

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 25, 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, March 25, 2005, at the Library of Michigan, by Cliff Haka, Chair.

**Attendance**

**Members Present:** Representative Fran Amos, William Anderson, Barbara Bonge (alternate for Chief Justice Clifford Taylor), Linda Farynk, Cliff Haka, Elaine Logan, Nancy Robertson, Nancy Skowronski, Francis "Bus" Spaniola, Representative Aldo Vagnozzi

**Members Absent:** B. Denise Bartlett, Senator Irma Clark-Coleman, Senator Tom George, Fran Pletz

**Staff Present:** Elaine Harrison, Sheryl Mase, Julia Meredith, Judith Moore, Jennifer Sipe (recording secretary), Lance Werner

**Visitors:** Randy Dykhuis, Roger Mendel

**Agenda**

NANCY SKOWRONSKI MOVED APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. BUS SPANIOLA SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Minutes of  
January 7, 2005  
Meeting**

BARBARA BONGE MOVED APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 7, 2005, BOARD MINUTES. ELAINE LOGAN SECONDED. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair's  
Report**

Cliff welcomed new LM Board of Trustees members. The Board introduced themselves, indicating their affiliation. Visitors also introduced themselves to new Board members.

Appointments to the Board's Executive and Finance committees were discussed. It was the feeling of the legislators on the Board that the Finance Committee could be of assistance during the Library's budget process. The Chair, Vice-Chair and Acting State Librarian will meet and define the roles of both committees prior to the May meeting. Volunteers will be sought following that meeting.

**Board Members'  
Reports**

Nancy Skowronski announced that today marks the 140<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Detroit Public Library! Legislators will be invited to the year-long celebration activities.

**Legislator  
Updates**

Fran Amos announced that a supplemental related to the mid-year executive order was passed by the legislature on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**State Library**

**Report**

**State Librarian's  
Report**

Nancy Robertson presented testimony to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on March 15<sup>th</sup>; the testimony was included in the Board packets. Bill Anderson asked about the Law Library move into the Michigan Library and Historical Center. Nancy indicated that details are being worked out and it is hoped this move will occur within the next year or so, making the Law Library much more visible and accessible, and resulting in a cost savings from no longer paying rent in the Williams Building. Currently the Law Library is experiencing space issues and is understaffed.

Nancy reported that the Library of Michigan had to come up with a little more than \$280,000. \$100,000 of those cuts resulted in a drastic reduction of the student staff. Students provided 350 hours per week; LM staff is now struggling to cover those tasks. Effective April 4, 2005, new Library hours will begin as follows: Monday and Thursday 1pm-6pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-6pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; and Sunday 1pm-5pm. Monday and Thursday, Library staff will be working to cover the student tasks.

Monday, May 15, 2005, will be Library Day at Comerica Park. Roger Mendel will have a report for Board members later in this meeting.

ALA Legislative Day in Washington, DC, is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. State Coordinator this year is Elaine Harrison, as Nancy will be attending the Rural Libraries Conference on that day. The Michigan delegation consists of 11 people currently. Thomson Gale will again this year sponsor a luncheon for the Michigan delegation and the Congress people and/or their aides.

The Library is working on two grants: Reading in Michigan and Ready to Read, both collaborative efforts.

The Library of Michigan applied for a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to digitize newspapers. Unfortunately, the grant application was rejected. New guidelines have been created for 2006; the Library will apply again. In addition, the Library will pursue what it was about the grant application that did not meet standards.

The 2005 State Data Center and Business and Industry Conference will be held at the Library of Michigan, run by Darren Warner. Participants include 50 affiliates and two coordinating agencies. The State Demographer will give a presentation at this conference; he is currently working on population projections.

The Library of Michigan is offering a free genealogy conference on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>; over 100 people have signed up.

**Summer Reading Program**

Julia Meredith, Youth Services Specialist, updated the Board on the Summer Reading Program, held during National Library Week in April. She read "The Frog Princess," one of the selected books. Julia added that there will be an adult component to this year's Summer Reading Program, making it multi-generational. Roger Mendel of the Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative added that the cooperatives are working at the local levels on this program, coordinating performers; 200 performances have been scheduled thus far. MLA is also collaborating on this program; the program is expected to be a huge success. Summer Reading manuals will be printed in both English and Spanish. Aldo Vagnozzi noted that the legislators are working on a Reading Month, based on Dr. Seuss' birthday.

