

**Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board**

Minutes

**December 12, 2009
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Lina Belar, Ruth Holmgren, Stan Iverson, Erika Rux, Walt Dunlap, Chris McArthur

Also present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 10:02 AM.
2. Agenda was adopted as presented. Kalbakdalen/Holmgren MCU.
3. Minutes from October 17, 2009, meeting were approved as presented. Kalbakdalen/Iverson MCU.
4. Financial reports from October/November, 2009, were accepted as presented. Kalbakdalen/Dunlap MCU. We are hoping for a second installment of State Operating Grant; no real indication that we will not, but state situation makes it question
5. Old Business:
 - A. North Star Library Consortium: Overview of state maps; second E2T2 grant ending in December; very successful as we more than doubled the number of consortium members (79 new sites added in round 2). Red Lake Schools with Region 1/NLLN/CMLE et al has applied for a third E2T2 grant to be used primarily for professional/staff development for educators/information literacy.
 - B. Spotlight on Books: Three authors are signed up for this year's Spotlight on Books: Henry Cole, Ben Mickaelsen and Dora Dokas on April 23 & 24; as fiscal agent, NLLN may look for funding partners to help underwrite cost of the Conference.
 - C. Funding issues: NLLN is solvent for at least this and next fiscal year, relying on reserve funds if there is a reduction or elimination of state funding; the next biennium will be very rough.
 - D. Scholarship and Professional Engagement Funds: Scholarships are going well – funding Continuing Education for many individuals; the Professional Engagement Funds program is gaining momentum; three individuals have received awards for their continued work in professional endeavors.
6. New Business:
 - A. Mileage rate: The mileage rate is decreasing to \$.50 per mile on January 1, 2010. Motion to adopt this rate: Kalbakdalen/Belar MCU.
 - B. New Board members: Tom Peterson has resigned from the Board as Kitchigami representative. NLLN Governing Board needs two from the Kitchigami region and one from the Viking region. Brainstorming on how to entice new members; suggestion for details in invitation letter; also maybe description of current board.
 - C. 2010 Annual Meeting: A possibility: invite people who have benefited from NLLN programs/services and showcase their work or experience. Invite legislators? Lina suggested In Their Own Words Veteran's Museum in Perham as location for meeting. The Board will think about Greatest Generation tie-in for speaker. (Lina, Erika, Stan, and Paul will help with the planning).

- D. Report from Internet Librarian: Ruth and Erika shared their experience at Internet Librarian and how it effecting their work in NLLN and Concordia College; fabulous conference – came home energized and full of new ideas.
 - E. Maps/PR piece/Multitype web presence: Ruth shared ideas for project to put together program/resources to help people at pivot points of life. Ruth shared one-page sheet about NLLN services to individuals which will be the beginning of a brochure for distribution to personnel in the NLLN region.
 - F. Other: NLLN office closed Dec. 23rd to Dec. 31st. Ruth will send Christmas card to libraries from the board and Ruth. Stan shared National Education report on Latin. Report available on YouTube (Stan is interviewed!).
7. Meeting adjourned at 12:12pm.

Erika Rux, Secretary