

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
September 10, 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, September 10, 2020, at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance Members Present: Betsy Bacon (for Chief Justice Bridget McCormack), Trish Burns, Elaine Didier, Kyle Guerrant, Nancy Hmayed, Beata Kica, Stacy Nowicki, Kristie Reynolds, Randy Riley, Kay Schwartz, Kristin Shelley, Carol Taggart.

Members Absent: Judy Rapanos, Amber Vrooman (for Senator Roger Victory).

Staff Present: Tim Gleisner, Karren Reish, Don Todaro.

Visitors: Kate Pohjola Andrade, Scott Garrison, Patricia Headley, Debbie Mikula, Cynthia Simpson.

Agenda KAY SCHWARTZ MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Meeting Minutes STACY NOWICKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 7, 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 The MAME Report was included with the meeting agenda.

MCLS Director Scott Garrison presented the MCLS Report.

MLA Debbie Mikula presented the MLA Report.

MiALA Cynthia Simpson presented the MiALA report.

State Librarian's Report

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

Library Grants Coordinator Karren Reish spoke about the LSTA grants and the CARES Act grants. The Library of Michigan issued over 400 grants to libraries this summer.

Tim Gleisner, Head of Special Collections, talked about the Michigan Notable Books online author interviews and also spoke on the reference and research services that his team provides to state government.

The Library of Michigan is partnering with ArtServe to host exhibits in our building.

Board Discussion – Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

Board Discussion – New Business

Kristin Shelley and Cynthia Simpson have agreed to serve on the nominating committee for the 2021 Board chair and vice-chair.

Public Participation

There was no public participation.

Adjournment

STACY NOWICKI 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

**State Librarian Report
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Virtual Meeting**

Library of Michigan Budget: No details have been released regarding the FY21 budget. Initial estimates are that the FY21 budget will not be as bad as originally projected. The goal is still to have a budget in place by October 1. There have been some concerns expressed about the challenges that may now be faced in the FY22 budget.

Working Remotely: LM staff have been working remotely since March 23. We have had limited staff in the building to work specific projects and emergency requests. There is no indication that staff will be returning to the building in the foreseeable future. The staff has been amazing working from home the last several months. Their attention to detail and at providing exceptional customer service has been commendable. The creation of virtual meetings and using existing technologies to interact with researchers has made the LM more visible and depended on than ever.

SB 611: Earlier today the bill to clarify library privacy in Michigan was discussed in committee in the Senate. The attempt is to make it easier for libraries and police to work together to protect community members. The bill attempts to more clearly define what a library record is and what law enforcement has to do to gain legal access.

State Librarian's Excellence Awards: The awards will not be presented this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There are two compelling reasons:

- 1.) Fairness. In the middle of this crisis it would be difficult for libraries of all sizes to complete the extensive application process. Small libraries would have a harder time than large libraries.
- 2.) Recognizing only three libraries? It would be impossible to highlight just three libraries for recognition over the last year. The entire library community in Michigan has done amazing work and deserves to be recognized.

Connecting Michigan Task Force: S. White and I have been asked to be part of a statewide taskforce looking at broadband issues facing Michigan. This group consists of primarily state agencies and will be meeting regularly for the next several weeks. The group is looking for possible ways to effectively use CARES Act funds to address connectivity issues.

COSLA Fall Meeting: COSLA's fall meeting will be virtual. One of the speakers to the group will be Representative Andy Levin (Michigan's 9th district). He has become a leading voice in the House advocating for increased library funding. He was a co-sponsor with Senator Jack Reed (RI) of the Library Stabilization Fund Act to create a \$2 billion stabilization fund to bolster library services and address revenue losses

during the COVID-19 crisis. Rep. Levin is fast becoming libraries" champion in the House of Representatives.