

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 7, 2005
10:00 a.m.**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, January 7, 2005, at the Library of Michigan, by Cliff Haka, Chair.

Attendance

Members Present: William Anderson, B. Denise Bartlett, Christie Pearson Brandau, Barbara Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Clifford Taylor), Elaine Didier, Thomas Genson, Cliff Haka, Elaine Logan, Representative Mike Nofs

Members Absent: Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Senator Tom George, Representative Kathleen Law, Gayle Spearman-Leach, Fran Pletz

Staff Present: Elaine Harrison, Mark Hoffman, Sheryl Mase, Judith Moore, Nancy Robertson, Jennifer Sipe (recording secretary), Lance Werner

Visitors: Dianne Clark (representing Senator Clark-Coleman), Randy Dykhuis, Roger Mendel, Marcia Warner

LM Foundation Report

Judith asked Board members to mark their calendars for the Notable Books event, scheduled for April 30, 2005. Festivities will include afternoon sessions with the authors, followed by an evening event hosted by the Foundation. 36 author presentations will be made during Michigan Week (May 21-27, 2005) across the state. The Foundation will work with the cooperative directors in assuring statewide coverage.

Another upcoming event is the Lansing State Journal's 150th anniversary celebration on May 10, 2005; plans are underway. Michigan State University will also be a participant as it too is celebrating its 150th anniversary.

January 20, 2005, from 4-6pm, is the reception in honor of Christie Pearson Brandau.

Judith added that as part of the capacity building grant, the Foundation is seeking partnerships with community organizations and corporations for the purpose of exploring different techniques of fund raising. The LM Foundation has met with the Michigan Historical Center Foundation to explore ways of efficiently working together. The Michigan Historical Center Foundation welcomed this opportunity.

The Foundation is looking for a consultant to assist in the creation of a business plan; this is also part of the capacity building grant. It is hoped

such a plan will be drafted and submitted within the next two months.

The Foundation's holiday campaign raised fewer dollars than last year; donations are still welcome.

Agenda

UPON ACHIEVEMENT OF A QUORUM, TOM GENSON MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. DENISE BARTLETT SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes of
November 15, 2004
Meeting**

ELAINE LOGAN MOVED APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 15, 2004, BOARD MINUTES. TOM GENSON SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Reports

**Board Chair's
Report**

No Chair's report was presented at today's meeting. Appointments to the Board's Executive and Finance Committees have not yet been made.

**Board Members'
Reports**

Barb Bonge reported that the new Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is Clifford Taylor. Barb will contact Chief Justice Taylor about continuing as designee to the Board.

Elaine Didier begins her responsibilities as the director of the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library and Museum on Monday, January 10th. The library is in Ann Arbor; the museum is in Grand Rapids. Elaine will spend her time between both places, and will be working with a 50-member foundation. Elaine invited LM Board members to an event on March 9, 2005, at 8pm, featuring Henry Kissinger as speaker. Dinner will precede the 8pm program. The Board extended its congratulations to Elaine.

Denise Bartlett, who represents K-12 schools and libraries, expressed her appreciation for being part of the LM Board of Trustees. She extended her thanks to the Library of Michigan and Christie Brandau for including the diverse communities that encompass 400 miles in the Upper Peninsula.

**Legislator
Updates**

Representative Nofs reported that at the close of 2003/04, the state ended up with \$150 million more than expected; however, he added, a \$350 million deficit remains. The legislature will be attending a budget conference in the next couple of weeks and will know more at that time. The Governor's State of the State message is currently scheduled for February 2, 2005. Representative Nofs looks forward to the new session, adding that hopefully Michigan has turned the corner on the economy. He thanked Christie for her years of service.

**Budget
Update**

Mark Hoffman, Deputy Director of the Department of History, Arts and Libraries presented budget information to the Board. The Governor will

be working with cabinet members to determine priorities, based on what Michigan citizens desire. HAL is very involved at the cabinet level and Bill Anderson will have the opportunity to highlight HAL's programs. Mark indicated that reductions are expected, although nothing is proposed at this time. Representative Nofs mentioned an increase in the state's casino and cigarette taxes.