**LM Foundation Report**

Judith provided an overview of the Library of Michigan Foundation, its mission, purpose and Board responsibilities. Judith indicated that the Foundation currently has \$1.8 million in total assets - mostly in endowment funds.

**Notable Books Program**

The Foundation is pleased to once again be involved in the rapidly growing Michigan Notable Books Program. This year's authors will visit 36 libraries across Michigan, including six in the Upper Peninsula. Arrangements for the visits were made through the cooperatives. Selected books are either by a Michigan author or about a Michigan topic or story. The Michigan Humanities Council provided a \$15,000 grant for this program. There will be a kick-off event, sponsored by the LM Foundation, on April 30<sup>th</sup>. Activities include author presentations in the afternoon, and an evening event at the Library of Michigan. The featured evening speaker will be Judith Guest, author of Ordinary People. Invitations will be sent soon. Judith shared samples of the posters and brochures.

**Partnership Reports**  
**Cooperatives**

Roger Mendel provided an overview of the cooperatives for new Board members. Roger further reported that Jennifer Dean will take over as director of the Northland Library Cooperative in May 2005; she is currently director of the Harrison Community Library. The cooperatives are involved in a joint Continuing Education Committee that is reviewing CE and how to deliver training more effectively and with greater collaboration. Records retention and QSAC training has been provided by the cooperatives. Several cooperatives are subsidizing the registration fees for the MLA Trustee Workshop; this will encourage participation and assist libraries in meeting their QSAC certification requirements.

The cooperatives are serving as point organizations to sell Tiger Baseball tickets for Library Day at Comerica Park, scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup>. \$10 of every \$20 ticket will go to a fund at the LM Foundation to help libraries start endowments. Tickets can also be donated to needy children. A goal of 5,000 tickets has been set; as of today 853 tickets have been purchased. Bus details are being worked out. Bill Anderson added that it is hoped this event will generate \$50,000 for libraries and will become a yearly event.

Several cooperative directors attended the Senate Subcommittee budget hearings; testimony was provided by the cooperatives, two public library directors, and the treasurer of MLA at the March 22<sup>nd</sup> hearing.

**MLA** Linda Farynk reported on behalf of Michigan Library Association, who has now completed its published new Strategic Plan. Libraries statewide provided input, and this document will chart the future course of MLA. Linda thanked the Library of Michigan for their support; the LSTA funding was appreciated.

**MLC** Randy Dykhuis provided an overview of Michigan Library Consortium for the new Board members, noting that MLC's clients are institutions, while MLA's are mostly individuals. MLC provides training statewide, as well as consultant services. MLC works closely with the Library of Michigan, on MeL; providing delivery services; and on digitization.

**MAME** Roger Ashley of MAME was not present at the meeting; however, he did provide a written report to the Board. A two-day leadership conference was held at the Garland Resort to discuss ways for media specialists to work in teams with teachers on curriculum issues. MAME continues to meet with state, regional and local groups to spread word of the LM study of the effect of media specialists on MEAP scores, and to provide information on No Child Left Behind legislative activity by ALA. April 20-22, MAME will host a Region 3 meeting in Dearborn. The meeting will focus on issues related to legislation and programming. On July 19<sup>th</sup>, MAME will host an all-day workshop on curriculum integration in Ann Arbor. Work has begun on a new statewide technology plan that the state must have to be in compliance with the new federal technology plan. Among issues to be address are broadband, e-rate and database access. It is hoped a document will be completed by December 2005. Two people from Michigan are running for national offices: Christine Hage is running for ALA president; Cindy Phillip is running for AASL president.

**Board Action** Bill Anderson will be appointing a committee soon to conduct interviews for a new State Librarian. It is his hope that by the end of September he will be able to make a recommendation to Governor Granholm, as she appoints the State Librarian. The Governor will then send a

communication to the LM Board of Trustees asking them to weigh in on the appointment.

**Board Discussion  
Items**

No Board discussion items were presented.

**Old Business**

No old business was presented to the Board.

**New Business**

No new business was presented to the Board. Aldo Vagnozzi asked for an update on the Patriot Act. Nancy reported that training for librarians is on-going, and that interest has not tapered off. Efforts are continuing to change/modify the act.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board is Friday, May 13, 2005, at 10am.

**Adjournment**

FRAN AMOS MOVED ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING. BUS SPANIOLA SECONDED.

The meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

New Board members were offered a tour of the Library of Michigan in the near future; interested Board members can contact Jenny Sipe, who will arrange for a time.

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Cliff Haka, Chair

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Nancy R. Robertson  
Acting State Librarian