

Southwest Michigan Library Cooperative  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
3:00 pm at Lincoln Township Public Library

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by  
President Greene.

Teresa Stannard, Parchment Community  
Library

**Guests:**

Jessica Enget, Lincoln Township Library  
Lawrence Kapture, Portage District  
Library  
Lynn Schofield-Dahl, Three Rivers Public  
Library  
Cheryl Kersey, Three Oaks Township  
Public Library  
Devin Erlandson, Allegan District Library  
Eric Hanson, Vicksburg District Library  
Sharon Crotser-Toy, Watervliet District  
Library  
Ralph Weessies, Lawrence Memorial  
Public Library  
Patrick Jouppi, Kalamazoo Public Library

**2. Roll Call by Secretary**

Ann Greene, President, Eau Claire  
District Library  
Ryan Deery, Allegan District Library  
John Mohney, Coop Director  
Dan Hutchins, Van Buren District Library  
Faith Wolbers, Coloma Public Library  
Kristina Knezic, Berrien Springs  
Community Library

**Absent:**

Stevyn Compoe, Vice President, Niles  
District Library  
Stephanie Daniels, Hartford Public  
Library

**Approval of Agenda:**

Motion to approve made by R. Deery; second F. Wolbers. Passed.

**Public Comments:**

none

**Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve made by K. Knezic; second D. Hutchins. Passed.

**President's Report:**

President Greene had nothing to report at this time.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Hutchins stated that the Coop should reimburse its member libraries for any grant monies spent, and remove the option to reimburse individual vendors directly. Payments to the Freegal service would be affected in that participating libraries would have to pay for Freegal first before being reimbursed by the Coop. Motion to approve made by R. Deery; second M. Weston. Passed.

**Director's Report:**

Director Mohney distributed a sheet explaining his plan to provide workshops in 2019, an orientation for new library directors, and speakers for the Council and Director's meetings. Director Mohney also announced plans to retire at the end of 2019 but will attend the 2020 Audit.

**Communications:**

Nothing to discuss at this time.

**Unfinished Business:**

Follow-up evaluation of Director Mohney- D. Hutchins presented a summary of the Board's expectations of the Coop Director, especially concerning the development of educational workshops and performers showcase for its members, but felt satisfied that the Director's plan of action adequately addressed these concerns. R. Deery concurred as did M. Weston. President Greene stated that Overdrive is not a Coop service and should not be part of the Director's duties. Greene also stated that the Board should be providing the Director with long-term goals to implement with regards to Coop services. R. Deery added that there should be a mix of ideas from the Director and Board, with the Director implementing the motions approved by the Board.

Motion to approve Director's contract made by D. Hutchins; second K. Knezic. Passed.

**New Business:**

D. Hutchins moved to put the search for a new director on the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 agenda. Seconded by M. Weston. Passed.

There was a discussion about developing a rubric for libraries that want to join the Coop. Guest L. Kapture mentioned there was one at the time when Three Rivers Public Library joined. R. Deery added that eligibility requirements should be added to the future By-Laws.

Director Mohney mentioned the possibility of asking the other coop directors about forming a conference for the years between the Rural Libraries conferences. D. Hutchins suggested not having the RLC the same year as PLA conferences, and R. Deery mentioned the annual ARSL conference as an option.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned by President Greene at 4:08pm.