

**Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative – Council Meeting Minutes**  
October 13, 2016

**PRESENT:** Mohney, Rapp, Weessies, Berry, Kapture, Klien, Wiggins, France, Gross, Sheridan, Boyer, Dodd, McPherson, Nofsinger, Rohrbaugh, Hayes, Gora, Kershaw, Estelle, Wallace, Evans, Hill, Matacio, Masin, Knezic, Greene, Ray, Kreps; Michelle Bradley, MCLS

Meeting was called to order at 2:08 p.m. by outgoing President Kreps

Roundtable introductions made.

Sheridan moved, with support by Masin, to approve agenda. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

Motion by Masin, with support by Sheridan to approve August 11, 2016 Council Minutes. Motion carried.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Michelle Bradley, MCLS Manager of Member Engagement

Brief history of MCLS (MLC + INCOLSA = MCLS)

Member benefits

- Training opportunities: MeL/MeLCat webinars; cataloging workshops
- Group purchasing (upcoming MCLS PAL)
- MeLCat and RIDES

Linked Data Conference 3/16/17 – concurrent sessions in Lansing and Indy

Community Conversations

Twitter Chats (#mclschat)

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:**

- Treasurer Ray shared financial documents.
- Discussion of technology grants – do they need to “automatically” charge the grant for Freegal; Dennis will talk to the Freegal rep (Kyle) about renewal information – billing, rates, etc.
- Discussion of budget / fund balance. Per Director Mohney, our Bylaws state that fund balance should be 13% of our annual budget.

**DIRECTOR’S REPORT:**

- Director Mohney distributed copies of 2017 budget and meeting schedule as well as list of Board members.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Web site – Tim is working on the new web site; it should be up by next week.
- OverDrive – average of 700 visits per day; there were 7,000 unique users last year.

Motion by Hill, support by Masin to adjourn meeting. Motion carried; meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Helena Hayes, Acting Secretary