**State Library
Report**

**State Librarian's
Report**

Sheryl Mase announced that MeLcat and the new gateway will be going live on Monday, January 10th. Publicity regarding the MeL launch will be delayed until the interim page has been utilized for a while. There is a mechanism for feedback, enabling the system to be tweaked if need be. The interim page will be phased out in April. Gale Corporation will help in designing and promoting MeL; they have graciously donated \$10,000 for this purpose. A publicity launch at the Library of Michigan will coincide with National Library Week in April. Invitees will include a representative from IMLS; possibly the Governor; and Michigan's congressional delegation, due to the fact that the funding came from LSTA. Michigan libraries will receive a packet of materials, including brochures and bookmarks. The packet will be accompanied by a cover letter pointing to pdf files that can be reproduce locally, as well as links to various versions of press releases about the new MeL features.

Christie spoke about the newly formed Digitization Task Force. The first meeting of this group was held December 16th. \$965,000 has been designated for digitization projects; it is the responsibility of this group to determine the best way to go forward. Matching grants will be sought. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1st.

Nancy Robertson has been appointed Interim State Librarian. Christie talked briefly about her new position in Kansas. In addition, she reviewed the strides the Library of Michigan has made over the past five years. One large project Nancy will tackle is the move of the Law Library into the Michigan Library and Historical Center, resulting in significant savings to the state. Cliff thanked Christie for her outstanding service and positive, upbeat attitude in the face of budgetary difficulties. Christie was presented with a desk clock, engraved with the names of the LM Board of Trustees.

**Partnership
Reports**

Cooperatives

Roger Mendel distributed a report to the Board. Flint Public Library was among three libraries chosen to attend a dinner at the White House on February 14th. In addition, four Michigan libraries were chosen for a Public Library Association rural libraries award. This award will be presented in the spring at the PLA meeting in Chicago. The cooperatives

participated in the selection process. Northland Library Cooperative is still seeking a director. The cooperative directors are hosting a Continuing Education Committee, created for the purpose of reviewing CE training and identifying collaboration and coordination opportunities. The committee has representation from the cooperatives, MLA, MLC, MAME and the Library of Michigan. Tickets for Librarian's Day at Comerica Park, scheduled for May 15th, will be available through the cooperatives. Ernie Harwell will be the feature at this event. Work on QSAC for Cooperatives is progressing; the cooperatives look forward to the final document. The cooperatives are again striving for 100% compliance from their libraries in filing for state aid. Applications are due February 1st. CD distribution of the Music Industry Settlement has been accomplished. Over 70,000 CDs have been distributed to cooperative member public libraries. Lastly, Roger attended the State Demographer's presentation on migration patterns in Michigan as derived from the census, as well as age patterns. He recommended that Ken Darga share his presentation with the Board.

MLA Marcia Warner distributed Michigan Library Association's draft Strategic Plan. She was pleased to note that the fall MLA conference resulted in a \$40,000 profit. A director search will be conducted once the Strategic Plan is finalized; it is hoped a new director will be in place by June 2005.

MLC Randy Dykhuis spoke of his enjoyment working with Christie over the past five years; he looks forward to working with Nancy in the future. Great strides have been made in Michigan during Christie's tenure.

MAME No MAME Report was given at this meeting.

Board Action Cliff spoke of the three LM Board positions on the LM Foundation Board. Cliff will occupy one of these position; he urged other interested Board members to contact Judith Moore. The Board discussed the necessity of having three position on the Foundation Board. Judith asked for a letter to the Foundation Board asking that the number of LM Board of trustees positions be reduced, if desired. The Board will again address this issue. Jenny will send a message to absent Board of Trustees members asking for volunteers.

Board Discussion Items No Board discussion items were presented.

Old Business No old business was presented to the Board.

New Business Bill Anderson reviewed the process for selecting a new State Librarian. He noted Christie's cooperation when the Department of History, Arts and Libraries was being formed. HAL staff moved into this building and took over the Library of Michigan's Human Resources and Business

Services staff for use department-wide. Christie was a team player during this transition. Bill will chair a search committee comprised of Cliff Haka and Elaine Logan of the LM Board; representatives from the LM staff; cooperative directors; MLA; LM Foundation and MAME. The committee will hold its first meeting in April and will set a timeline, review all applications and recommend three finalists to Bill. Bill will conduct final reference checks and make a recommendation to the Governor by the end of September 2005. It is hoped the new State Librarian will be onboard by November 1st. Bill added that the interviews will be private, as this is a Governor appointed position; however, nominations are being accepted. Christie stressed the importance of communication during this process, adding that perhaps monthly updates can be provided in *Access*.

**Public
Participation**

Visitors introduced themselves.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, March 25, 2005, at 10am.

Adjournment

TOM GENSON MOVED ADJOURNMENT OF THIS MEETING.
ELAINE DIDIER SECONDED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Cliff Haka, Chair

Nancy R. Robertson
Acting State Librarian