

**Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board**

Minutes

**February 21, 2009
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel, Lower Level
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Joan Larson, Erika Rux, Lina Belar.

Also Present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena

Absent: Tom Peterson, Walt Dunlap, Gay Galles, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Stan Iverson.

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 10:04 AM. Lacking a quorum, the chair declared this a Committee of the Whole meeting. All actions taken today will be certified at the next Governing Board meeting.
2. Agenda: was adopted as amended.
3. Minutes: The minutes of December 13, 2008, were approved as presented. Belar/Rux
4. Financial Reports: Financial reports for December 2008 and January 2009 were approved as presented. Rux/Belar
5. Old Business:
 - A. Professional Engagement Funds: These funds are officially being used, guidelines and forms are posted on the web and, to date, have been used by Gay Galles and Stacy Voeller.
 - B. Mobile laptop lab: Ruth continues to investigate what and how to purchase computers; plans to have them available by the next meeting.
 - C. Legislative update: Reviewed the platform and Ruth presented the CapWiz site for online library advocacy alerts and actions .
 - D. NLLN future: Ruth presented possible scenarios for NLLN future if significant structure or financial changes occur. Until the legislature completes its work this Spring, however, no action can be taken at this time.
 - E. Annual Meeting: For 2009, the April Annual meeting will be primarily board, but a general invitation will be issued for any who might be interested to share concerns about library futures in our area; we will also investigate “things” from 23 Things on a Stick Program, and look at uses of new games/gadgets available to libraries.
6. New Business:
 - A. Library Legislative Day: If anyone on the Governing Board wants to attend, Ruth/NLLN will make it possible.
 - B. State Library Plan: The draft plan as submitted by the state librarian to the library community was not well received. Tom Shaughnessy and Ann Walker Smalley will write a draft plan for the consideration of the State Library Advisory Council at their April meeting. After that, the state library plan will be disseminated more broadly to the library community for further conceptual development.
 - C. MN Multitype Library Systems: Despite disrupted and re-scheduled meetings, the 7 multitypes have been working more closely together on a number of collaborative projects. During the April meeting (if not prevented by weather again) the multitype systems plan to discuss more state-wide initiatives and future of partnerships.

- D. Lina Belar, History Museum of East Otter Tail County: presented a description of current projects they would like to pursue and asked for NLLN support in making local history digitization projects possible. Lina would like to submit a proposal to NLLN requesting help in facilitating these projects. The Board would be willing to entertain a proposal.
7. Director's Report: Presentation on 23 Things on a Stick/More Things on a Stick was postponed due to technical difficulty. 42 NLLN library staff are currently registered for "More Things on a Stick". This presentation and hands-on exploration will take place at the April meeting.
 8. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009, at a location to be announced.

Erika Rux, Secretary