

Northern Lights Library Network Governing Board

Minutes

**October 17, 2009
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Erin Smith (for Walt Dunlap), Stan Iverson, Gay Galles.

Also present: Renee Gravelin from Eide Bailly, Ruth Solie, Deb Keena

Absent: Ruth Holmgren, Erika Rux, Walt Dunlap, Lina Belar, Tom Peterson.

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 10:00 AM.
2. Renee Gravelin presented the NLLN audit report for FY2009. The audit went very well. There was a discussion about the 990 form. There was a motion to accept the Eide Bailly audit report and the 990 tax return as submitted by Eide Bailly. Kalbakdalen/Galles MCU.
3. Agenda was adopted as presented.
4. Minutes from August 15, 2009, meeting were approved as presented.
5. Financial reports for August - September, 2009, were presented and approved without change. Kalbakdalen/Smith MCU.
6. Director's Report: The Report to the NLLN Governing Board for 2007-2009, the print version, was distributed and reviewed. This report will be posted on the NLLN website and notice of it will be sent out electronically to the NLLN library community. Print versions are available upon request.
7. North Star Library Consortium: Nearing the end of the E2T2 Grant, round 2. We have been very successful in this round, nearly doubling the size of the Consortium (currently 155 libraries are included). We will have an opportunity to apply for a round 3 (ARRA funds) in November. The focus of this round will be on integrating technology in the classrooms, and will be particularly appropriate for the staff development efforts of the Consortium.
8. Discussions on the MEMO and MLA conferences (NLLN provided laptops for the Internet Café at the MLA Conference; they were much appreciated. The multitype systems provided the conference with wireless Internet access in addition to the Café). Other CE events included the "Back in School" workshop with 60 people in attendance.

The “Just in Time” Destiny training had 14 people attend; Gay Galles was the presenter for this workshop.

9. The Financial Procedure Manual: Ruth and Joyce will meet in November to go over the procedures.

10. New Business:

- A. The MLA/MEMO Legislative Platform, as adopted by the 2 organizations was reviewed. It is a bonding year so the platform is fairly brief; MSUM has several proposed bonding projects supported by the platform.
- B. Discounted purchasing program: Minitex and several of the multitype systems (but not NLLN) negotiate with library vendors for discounts on purchases made by member libraries for equipment, supplies and possibly books. The multitypes have decided to promote just the Minitex program. This will be a good partnership for NLLN on behalf of our member libraries.
- C. E2T2 grant – discussed earlier.
- D. Continuing Education: Ruth discussed the areas of need relative to CE offerings made by NLLN. One topic is of widespread interest: the transition from K12 to higher ed and from college to the workforce. Libraries need to be doing a better (and earlier) job of teaching information technology skills and multiple literacies. This might be an area in which NLLN can work with different types of libraries. Another need: help friends, trustees, and library advocates to create stronger organizations and to be stronger library advocates. The consolidation at the national level of Friends and Trustees and Advocates (ALTOFF) might provide some resources for promoting stronger programs in our region..
- E. Other: Joan Larson received the MLA Distinguished Service Award at the MLA Annual Conference. This nomination had been submitted by the NLLN Governing Board. It was a grand moment – and well deserved!

11. Adjourned

Next meeting December 12, 2009. Graystone Hotel, Detroit Lakes, MN

Gay Galles, Secretary pro tem