 Board meeting. Calabrese thanked the Planning Committee for their work on the Strategic Plan.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #1

2009 Board Elections

It was noted that there will be four vacancies on the Board of Directors; three in public libraries and one in academic libraries. The President of the Board will appoint a Nominating Committee prior to the February Board meeting. Other supporting documents are part of the January 12, 2009 MLS Board packet.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #2

Open Meetings Act

Notification from the law firm of Peregrine, Stime, Newman, Ritzman & Bruckner, Ltd. dated November 26, 2008 citing the results of a recent Illinois Appellate Court decision on a law suit involving the Open Meetings Act. That document is part of the January 12, 2009 Board packet.

INFORMATIONAL ITEM #3

According to a notice from the IRS, the 2009 standard mileage rate for business miles driven is 55 cents per mile.

REPORTS

- Report of the Illinois State Library
 - Mary Downing, MLS Liaison to the Illinois State Library, was not able to attend this afternoon's meeting. Her complete report is part of the January 12, 2009 Board packet.
- MLS Board President's Report
 - Kelenson reported the following:
 - Jane Shaw passed away. Jane had been President of the Warrenville Library Board as well as the DuPage Library System Board and a past Director of the Lisle Public Library. She also served as interim Director at Oak Park Public Library.
 - Clement Price, Urban Libraries Council Executive Board member and Newark Public Library trustee, has been named to President-elect Barack Obama's Transition Team. Mr. Price will chair the transition team for the National Endowment for the Humanities. The team will select the next leader of the NEH.
- Report of the Executive Director
 - Calabrese reported the following:
 - The MLS Executive Board held a recent meeting and discussed the Strategic Planning document and also reviewed the timeline for the 2009 MLS Board elections. Calabrese informed the Executive Committee members that Judith Kolata is no longer with Nuveen Investments. After review of the bylaws it was determined that she will need to be dropped from the Board. Calabrese also updated the Executive Committee members on Myra Mahlke's recovery. Milfred

Moore, Vice President of the MLS Board, is running for the Illinois Library Association (ILA) Board.

- The Executive Team has been spending a lot of time working on the Strategic Plan.
 - We've begun work on planning the Legislators' Breakfast to be held on Monday, February 16, 2009 at MLS headquarters in Burr Ridge. Invitations for that event will be going out soon.
 - Illinois Library Day is set for April 23, 2009.
- Consulting and CE Monthly Report
 - This report is part of the Jan. 12, 2009 Board packet.
 - SWAN Council Minutes
 - This report is part of the Jan. 12, 2009 Board packet. Aaron also stated that the Oak Park Public Library vote passed. Aaron will be attending their Board meeting later this month. There will be a vote before the MLS Board next month.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next Board meeting of the Metropolitan Library System will be held on Feb. 9, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in Burr Ridge. The Board's regular meeting date (third Monday) conflicts with Presidents' Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Monks moved, seconded by Lamp Niinemae, to adjourn this meeting. The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Dorothy Kovacs,
Respectfully submitted,

Paul Whitsitt, Secretary