

**Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board**

Minutes

**February 16, 2008
10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Graystone Hotel, Lower Level
Detroit Lakes, MN**

Present: Paul Bursik, Joan Larson, Lina Belar, Erika Rux, Stan Iverson, Tom Peterson, Chris McArthur (Alternate for Brook Berg).

Also present: Ruth Solie, Deb Keena

Absent: Brook Berg, Joyce Kalbakdalen, Walt Dunlap.

1. Meeting was called to order by President Paul Bursik at 10:05 AM.
2. Agenda: The Agenda, as amended, was approved. Iverson/Peterson. MCU
3. Minutes of December 15, 2007: Minutes accepted as presented. Peterson/Iverson. MCU
4. Financial Reports: Financial reports for December, 2007, and January, 2008, were approved as submitted. Larson/Iverson. MCU
5. Unfinished Business:
 - A. North Star Library Consortium: Churches in Alexandria have withdrawn from the Consortium for a variety of reasons and their money has been refunded. A different approach using either alternative software or web-based services will be used for these and other church libraries in the NLLN region. Destiny training was held for the new Consortium members in January.
 - B. Ruth discussed the possibility of submitting an E2T2 grant that would allow the current North Star Library Consortium to migrate to a newly-offered Follett consortium platform, to add new members from the NLLN region, and to begin opening the Consortium to schools in the Central Minnesota Library Exchange (St Cloud) region. Motion to participate in E2T2 grant proposal with Region I, NLLN, and CMLE. Larson/Rux MCU
 - C. Motion made to hire Chris McArthur through summer 2008 to perform similar work to previous years for the North Star Library Consortium at a rate of \$2000/month. Iverson/Larson MCU.
 - D. 23 Things on a Stick: There are 1400 participants across the state, there are 110 NLLN participants. Participants are from all types of libraries. There was a discussion of why this is a successful program. There was a motion to authorize expenditure for incentives and prizes (\$100 for state-wide prizes and NLLN's share of incentive prizes). Iverson/Rux MCU
 - E. Legislative Session: The Platform was discussed and also a discussion of different types of libraries and issues for each.

6. New Business:

A. Annual Meeting: It was proposed to have the 2008 Annual meeting at Thumper Pond Resort and Conference Center in Ottertail, MN, if available and affordable. Brenda Hough will be the keynote speaker on the topic of individual learning and keeping up with technology. It was suggested to have librarians/library staff talk about how they are using Web 2.0 tools in their libraries; recognition of the NLLN 23 Things on a Stick participants. Ruth will investigate possible speakers/authors for the luncheon.

B. Director's review: The Stan Iverson, as Personnel Chair will plan for the review to be conducted after the Annual meeting and before the May Executive Board meeting.. It will be similar in format to that used last year (Survey Monkey).

C. Other: ELM: Has expanded access with great resources. Now it is available through MN ISP's; users do not need to authenticate through library or library cards. Some libraries not part of a regional system are still blocked. Stan said LARL received \$15,000.00 from Dakota Medical Foundation; Northern Lights Library Network could promote as source for area libraries.

D. Northern Lights Library Network will ask for a proposal from Eide Bailey for the 2008 audit. Northern Lights Library Network's rent contract is up and will Ruth will request a new contract with the same landlord. The PLA (Public Library Association) is having their Annual National Conference in Minneapolis, on March 26th -29th. There will be a preconference on cultural programming in communities and Ruth was asked to participate representing small rural libraries. The Fergus Falls' "Big Read" program and Pelican Rapids Cultural Center/Library may be used as models for this kind of programming.

7. Adjourned: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Erika Rux, Secretary Pro Tem