

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
November 19, 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, November 19, 2020, at 10:01 a.m.

**Attendance** Members Present: Betsy Bacon (for Chief Justice Bridget McCormack), Trish Burns, Elaine Didier, Ross Fort (for Dr. Rice), Nancy Hmayed, Brian Larkin, Stacy Nowicki, Randy Riley, Kristin Shelley, Carol Taggart, Amber Vrooman (for Senator Roger Victory).

Members Absent: Judy Rapanos, Kristie Reynolds, Kay Schwartz.

Staff Present: Liz Breed, Cathy Lancaster, Lori Poznanski-Mason (notetaker), Don Todaro.

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

**Agenda** KRISTIN SHELLEY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**Meeting Minutes** KRISTIN SHELLEY SUPPORTED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair** Board Chair Trish Burns welcomed new Board member Brian Larkin and presented her report.

**Board Members** Board members presented their reports.

**Partnership Reports**

**Cooperatives** Kate Pohjola Andrade presented the Cooperative Library Directors Report, which was emailed prior to the meeting. Positive vendor recommendations by library staff are on no reservations recommended (<http://nrr.ninja>). The site will be expanded to include recommendations for performers.

**MAME** Cat Kerns spoke about the MAME Report.

**MCLS** Director Scott Garrison presented the MCLS Report. This report was shared via email prior to the meeting. A link to the LEAP (Libraries Engaging Appreciatively for Positive Change) video shown at the meeting can be found at:  
<https://mcls.sharepoint.com/:v:/s/wkpdocs/Eageq-gJ2yRFvgkobvgtOQQBxQhlgdVeAzz23Ybjv4VItA?e=N62fUv>

**MLA** Debbie Mikula presented a verbal 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.

Chief Development Officer Patricia Headley provided a Library of Michigan Foundation update.

Michigan eLibrary (MeL) Coordinator Liz Breed shared information about the MeL programming guides and promotions toolkit, which can be found at <https://mel.org/staff>.

Youth Services Coordinator Cathy Lancaster spoke about the adjustments to youth services programming during the pandemic.

**Board Discussion – Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Board Discussion – New Business**

STACY NOWICKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER BOARD MEMBER BEATA KICA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

STACY NOWICKI MOVED TO ACCEPT THE NOMINATION OF NANCY HMAIED AS BOARD CHAIR AND TRISH BURNS AS VICE-CHAIR FOR 2021. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Kristin Shelley and Cynthia Simpson participated on the nominating committee this year.

Meeting dates for the 2021 Library of Michigan Board meetings were set as follows:

Thursday, January 28  
Thursday, April 15  
Thursday, September 23  
Thursday, November 4

Meetings will be held from 10 a.m. to noon. Holding the meeting virtually or physically will be determined at a later date.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Adjournment**

KRISTIN SHELLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AND THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:48 A.M.

Signature – Trish Burns, Board Chair

Signature – Randy Riley State Librarian

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Trish Burns, Chair

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Randy Riley, State Librarian

**State Librarian's Report**  
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**MLA Recognizes Clare Membiela:** At the virtual Michigan Library Association Conference C. Membiela was awarded the "Above and Beyond" Award for her work of keeping Michigan's libraries informed and educated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Her tireless work to keep library staff updated on new Executive Orders and related health data was highlighted. During the pandemic, the Library Development team has done tremendous work under challenging circumstances. The Special Collections unit has also stepped up to provide in depth reference service while the building has been closed.

**New Governor/MDHHS Policy:** On Sunday, November 15 Governor Whitmer and the Department of Health and Human Services tightened restrictions across the state again because of the rise of COVID cases. Libraries can remain open with 30% capacity and no public meetings. Many have closed and are providing curbside services only.

**FOLIO:** Michigan State University has signed a contract with FOLIO to be their ILS system. The Library of Michigan will continue to partner with MSU offering a joint catalog. Innovative did not submit a bid during the selection process.

**Building Opening:** At this time there are no established plans of when the Library of Michigan will be opening or when staff will be allowed in the building for regular work hours. With the recent spike in positive cases of COVID it is unlikely the building will be open before the spring.

**COVID in Building Again:** A staff member from the Archives of Michigan has tested positive for COVID-19. No LM staff have been in contact with this person. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> positive case in the building.

**Legislation Meeting:** Recently members of the LM, Michigan Department of Education Legislative Liaisons and MLA met to talk about how to better share information relating to legislation impacting libraries. The group will meet quarterly to share information and strategize on the best ways to make certain legislators are well informed.

**Timely Topics:** The Special Collections unit has been creating and sharing monthly resources on time sensitive topics (Eviction Moratoriums, Childhood Immunizations, Contact Tracing, etc.) with Legislature. During the shutdown, these tools have been greatly appreciated by the legislators and their staff.

**Special Collections' Children's Literature Book Talk Videos:** During the pandemic, the Special Collections unit has created 6 children's lit. videos. These videos are available on the LM web page and to all educators and students across the state. These videos are a small example of how the LM has been looking for new ways to connect with our user's groups during the shutdown.

**Connecting Michigan Taskforce:** Representatives from the LM and MDE have been asked to participate in this statewide taskforce looking at broadband challenges the state is facing. Members consist of representatives from all the key State of Michigan agencies and offices.

**MLA Virtual Conference:** The Michigan Library Association's virtual annual conference was a huge success. Roughly 825+ people participated in the three-day conference. LM staff made several presentations and staffed a virtual booth at the conference.

**Foundation CASE Statement Work:** R. Riley and T. Gleisner participated in the Foundations CASE study information gathering meeting. This meeting was created to help the foundation fine tune their message and allow them to better target their fundraising activities. There should be a final report in the next few weeks.

**Michigan Notable Books:** The Selection Committee is starting to finalize their 2021 list of MNB titles. This year has offered greater challenges to the review process because committee members had a harder time getting access to the books. T. Gleisner has steered the committee successfully through the challenges and hopes to have a final list in early December.

**Model SL21 Library:** Everett High School Library Media Center was recognized as this year's SL21 Model school library. Each year, a Model library is selected to mentor other school districts and model outstanding school librarianship. School Librarian Joy Currie brings life experiences to Lansing students as well as providing academic support. Currie has reached out to a variety of community groups to help students achieve in their academic and personal lives. Programs have included local landlords explaining how to rent a place to live, Michigan State University resident advisors presenting on campus life, cooking, and nutrition classes, and more. Learning is about academics, but also community life. Everett High School administration and the school library are striving to provide that high-level experience for their students. For the year they hold the honor of being the Model SL 21 library, the library and school librarian promote the development of high-quality programs initiatives in other schools. Everett High School Library Media Center staff are available for consultation with and visits from other school librarians and educators who want to learn more about the successful program.

**Meijer Interview for MNB:** R. Riley interviewed Hank Meijer as the finale to the 2020 MNB program. Mr. Meijer was scheduled to be the keynote speaker at the canceled Night for Notables event this past April. Meijer is a huge supporter of the MNB program.