

# Northern Lights Library Network Governing Board

## Minutes

**June 20, 2009  
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM  
Graystone Hotel  
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Erika Rux, Lina Belar, Walt Dunlap, Gay Galles, Stan Iverson, Joyce Kalbakdalen.

Also present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena.

Absent: Joan Larson, Tom Peterson.

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 10:00 AM.
2. Agenda was adopted as presented.
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  - A. Minutes of April 18, 2009 Governing Board meeting approved as presented.
  - B. Minutes of May 13, 2009 Executive Board meeting approved as presented.
4. Financial Reports April – May 2009 were reviewed and were approved as presented. MCU Kalbakdalen/Galles. After a review of the FY2009 budget YTD, there was a motion to transfer \$4,000.00 from #6157 to #6105. MCU Kalbakdalen/Belar; and a motion to transfer \$4,000.00 from #6205\*\*\* to #6125. MCU Kalbakdalen/Iverson.
5. Old Business:
  - A. Director's review: Iverson reported that all responses were favorable.
  - B. Executive Board meeting: Ruth has been doing a lot of travel and this will continue this summer; Ruth would like to create a document to make staff in member libraries more aware of opportunities for support/programs available from NLLN.
  - C. Legislative update: Discussion of communications from the legislative lobbyist. Although NLLN has not seen cuts so far, the 73/23% shift in Education Funding is potentially \$58,000 loss to NLLN if not paid out. Ruth suggested that reserves and doing more "cost recovery" programming/continuing education would enable us to weather this potential setback. The shift will have a larger impact on schools and public libraries.
  - D. North Star Library Consortium: Has nearly doubled in the past year to 153 member libraries; expanding statewide; looking for ways to delegate administration to local bodies; training is ongoing and more is always desired; 1.7 million records. Growth due to word-of-mouth promotion; self sustaining enterprise; evaluation has discovered many interesting things and indicates avenues for improvement.
  - E. Continuing Ed. almost 40 days during the year that NLLN was involved with

opportunities directly, shared, or in partnership with other agencies; 755 people participated in these events. Altogether, NLLN spent approx \$5,000 for CE activities and about \$7,000 of E2T2 funds for NSLC training and staff development. 27 CE scholarships were awarded this year: 9 to academic staff, 11 to school staff members; 7 to public library staff. These covered a wide range of activities. Reports are posted on the website and each report expresses gratitude for the funds and the ability to participate in continuing education activities.

6. New Business:

- A. NLLN Strategic Plan, 2008-2010 review: A motion to approve the NLLN Strategic Plan for 2008-2010 without change was made. MCU Kalbakdalen/Dunlap.
- B. NLLN FY2010 Budget: The draft NLLN FY2010 budget was discussed and adopted after minor changes. MCU Iverson/Dunlap.
- C. NLLN FY2010 Operating Grant application was reviewed and approved as submitted. MCU Kalbakdalen/Galles.
- D. Election of Officers for FY2010: Nominations by the committee:
  - President: Paul Bursik
  - Vice President: Walt Dunlap
  - Treasurer: Joyce Kalbakdalen
  - Secretary: Erika RuxA motion for unanimous approval of the slate was made. MCU Belar/Iverson
- E. Delivery Grant letters of application: Shared letters of application from the regional public library systems; same message of need and gratitude in all.
- F. MN Book Award book distribution: Ruth has books to distribute; she is looking for ways to connect libraries with free books; will have books available for general distribution after August meeting.
- G. Retiring Board members recognition: Four terms expiring; Joan Larson will be leaving the board; others will continue for another term. Ruth will deliver a gift of appreciation and card for the many years of outstanding service that Joan Larson devoted to NLLN and to libraries everywhere.

7. Adjournment.

Next meeting: August 15, 2009 Graystone Hotel, Detroit Lakes

Erika Rux, Secretary