

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
Monday, February 3, 2025

**Call to Order** The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Stacy Nowicki on Monday, February 3, 2025 at 10:02 a.m. in the fifth floor Board Room at the Library of Michigan.

**Attendance** Members Present: Alexis Antracoli, Audrey Barker, Ross Fort, Mia Murphy, Melissa Lambert, Stacy Nowicki, Steven D. Rigoni, Randy Riley.

Members Absent: Joe Calvaruso, Julianne Claydon, De’Janae Douglas, Megan Rose, Senator Roger Victory, Lance Werner.

Staff Present: Lori Poznanski-Mason (notetaker), Sarah Shaw, David Votta.

Guests/Partners: Christine Beachler, Steven Bowers (*via Zoom*), Scott Garrison, Mies Martin, Amber Sheerin.

**Mission Statement and Public Participation**

Board Chair Stacy Nowicki read the Mission Statement and the instructions for public participation.

**Agenda**

AUDREY BARKER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Meeting Minutes**

MIA MURPHY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 AND NOVEMBER 4, 2024 MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Board Reports**

**Board Chair**

Board Chair Stacy Nowicki presented her report.

**Board Members**

Board members presented their reports.

**Partnership Reports**

The reports from Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA), Michigan Association of School Librarians (MASL), and Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) were included in the Board packet.

Steven Bowers spoke about the LCM report via Zoom. The LCM report was available at the meeting and emailed to Board members.

Mies Martin reported on MiALA.

Christine Beachler presented the MASL report.

Scott Garrison highlighted the MCLS report.

Amber Sheerin shared the MLA report.

**State Librarian's Report**

State Librarian Randy Riley presented the State Library Report, which is attached.

New Foundation Director Sarah Shaw introduced herself.

Special Collections Manager David Votta presented Special Collections updates.

**Board Discussion – Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**Board Discussion – New Business**

STACY NOWICKI MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE AUDREY BARKER AS BOARD CHAIR. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. The vote for Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting.

Discussion was held regarding a resolution in support of IMLS-LSTA federal funds for libraries, and censorship and book-banning information. The State Librarian secretary will email the previous resolution in support of IMLS-LSTA federal funds crafted by Board members in 2019.

The Board determined the following meeting dates for 2025:

Monday, April 7

Monday, September 15

Monday, November 10

All meetings will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon in the 5<sup>th</sup> floor Board Room of the Michigan Library and Historical Center.

**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**Adjournment**

STEVE RIGONI MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:57 A.M.

Signature

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Audrey Barker, Board Chair

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Randy Riley, State Librarian

**State Librarian's Report  
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**Federal Grant Freeze:**

Early last week, the federal Office of Management and Budget (OMB) issued the attached memo ordering a pause in the disbursement of federal funding, effective at 5:00 p.m., January 28th, while federal agencies evaluate the compatibility of this funding with the administration's priorities. The memo included LSTA funds allotted to the Library of Michigan (LM) by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). LM uses LSTA funds to support MeL, subgrants to libraries, continuing education stipends and other statewide library services and resources.

Late on January 29, we received notice that the federal OMB has rescinded this order. Please be aware that contracts related to MeL, including the MeL databases and MeLCat, were already paid for the current fiscal year, ending on 9/30/2025, prior to the "pause" and any "freezing" of federal funds would not impact the delivery of these services during this fiscal year.

Conversation now centers on the authority of the issued memo, EOs and the attempts to issue a temporary restraining order (TRO). We will be monitoring the situation and sharing information as it becomes available.

***State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice Issues Statement Regarding White House Rescission Of OMB Federal Grants and Loans Order***

*January 29, 2025*

*LANSING – Responding to today's White House [rescission](#) of an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [order](#) to pause federal grants and loans, State Superintendent Dr. Michael F. Rice is issuing the following statement: "It was good to see the White House rescission of the federal Office of Management and Budget order to freeze federal grants and loans, an order that sparked alarm and confusion in Michigan and other parts of the country. The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) will remain vigilant with its colleague agencies across state government to protect resources that serve children, families, and educators across our great state."*

*Yesterday, MDE and other state agencies had worked with Attorney General Dana Nessel and the Department of the Attorney General to join a 22-state lawsuit that opposed the pause in federal grants and loans.*

**Voices for Libraries Event:**

Librarians from Michigan will be attending Chief Officers of State Library Agencies' (COSLA) Voices for Libraries event in March. These conversations on the hill may be even more important with the recent attempts to freeze federal grant spending. The Michigan delegation will include:

1. Stephen Bowers, The Library Network (TLN)
2. John Clepton, Gladwin County District Library
3. Jenny Marr, Capital Area District Libraires
4. Larry Neal, Clinton-Macomb Public Library
5. R. Riley, Library of Michigan

6. Megan Rose, Dickinson County Library and LM Board
7. Paul Gazzolo, Gale Cengage
8. Tom Jacobson, Clarivate/Proquest/Innovative
9. Ann Arbor based Clarivate employee

### **Preferred Futures Training:**

Leadership of the Business, Health and Library Services (BHLS) group of MDE are going through "Preferred Futuring" training by Orion Solutions. The training is helping to get offices within BHLS on the same page when drafting strategies for delivering a variety of services and programs statewide. All directors and managers have gone through two days of workshops and will have periodic scheduled virtual and in person meetings and coaching sessions in the upcoming months.

### **Holocaust and America Exhibit:**

The American Library Association and Holocaust Memorial Museum exhibit in partnership with Michigan State University will be hosted by the LM in the Lake Huron Room through February. All board members are encouraged to visit and explore the exhibit.

### **MDE's List of Priorities Letter to the Legislature:**

The risk of losing the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) databases and MeLCat were included in Dr. Rice's letter to the legislature outlining budget priorities in the coming session. With talks to eliminate the Institute for Museums and Library Services (IMLS) and the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding puts all MeL programs at risk. The need for additional state support will be crucial if federal funding goes away.

### **Interviews for the Consultant Positions:**

M. Bradley has started the process of interview candidates for the Continuing Education (CE) Consultant, MeL Coordinator and Library Technology Consultant positions. The hope is to have the three new employees hired in the early spring.

### **Staff Updates:**

Financial Specialist Louise Loftus started December 9. LM's Financial Analyst left January 31, 2025.

A new Foundation Director, Sarah Shaw, started January 14. The former Chief Development Officer, Tricia Headley, has been helping to onboard her and her last day was January 31.

### **IMLS Alliance Group:**

R. Riley and S. Garrison of the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS) are part of a national group of vendors, publishers, COSLA and library leaders discussing what steps need to be taken to defend the importance of IMLS. This group provides an opportunity for the business sector of the library space to make clear what the negative impact of reducing library funding would have on their industry. If you or someone you know would be a good addition to this group, please reach out to R. Riley.

### **FY 2023-24 LM Annual Report:**

The FY2023-24 LM Annual Report was approved by MDE and sent to the Governor and Legislators on January 2, 2025.