

**LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
Thursday, November 16, 2023**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Library of Michigan (LM) Board of Trustees was called to order by Board President Stacy Nowicki on Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 10:04 a.m. in the fifth floor Board Room at the Library of Michigan.

Attendance

Members Present: Audrey Barker, Megan Buck (*via Zoom*), De’Janae Douglas, Ross Fort, Terry McDonald, Stacy Nowicki, Steven D. Rigoni, Randy Riley, Lance Werner.

Members Absent: Julianne Claydon, Brian Larkin, Jr., Senator Roger Victory.

Staff Present: Eric Kennedy, Janice Selberg, Lori Poznanski-Mason (notetaker), Don Todaro, Becky Wartella.

Guests/Partners: Teri Belcher, Scott Garrison (*via Zoom*).

Mission Statement

Board Chair Stacy Nowicki read the Mission Statement.

Agenda

LANCE WERNER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Meeting Minutes

AUDREY BARKER MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE APRIL 20, 2023 AND SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 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 the Michigan Cooperative Directors Association (MCDA), the Michigan Association for Media in Education (MAME), the Midwest Collaborative for Library Services (MCLS), the Michigan Academic Library Association (MiALA), and the Michigan Library Association (MLA) were included in the Board packet.

Teri Belcher provided the MASL report.

Scott Garrison presented the MCLS report.

State Librarian’s Report

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

Law and Federal Documents Librarian Janice Selberg presented updates on the Law Library. Law Reference Librarian Eric Kennedy spoke about the Michigan Legal Self Help Center.

**Board Discussion –
Old Business**

It was determined that State Librarian Randy Riley will be the Library of Michigan Foundation representative.

**Board
Discussion –
New Business**

Stacy Nowicki was nominated for Chair and Lance Werner was nominated for Vice-Chair. The Chair declared the nominee elected as there were no additional candidates.

The Board reviewed and discussed the *Public Participation in Library of Michigan Board Meetings* document. LANCE WERNER MADE A MOTION TO AMEND ARTICLE VI, SECTION 7 OF THE BYLAWS TO INCLUDE THE *PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN BOARD MEETINGS* DOCUMENT. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The Board determined the 2024 Library of Michigan Board meeting dates as follows:

- Monday, February 5
- Monday, April 22
- Monday, September 16
- Monday, November 18

**Public
Participation**

There was no public participation.

Adjournment

LANCE WERNER MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 11:22 A.M.

Signature

Signature

Stacy Nowicki, Board Chair

Randy Riley, State Librarian

State Librarian Report
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Interviews for LM Positions: Recommendations for the Special Collections Manager, Library Development Manager positions have been sent to HR. The plan is to have offers and acceptances by the end of the year.

State Board of Education Presentation: C. Membiela and R. Riley made a presentation to the SBE on Tuesday, November 14. The board wants to hear more about “best practices” relating to reconsideration policies for school libraries. There was a mixed response from the board.

FY25 Budgeting: MDE requested that the LM submit several Request for Change forms for FY25. The ask included new positions and funds for digitization and collection development. Based on the number of MDE request the budget requests have been split between the FY25 and FY26 budgets. The process is competitive, but LM has not been a priority for several budget cycles.

COSLA Annual Fall Meeting: COSLA members met in Newport, RI October – November 1. Book challenges were a large topic of discussion. No state expressed that they were not facing any issues around challenges. COSLA is coordinating conversations with ALA and identifying the best ways to advocate for library funding nationally. COSLA will be participating in a fly-in to Washington, DC in early March. Members had a chance to talk with Senator Jack Reed (RI) and Crosby Kemper, Director of IMLS.

State Librarian’s Excellence Award: The selection committee met and finalized this year’s SLEA recipients. An official press release with the names of the individual libraries was issued before the MLA Conference Awards ceremony. Fremont Area DL (class IV) was recognized as the 2023 SLEA library and Sunfield DL (class I) and Michigan Tech. (academic library) were recognized with citations of excellence. The Library of Michigan Foundation supports this award. It was awarded on Wednesday, Oct.18 at the MLA Annual Conference. The recognized library will receive a \$3,000 cash prize and a trophy for display in its public area. Two Citations of Excellence will be presented, and the recipient libraries receive \$1,000 and a trophy for display.

MCLS Board Retreat: R. Riley participated in MCLS’s board retreat focusing on creation of a strategic plan for the organization. The LM has a unique role within the organization as a customer, owner, board member and partner. Issues over equity of services to Indiana and Michigan continues be a large part of the conversation.

Keynote for Night for Notables Selected: Author Stephen Mack Jones as agreed to serve as the MNB program’s keynote speaker at the 2024 N4N event on Saturday, April 20. Jones has been recognized in the past by the MNB program.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
IN
LIBRARY OF MICHIGAN BOARD MEETINGS**

1. The Library of Michigan (LM) Board welcomes comment from the public on library related issues, regardless of whether the issue is on the day's agenda. An opportunity for public comments will be made before adjournment of the meeting.
2. The persons wishing to address the LM Board will be asked to identify themselves as to name and address, and may indicate the organization to which they belong, if any. In those instances, in which a person is representing an organization, the presenter should indicate whether the presentation represents the official views of the organization.
3. All persons wishing to address the LM Board must declare their intent to the LM Board on the appropriate form prior to the beginning of the portion of the meeting devoted to public participation.
4. The public participation segment of the meeting will have a limitation of one hour. (Exception noted in number 5)
5. Each presentation will be limited to three minutes except in instances in which the number of speakers will exceed the time limitation. The Chair may reduce the three-minute period to a lesser amount at the beginning of the public participation. Depending on the number of persons wishing to address the LM Board the one-hour limitation in such instances may be extended to permit every person to present views to the Board.
6. In those instances, in which more than three persons wish to present their views to the LM Board and represent a single organizational unit or a consortium-type organizational unit, such presentation shall be limited to one spokesperson with five minutes of opportunity or up to three presenters of two minutes each.
7. All written statements should be given to the LM Board (state librarian) in order that they may be made available to the members of the LM Board. Lengthy written statements which may not have been completely presented within the time limitation will be made available to the State Librarian who will reproduce them for the information of the LM Board.
8. Items identified during public participation requiring LM Board consideration will be reviewed at the end of the meeting when the Board is discussing the agenda for the next meeting. A request may be made to staff to prepare a background document for Board consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Procedures for Making Oral Statements Before the Library of Michigan Board

All documents distributed during LM Board meetings are part of the public meeting and, therefore, shall be considered public documents.

The presentations made by individuals during public participation should take into consideration the rules of common courtesy. The presenters should keep in mind that all statements made at a public meeting become a matter of public record. It is the responsibility of the presenter that all statements made are accurate and based on facts.

It is the practice of the LM Board not to respond to comments heard during the public participation portion of the meeting. Questions for clarification are appropriate, but a presenter should not expect to carry on a dialogue with any Board Member(s).