

South Dakota State Library Board

MINUTES

Regular Meeting

July 20, 2023, at 1:30 pm CT
South Dakota State Library
800 Governors Drive, Pierre SD 57501-2235

REGULAR MEETING

Members Present	Jane Norling, Bob Frieberg, Tom Nelson, Janice Minder, Kim Borsch, and Travis Aslesen
Members Absent	Stacey Kvale
Others Present	Wynne Sayer, Barb Nickolas, Cheyenne Chontos, Scottie Bruch, Shawn Behrends, Brenda Hemmelman, Robyn Ladd-Moeckly, Kim Bonen, Paul Giovanetti, George Seamon, and Quynn Verhelst; State Library.
Call to Order/ Roll call	President Nelson called the regular meeting to order at 1:35 pm CT. Verhelst read the roll call. There was a quorum.
Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	None.
Adoption of Agenda	<p>Nelson amended agenda item VIII. A. confirmation of newly appointed board member, be moved to the beginning of the meeting after the welcome.</p> <p>A MOTION was made by Aslesen and seconded by Norling to approve the agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED</p>
Welcome	Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting.
New Business	<p>VIII. A. Confirmation of Newly appointed board member, Kim Borsch. Term is June 27, 2023 to October 30, 2025.</p> <p>A MOTION was made by Minder and seconded by Aslesen to approve the appointment of Kim Borsch as a board member. MOTION CARRIED</p>
Approval of Minutes	<p>Norling mentioned the format was different for the members and non-members.</p> <p>A MOTION was made by Norling and seconded by Borsch to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2023, meeting as written. MOTION CARRIED</p>

**Report of the
State Librarian**

George Seamon reported on:

- **ALS Update (formerly Braille and Talking Book)**
 - In the process of being reorganized
 - Two team members Marcia Kaup and Lynda Lowin, retired
 - Kate Kosior, manager, resigned and moved back to New York.
 - Abby Wright was recently hired to fill Marcia Kaup's position as reader advisor; Interviewing candidates for Lynda Lowin's position.
 - Kathleen Slocum, SDSL CE Coordinator, is serving as interim manager.
- **Courier Update**
 - Some concern we may lose our courier in SD.
 - Worked with MINITEX to continue to use our current vendor.
 - A new agreement is in place. There is about a \$20,000 increase in cost for that service.
- **BOR Meeting Update**
 - Met with the libraries at the Board of Regents and Janice Minder.
 - Good discussions; looking forward to working with the academic libraries.
- **Conference and Training**
 - Public Library Institute (PLI)
 - George attended PLI this year.
 - 4-year training open to all public libraries.
 - ExCite
 - Geared towards school librarians.
 - Support, networking opportunities, and education they need.
 - Black Hills Mini-Conference
 - Keynote speech.
 - SDSL Regional Training
 - Strategic Planning
 - Sessions were held in Sturgis, Mitchell, Pierre, and online.
 - Literacy Conference
 - October 2023
 - SDLA in Rapid City
- **Construction**
 - Emergency exit installed in the library area.

OLD BUSINESS **None**

NEW BUSINESS **Recognition of board reappointment**

Jane Norling was reappointed to the State Library board. Her term will end on October 30, 2025.

Board Terms Expiring

Tom Nelson and Travis Aslesen's terms will be up on October 30, 2023. Both are willing to continue to serve another term.

Recognition of Board Service

Recognition of Monte Loos. Monte has been on the board since 2009. He was President for many years. A good mentor and very dedicated to the library.

Discussion regarding how to recognize board members going forward.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Frieberg and seconded by Aslesen to have SDSL staff pursue the purchasing of a plaque. MOTION CARRIED.

Board Member Orientation

Seamon presented the first of four parts of board orientation. This part covered appointment terms (SDCL 14-1-55), Office of the State Library Board (SDCL 14-1-56), Policy-Making Functions of the Board (SDCL 14-1-59), General Powers of the Board (SDCL 14-1-60), and Advisory Function of the Board – Administrative Function of the State Librarian (SDCL 14-1-64).

Next meeting Seamon plans on covering Administrative Rules 24:30.

Staff Reports

Cheyenne Chontos – Technology Coordinator

Cheyenne gave a Library Technology Coordinator update including Citizen Science Kits, Strategic Planning, and Safe Place Webinars.

Two different Citizen Science kits, Observing Pollinators kit and Exploring Biodiversity, allow the user to participate in citizen science. The data they collect and share is then used by scientists globally. There are four kits housed at the SD State Library, 5 kits hosted by 5 academic libraries, and 29 kits hosted at 19 Game, Fish, and Parks locations.

The State Library held a spring Regional Training focused on Strategic Planning. The training was held at Sturgis Public Library, the SD State Library, Mitchell Public Library, and online via Zoom. Huron Public Library and Deadwood Carnegie Library are currently drafting their strategic plans.

Partnered with Safe Place of Eastern South Dakota. They provided a series of awareness webinars on domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault awareness and prevention, and human trafficking 101. Several domestic violence shelters across the state will now be offering these types of webinars to other types of career professionals such as hairdressers and beauty salons.

Scottie Bruch – School Library Coordinator

Scottie reported on the value of school librarians, who the SD school librarian is and what they do, and what the SD State Library provides.

“What a school thinks about its library is a measure of what it feels about education.” Harold Howe. Scottie referenced the documentary Overdue: The Value of School Librarians Advocacy Documentary. The documentary goes into all the things school librarians do and what that means for their school, students, staff, and everyone involved. When a school and district really value its school librarian, we see that in a lot of different areas such as test results, reading proficiency, and literacy.

Districts and schools in SD are not required to employ a certified teacher-librarian or a certified teacher with a library endorsement. What this means for SD is 23% are certified teacher-librarians. They are certified teachers and have an endorsement or a minor/major/master in library methods. 13% are certified teachers and are working as a librarian but do not have an education in library methods, no endorsement. 64% are

paraprofessionals, they are not working under the guidance of certified teacher-librarian or certified teacher. They are considered the school librarian but do not have any certification, endorsements, or possibly any education in library methods. 80% of all school librarians are also serving in multiple roles such as office staff, substitute teacher, recess monitor, lunch monitor, study hall monitor, and tech coordinator. Their time is very divided and sometimes the time they give to the library is not adequate.

During the 2022-23 school year, 8,600 students visited school libraries independently every day. 6,100 classes visited school libraries every week. 84% of students checked out at least one book. SD School Librarians do more than just check out books, they provide programs, activities, and resources that link literacy and student interests.

The State Library is here to be a guide and help school librarians navigate their rapidly evolving world. We offer professional development opportunities, professional resources, book services, and opportunities to network and share ideas.

Q & A from Board

There was some discussion on bringing a certified librarian program back to SD to which Minder responded she would need to do some research on the matter.

Minder also replied if one of the roles of the board is rulemaking, should the board consider making school librarian certification a requirement? Seamon agreed that this could be a broader discussion.

Aslesen thanked Brenda Hemmelman and SD staff for the weekly SD School Library listserv posts. They are very informative and thorough. A great resource.

Norling suggested a school librarian version of the Public Library Training Institute, taking pieces of the ExCite training and other information to possibly provide a certificate for school librarians.

Scottie replied ExCite and some of the other courses she offers can be taken grad or undergrad credit through USF. However, since we are dealing with certification/teacher certification and how DOE does certification it would have to fall under that division?

Seamon will discuss with DOE and see what role we can play.

Next Meeting	Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 1:30 pm CT via zoom.
Public Comment	None
Adjournment	A MOTION was made by Minder and seconded by Aslesen to adjourn the meeting at 2:38 pm CT.