

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
February 27, 2009
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

Michael O. Smith, Chair, called the meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees to order at 10:06 a.m., on Friday, February 27, 2009, at the Library of Michigan.

Attendance

Members Present: B. Denise Bartlett, Barb Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Marilyn Kelly), Mark Hoffman, Elaine Logan, Charles Myers (*via conference phone*), Gail Parsons, Nancy Robertson, Nancy Skowronski, Michael Smith, Francis "Bus" Spaniola

Members Absent: Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Senator Tom George, Representative Shanelle Jackson, Representative Jim Stamas

Staff Present: Elaine Harrison, Sheryl Mase, Judith Moore, Lori Poznanski-Mason (recording secretary), Lance Werner

Visitors: Roger Ashley, Gretchen Couraud, Randy Dykhuis, Jim Seidl

Welcome

Mike Smith welcomed new Board members in absentia: Representative Shanelle Jackson represents the 9th district from Detroit and Representative Jim Stamas represents the 98th district from Midland. Mike later introduced Mark Hoffman as interim Director of HAL. Mark was appointed interim director in the absence of Dr. Bill Anderson who retired at the end of calendar year 2008.

Agenda

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS MOVED BY FRANCIS "BUS" SPANIOLA AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes of
December 12, 2008
Meeting**

THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 12, 2008 MEETING WERE APPROVED UPON MOTION BY NANCY SKOWRONSKI.

Board Reports

Board Chair's

Mike Smith presented the Board Chair report.

**Board Members'
Reports**

Board Members' presented their reports. Chuck Myers asked about the existence of a strategic plan or the possibility of establishing one so the Board can determine their role/direction.

Mark Hoffman reported on the Governor's budget recommendation. The Department of History, Arts and Libraries (HAL) is slated to be eliminated and the Library of Michigan will be moved to the Department of Education. HAL administration will be laid off.

Legislator Updates

No legislators were present.

Partnership

Reports

Cooperatives

Jim Seidl, President of the Library Cooperative Director's Association presented the Cooperatives report. Copies of the Three-Year Statewide Plan of Service developed by the Cooperatives and the Library of Michigan was distributed at the meeting.

MLA

Gretchen Couraud presented the MLA report, which was distributed at the meeting.

MLC

Randy Dykhuis presented the MLC report. He added that MLC has begun initial discussions with INCOLSA, a compatible organization in Indiana, regarding merging operations.

MAME

The Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME) report was distributed at the meeting and presented by Roger Ashley. Roger also brought copies of the MAME journal *Media Spectrum*.

State Librarian's Report

Nancy reported that she, Elaine Harrison, and Sheryl Mase have worked on developing a plan to absorb the 2009 mid-year budget cut.

The school library promotional video has been released and was mentioned in the national press. Copies of the press release were distributed at the meeting. Sheryl will be heading up a subcommittee to work on benchmarks for school libraries, similar to the Quality Services Audit Checklist (QSAC) program for public libraries. Nancy reported she was pleased to work with MAME on this partnership.

LM was asked by ALA to compile a list of library construction projects that could potentially be funded with economic stimulus money. Nancy reported that LM was flooded with suggestions. The compiled list totaled 40-50 projects with an estimated cost of over \$200 million.

Nancy mentioned the Learning More genealogy program offered at the Library. Flyers were available at the meeting.

A letter announcing the date of the Broadband Summit (May 20, 2009) and meeting notes from the February 20 Broadband Summit planning meeting were distributed. Sheryl reported on the planning of the Summit and who is involved. Board members will be invited to attend. ALA has provided funding in the amount of \$10,000 for this conference as well as the keynote speaker, John Windhausen.

Sheryl is representing libraries on Governor Granholm's federal stimulus committee for broadband.

