

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
May 7, 2020**

Call to Order The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order online and the mission of the Library of Michigan was read by Board Chair Trish Burns on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 10:04 a.m.

Attendance Members Present: Trish Burns, Elaine Didier, Kyle Guerrant, Nancy Hmayed, Stacy Nowicki, Judy Rapanos, Kristie Reynolds, Randy Riley, Kay Schwartz, Kristin Shelley, Carol Taggart, Amber Vrooman (for Senator Roger Victory).

Members Absent: Julie Clement (for Chief Justice Bridget McCormack), Beata Kica.

Staff Present: Tim Gleisner, Clare Membiela, Shannon White.

Visitors: Betsy Bacon, Cat Kerns, Kate Pohjola Andrade, Scott Garrison, Beth Ann Martin, Debbie Mikula.

Agenda JUDY RAPANOS MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Meeting Minutes STACY NOWICKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 6, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Board Reports

Board Chair Board Chair Trish Burns presented her report.

Board Members Board members presented their reports.

Partnership Reports

Cooperatives Kate Pohjola Andrade presented the Cooperative Library Directors Report.

MAME Cat Kerns spoke about the MAME Report.

MCLS Director Scott Garrison presented the MCLS Report.

MLA Debbie Mikula verbally presented the MLA Report. No physical report was submitted.

MiALA

Beth Ann Martin presented the MiALA report.

State Librarian’s Report

State Librarian Randy Riley presented the State Librarian’s report. The document is attached.

Library Law Consultant Clare Membiela spoke about the Executive Orders and their impact on libraries.

Board Discussion – Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Board Discussion – New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adjournment

KAY SCHWARTZ MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:54 A.M.

Signature – Trish Burns, Board Chair

Signature – Randy Riley State Librarian

Trish Burns, Chair

Randy Riley, State Librarian

**Library of Michigan Board Meeting
State Librarian Report
Thursday, May 7, 2020
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

Budget Challenges:

The LM had to layoff three full time employees and all (four) of our student positions. FY20's deficit has been estimated by some to be as large as \$3 billion with FY21 having a hole as large as \$5 billion. Hopefully, these figures are on the high side. If the numbers are close to the estimated projections the Library of Michigan, and every other state agency, will have to make some serious decisions regarding their services based on declining budgets. There are concerns over what the funding for state aid to libraries will be moving forward. The LM keeps working to let everyone involved know that state aid to libraries is the main measuring stick for determining what LSTA dollars the LM will receive from IMLS

- Match - We need at least 50% of the allotment amount (about 2.25 million) in state aid to receive the federal allotment. Less than that, we will not receive the allotment and there is no waiver.
- Maintenance of Effort (MOE) - If our FY MOE is less than the last FY MOE (MOE is mostly state aid to public libraries), the NEXT allotment drops by the percentage that the MOE dropped. We can request a waiver. The waiver is not a simple or guaranteed process. Example is 20% drop in State aid = approximately 20% drop in allotment.

What counts as MOE and Match are not the same, but state aid counts for both and is the lion's share of both.

COVID-19:

Since March 23 100% of the Library of Michigan staff has successfully worked from home. Answering reference questions, consulting libraries statewide, providing legal assistance and vendor relationships have continued without much of a problem. Zoom and Microsoft Teams have worked extremely well for communicating with co-workers and the field. Regularly scheduled meetings with the staff, teams and individuals has allowed us to keep the LM staff informed and motivated. LM staff have been amazing and gone above and beyond the call of duty.

Save Your COVID-19 Story:

A call for volunteers: The COVID-19 Pandemic has affected all of us in many different ways and we are all eyewitnesses to the events that have been unfolding the last few weeks. This is a time for us to record our daily experiences, thoughts, and feelings in diary form, either in writing or video. The Library of Michigan and Historical Society of Michigan envision collecting and preserving these stories. The goal is to preserve the stories of our daily lives during the crisis and to provide future historians, researchers, and students with information and data on life in Michigan communities during the Pandemic.