

South Dakota State Library Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting
July 29, 2021, at 1:30 pm CT
Video Conference Call
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present Tom Nelson, Jane Norling, Monte Loos, and Travis Aslesen

Members Absent Natalie Anderson, Janice Minder, and Judy Trzynka

Others Present Kathleen Slocum, Laura Kelly, Sarah Easter, Barb Nickolas, Lynda Lowin, Cheyenne Chontos, Dustin Larmore, Scottie Bruch, Shawn Behrends, Kate Kosior (joined at 2 pm) Brenda Hemmelman, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library.

**Call to Order/
Roll call**

Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 1:34 pm CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.

Point of Personal Privilege Nelson stated House Bill 1127 that went into effect July 1, 2021, allows meetings like the Library Board not to have roll call votes on every item. The only time the board has to roll call is the initial roll call for attendance or if the chair is in doubt of the result of a vote.

**Declaration of
Conflicts of
Interest**

Norling declared a conflict with Item VI, section b. American Rescue Plan Act. Norling is the Director of the Beresford Public Library and applied for a grant on behalf of the library.

Welcome

President Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Approval of
Minutes**

A MOTION was made by Loos and seconded by Norling to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2021 meeting. MOTION CARRIED

**Report of the
Interim State
Librarian**

Brenda Hemmelman introduced herself to the board and reported on:

- Personnel
 - Kate Kosior started May 24, 2021, as the Braille and Talking Book Manager.
 - Cheyenne Chontos started May 24, 2021, as the Technology Coordinator.
 - Working remotely from Sioux Falls.
 - Working with libraries across the state on things like e-rate, making sure library's technology is up to date, making sure new technology is appropriate, and Cornerstone Newsletter.
 - Will be doing site visits in the future.
 - Scottie Bruch started July 9th as the new School Library Technology Coordinator.

- Replacing Alissa Adams who will be leaving August 6, 2021.
 - Working remotely from Whitewood.
- American Rescue Plan act
 - A press release will be released later today.
 - \$1.9 million to School, Public, and Academic libraries.
 - Libraries are purchasing:
 - New technology to replace outdated equipment
 - Podcasting equipment for new services for patrons
 - Books/audio books/e-books
 - New furniture with embedded technology
 - Library automation software
 - Smartboards and Promethean boards
 - The final reports and site visits will be done before September of 2022.
- Carson Block, Consultant
 - Hired to do our LSTA 5-year plan evaluation (2018-2022).
 - Evaluation is required by IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services).
 - Carson will be evaluating the question: Did the State Library do what was stated in the plan?
 - The final report is due by January 2022.
- LSTA 5-year Plan
 - Based on Carson's evaluation of the current plan.
 - Carson's evaluation will be used to craft the new 5-year plan.
 - Due to IMLS by June 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

Update on State Librarian search process

No new information is available. Hemmelman will contact the Bureau of Human Resources to get a copy of the old job requisition but will likely have to make some changes or possibly re-write the job description. There are other State Librarian positions open throughout the US; Hemmelman has been looking at their job descriptions to see what they are looking for and their responsibilities.

NEW BUSINESS

SDLA Virtual Conference

The annual SDLA Conference will be held virtually September 29-30, 2021. If any board members would like to attend, please contact Quynn.

Terms expiring

Judy Trzynka and Natalie Anderson's terms will expire on October 30, 2021. Nelson spoke with Judy and her son and doesn't believe that she will seek another term.

Staff Reports

Kathleen Slocum, Continuing Education Coordinator

The Public Library Institute was just held at Northern State University the first week of June. It was a huge success with 30 librarians and trustees from 29 communities. This year the theme was resources. Lynn Klundt from Beulah Williams Library talked about fake news, Wikipedia, and how to use Google resources. Kathleen Sullivan is a guru using government data. She taught our librarians how to use their local resources to validate what they are doing and to share with their community members and city council. Jared McEntaffer, Benchmark Data, taught them how to use visualization to tell your story. Library director Ashia Gustafson and Sarah Jones-Lutter taught social media and marketing. Multiple State Library staff covered resources, databases, ILL, and government data.

Scottie Bruch, School Library Technology Coordinator

Scottie is the new school library technology coordinator and has been working with Alissa Adams for the last few weeks. They have been working on ExCITE! which is currently in session throughout July. This year's theme was "Textual Literacy" which focused on supporting the first strand of the SD School Library Standards. Attendees focused on how they as librarians and educators can support reading and engaging for academic and personal growth.

The course content was structured and developed by Alissa Adams. Six SD educators helped develop online content for the two-credit college course offered in partnership with Black Hills State University. ExCITE! Is funded through LSTA and IMLS. Plans are underway for 2022.

Scottie also briefly introduced herself to the board.

Kate Kosior, Braille and Talking Book Manager

The BTB summer reading program had 35 participants and ran for 6 weeks. The theme this year was Tails and Tales and was more interactive than in past years. For those that returned their reading chart, there will be a drawing for prizes.

Q & A from Board

None.

Next Meeting	September 29, 2021, in Pierre. Time is tentatively 1:30 pm CT.
Public Comment	None
Adjournment	A MOTION was made by Loos and seconded by Norling to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 pm CT.