Sheryl noted the following upcoming events:

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| March 19 | Nancy, Sheryl, and other LM staff are volunteering at the Adult Spelling Bee in Novi, which raises funds for books for early childhood literacy. |
| April 13 | MeL Users Day |

List of upcoming events (continued):

April 18	Night for Notables at the Library of Michigan
April 29-May 1	Rural Libraries Conference in Traverse City
May 11-12	ALA Legislative Day in Washington, D.C.
May 20	Broadband Summit
June	Boot Camp Beginning Workshop in Petoskey

**LM Foundation
Report**

Judith Moore reported on the Night for Notables event to be held at the Library of Michigan on Saturday, April 18. A private reception for authors and sponsors will be held at the Library of Michigan, and the Governor and First Gentleman have agreed to attend the private reception. The reception will run from 5:00-6:00 p.m. followed by the main event at 6:30 p.m. Christopher Paul Curtis has agreed to be the guest speaker. Nancy Robertson will pay tribute to the authors.

Sponsors are needed for the State Librarian's Excellence Award. Suggestions for sponsors can be forwarded to Judith within the next few weeks. The nomination form will be sent out earlier this year in order to encourage more school library nominations.

Over 50 libraries and 16 of the 20 authors are expected to participate in the Michigan Notable Books author tour. Details are expected to be released soon.

Old Business

No old business was brought before the Board.

New Business

**Board Discussion
Items**

Judith presented a history of the LM Foundation and information about the budget structure of the Foundation Board. A handout on the history of the Foundation and its funding sources was distributed at the meeting.

Nancy presented the history of the development of the Board Advocacy Guidelines. Board members reviewed the guidelines. A MOTION WAS MADE BY B. DENISE BARTLETT FOR THE BOARD TO REAFFIRM THE BOARD ADVOCACY GUIDELINES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Any questions regarding the Board Advocacy Guidelines should be directed to Lance Werner, Library Law Specialist at the Library of Michigan.

The Board discussed how they could best support LM. The following supporting statements were suggested:

- 1.) The state librarian position needs to be based on qualifications, not an appointment.
- 2.) The Library needs to continue to have a Board of Advisors.
- 3.) LSTA funds should stay with the Library of Michigan.
- 4.) The State should continue to recognize and support state aid to public libraries.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY ELAINE LOGAN TO FORM A SUBCOMMITTEE TO DRAFT A BOARD POSITION HIGHLIGHTING CORE VALUES AND KEY CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN TO THE STATE IN ORDER

TO RAISE THE AWARENESS OF THE DECISION-MAKERS OF THE CHANGES IN STATE GOVERNMENT. THE MOTION WAS APPROVED WITH ONE ABSTENTION: MARK HOFFMAN.

Mike Smith, Elaine Logan, and B. Denise Bartlett agreed to draft a document for the Board to review. The final document will be sent to Mark Hoffman, legislators, especially those on the appropriations committee, and other library organizations. The document will be sent prior to the Library hearings on March 12. Mike Smith agreed to present the Board's position at the hearings.

A MOTION WAS MADE TO APPROVE MIKE SMITH TO REPRESENT THE LM BOARD ON THE LM FOUNDATION BOARD AND TO SUPPORT ELAINE LOGAN FOR ANOTHER TERM ON THE FOUNDATION BOARD. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A resolution from the Board thanking Dr. Bill Anderson for his years of service on the LM Board will be presented at the next meeting.

An orientation for new LM Board members will be scheduled following lunch at the April 24 Board meeting. All Board members, old and new, will be welcome to attend.

2009 Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m. in the second floor Lake Huron Room of the Library of Michigan.

Additional meeting dates at LM:

Friday, September 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor Lake Erie Room.

Friday, December 4 at 10:00 a.m. in the 1st floor Lake Erie Room.

Possible agenda items for future meetings:

Review and change the Bylaws once the placement of LM is official.

Determine the Board's role in LM's strategic plan.

Adjournment

BUS SPANIOLA MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:12 P.M.

Michael O. Smith, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson, State Librarian