

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
September 26, 2019**

**Call to Order** The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order by Board Chair Trish Burns on Thursday, September 26, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance** Members Present: Betsy Bacon (for Chief Justice Bridget McCormack), Trish Burns, Pam Christensen (*via phone*), Jen Crowley (*via phone*), Elaine Didier (*via phone*), Kyle Guerrant, Nancy Hmayed, Beata Kica, Stacy Nowicki, Judy Rapanos (*via phone*), Randy Riley, Kay Schwartz, Kristin Shelley, Amber Vrooman (for Senator Roger Victory).

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Tim Gleisner, Don Todaro.

Visitors: Kate Pohjola Andrade, Beth 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 MARCH 14, 2019 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair** Board Chair Trish Burns presented the Board Chair 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 in the Board packet.

**MCLS** The MCLS Report was included in the Board packet.

**MLA** Debbie Mikula presented the MLA Report, which was distributed at the meeting.

**MiALA** Beth Martin spoke about and distributed the MiALA report.

**State Librarian's Report**

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

Tim Gleisner, Head of Special Collections at the Library, spoke about the new Whisper Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library.

**Board Discussion – Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Board Discussion – New Business**

Kristin Shelley and Amber Vrooman agreed to participate on the committee to nominate a new Board chair and vice-chair for 2020.

**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 11:45 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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**Budget:**

If there is no budget by Oct. 1 there will be a shutdown of state government. Both sides are talking, and hope is that there will be a budget in place to prevent a disruption to Library of Michigan operations and services.

**Jim Harrison Exhibit:**

The exhibit Friends: An Exhibit of John 'Bud' Schulz's Jim Harrison Photographs is scheduled to open Saturday, Oct. 5. The exhibit includes never seen photographs and artifacts and ephemera from Jim Harrison's writing life. Free and open to the public.

**Whisper Room:**

The Library of Michigan has installed a Whisper Room in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor digitization lab. This sound booth will be used for interviews, oral histories, podcasts, etc.

**Library of Michigan Strategic Plan:**

Entering the final stages of drafting a 3-year strategic plan for the Library. The consultant will be holding final focus group meetings with libraries, state employees and targeting interest groups on Tuesday, Sept. 24. A plan is expected by the end of October 2019.

**Dr. Michael Rice:**

Dr. Rice has started as the new Superintendent of Public Instruction. He has a history of working with the local public library when in Kalamazoo. He has expressed an interest in broadening the discussion of how Michigan's libraries might be more impactful on K-12 education.

**State Librarian's Excellence Award:**

Capital Area District Library was selected as this year's recipient with Petoskey DL and Howe Memorial Library (Breckenridge) as citation recipients. They year had a strong pool of applications.

**New Library Leadership Academy for Small and Rural Libraries or Class 1-3 Libraries:**

The Library of Michigan is partnering with the University of Michigan School of Information to bring a Library Leadership Academy opportunity to small and rural public library staff. The deadline to apply was August 16.

The program focuses on leaders in a Class I – III public library in Michigan (<https://tinyurl.com/MiLibsClassSize>) eager to think big-picture about their library's role in its community. There are spots for 25 library leaders in total who will gather at various locations around the state to ponder the big questions of small and rural library impact. We'll work together on issues including identifying community needs and partners, creating summer reading programs that have more impact for less effort, strategic planning, effective practices with social media, and more. In May 2020, participants will share what they learned in a one-day conference.

Thanks to funding from the Library of Michigan, it is completely free to participate. Each participant's library will receive a \$2500 stipend to be used to cover a laptop, travel expenses, professional growth materials, and/or a substitute to cover for you while you are away. Additionally, each library will receive a \$1000 project stipend to support a local library initiative.

To learn more, visit the project website (<https://libacad.sites.uofmhosting.net/>), tune into one of our three upcoming informational session webinars (<https://libacad.sites.uofmhosting.net/info-sessions/>) or contact Kristin Fontichiaro, project director, at [libraryleadershipacademy@umich.edu](mailto:libraryleadershipacademy@umich.edu)

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If you have questions, please feel free to contact Shannon White at 517-33-51507, [whites29@michigan.gov](mailto:whites29@michigan.gov) or the project director Kristin Fontichiaro at [libraryleadershipacademy@umich.edu](mailto:libraryleadershipacademy@umich.edu) or call 734.647.3593.