

Minutes

Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board

February 25, 2010

**Board Room
Michigan Historical Center
702 W. Kalamazoo Street, Lansing**

The February 25, 2010, meeting of the Michigan Center for Innovation and Reinvention Board (MCIR) was held at the Michigan Historical Center, Board Room, Lansing. Board members in attendance were Mindy Koch (attending for Becky Humphries), Mike Flanagan, Gregory Eaton, Nancy Skowronski, Mike Smith, and Bob Trezise. Board members Mike Moore and Kate Pew Wolters joined the meeting via telephone conference. Staff attending were Sandra Clark, Nancy Robertson, Carol Wolenberg and Michelle Davis.

Mindy Koch called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Board Charge

Mindy Koch led the discussion on the Board Charge. She noted that Michigan's fiscal realities make the investments recommended in the 2009 Michigan State University proposal for a Michigan Center for Invention and Reinvention unrealistic. The documents shared by the Department of Education prior to the meeting were discussed as the starting point for the board's efforts to recommend future physical and programmatic uses of the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

Procedures

Following discussion of the draft procedures distributed prior to the meeting, Mike Moore made a motion to approve the procedures, supported by Bob Trezise. Motion unanimously carried.

Election of Vice-Chairperson

Bob Trezise made a motion to appoint Mike Smith as Vice-Chairperson, supported by Nancy Skowronski. Motion unanimously carried. Mike Smith accepted the position.

Meeting Schedule

Mindy Koch led the discussion on scheduling future meetings for the MCIR board. The next meeting is March 15, 2010. It was agreed to schedule a meeting during the week of April 12, 2010, and to find two dates in May 2010. It was also discussed and agreed upon that sub-committees will be necessary in order to complete the charge by the June deadline. Facilitators may be brought in to assist. White papers may also prove helpful.

PROCESS

Following discussion of the document distributed prior to the meeting, Bob Trezise moved to adopt the proposed process, supported by Superintendent Mike Flanagan. Motion unanimously carried.

State Librarian Nancy Robertson explained the objectives set for reducing expenditures while strengthening the core mission of the library in accordance with Executive Orders 2009-36 and 2009-43 and Executive Directive 2009-5. She identified the core mission components of statewide library services, reference research services for all branches of state government, and on-site access to core collections including law, Michigan and Michigan documents. Statewide services include administration of the Michigan eLibrary; the Library Services and Technology Act federal grant and other federal, state and private grants; federal and state statistical collection and reporting; and the state aid to public libraries program.

The objectives include finding new stewards for the non-Michigan genealogy collection and the regional federal depository program and federal documents collection. In addition the library plans to offer materials in the general collection to other Michigan libraries. The goal is to complete the changes not later than October 1, 2011.

Achievement of the objectives will allow the Library of Michigan to consolidate its collections, personnel and services on the fourth and fifth floors of the west wing of the Michigan Library and Historical Center. The second and third floors of the west wing would be available for other uses, including maintenance of the non-Michigan genealogical collection by an outside steward.

Details of the plan had been provided to board members in two documents made available prior to the meeting: “February 12, 2010, Statement from the Michigan Department of Education” and “February 18, 2010, Joint Subcommittee Testimony by Nancy Robertson, State Librarian.”

Sandra Clark shared information about the Michigan Historical Center, which includes the Michigan Historical Museum System and the Archives of Michigan. She noted the center’s dual mission of preserving artifacts and records at the same time that it strives to provide excellent public access to them through exhibits, programs, on-line collections and research opportunities. The Archives of Michigan is the repository for state and local government records of enduring value. Almost all of its other related collections and the collections of the museum system have been donated to the state by its citizens and their descendants. The center’s programs contribute to Michigan tourism, quality of life and education. Clark discussed future plans to increase use of the east side of the building and increase Historical Center earned revenue through admissions and the sale of copies of archival materials. She called attention to the written background material provided for the board, including a booklet from the Institute for Museum and Library Services that the center is using to guide its thinking about teaching 21st century learning skills.

Responding to board questions, Clark clarified that the Executive Order does not state what must be housed in the Michigan Library and Historical Center. She noted that it is important to consider good utilization of the building and remember that it was built for the citizens of Michigan. Robertson confirmed that the library’s objectives will create 1.5 to 2 floors of vacant space in the west wing of the building.

The board requested further information on the following items:

- Square footage of the Michigan Library and Historical Center
- Funding sources and uses for both the library and the historical center
- Organizational structure overview

The board recommended inviting comment from:

- Capital Area District Library
- Impression 5 Museum
- Michigan Genealogical Council
- Michigan History Foundation
- Library of Michigan Foundation
- Historical Society of Michigan
- Local Colleges/Universities – Cooley, MSU, LCC
- Lansing Museums
- Lansing School District
- Michigan Library Association
- Michigan Association for Media in Education
- Government Documents Round Table

Board member Ron Boji offered the use of any of his facilities for future meetings. Superintendent Mike Flanagan offered the use of the Department of Education, State Board of Education Room, Hannah Building.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mindy Koch opened the meeting to the public for comments.

Public Appearance

Frank Boles, on behalf of the Michigan Genealogical Council, spoke briefly about the concern of losing the Genealogical Collection housed in the Michigan Library. A handout was distributed.

It was discussed that public comments be limited to three minutes for future meetings. Anyone is allowed to submit documents in writing prior to the meeting. This information will be posted to the website for the MCIR Board, www.michigan.gov/mcir.

Mike Smith made a motion to adjourn the MCIR Board meeting at 2:30 p.m., supported by Nancy Skowronski. Motion unanimously carried.

TOUR OF THE MICHIGAN LIBRARY AND HISTORICAL CENTER

Nancy Robertson and Sandra Clark led a tour of the Library of Michigan and the Michigan Historical Center.