

**Mideastern Michigan Library Cooperative
Annual Joint MMLC Board / Advisory Council Meeting
May 11, 2006**

MMLC Board Vice-Chair Jane Smith called the May 11, 2006 meeting to order at 5:10 p.m., welcoming everyone to the Annual Joint Board / Advisory Council meeting. Dinner, catered by Creative Catering, was enjoyed by all.

I. **Guest Speaker:** Roger introduced State Librarian Nancy Robertson. Nancy briefly described her background in library work, up to her present position. Nancy then described the tour that Roger took her on throughout the Cooperative area. Nancy mentioned that one of her goals as State Librarian is to look at the laws concerning the establishment of a public library in Michigan. She is also interested in looking at how school media centers are funded and staffed, and how the Library of Michigan might draw attention to their needs. Nancy mentioned that she had been in contact with the Academic Libraries group to pursue ways the State Library can partner with them. Nancy mentioned that the State Library continues to monitor the Quality Assurance Measures, encouraging the Cooperatives and Public Library Members to achieve the three levels of benchmarks. Nancy mentioned that one of the largest projects under the Library of Michigan is the Michigan E-Library. Sustainable funding for this project is currently under investigation. Nancy discussed several of the additional projects that the Library of Michigan is interested in pursuing. One upcoming Statewide project that is under development is the reviving of *Malace of Forethought* play by the University of Detroit – Mercy, combined with a discussion of Notable Author Kevin Boyles book for a possible One Book One Community, or One Book One State endeavor. Nancy mentioned that at the Michigan Legislative Day, legislators indicated that additional funding is not available, and will not be available in the near future. Nancy mentioned that the Gates PAC /HUG project is still moving forward, with the current item being the hiring of a coordinator for the project. Nancy announced that there are plans to roll out a modest LSTA grant project with a focus on Children and a focus on Collaboration during the next fiscal year. Nancy encouraged members to apply for the State Librarian's Award of Excellence which will be announced later this summer.

II. **Roll Call:**

Board Members Present: Ann Ingles; Stuart Wilson; LaRene Klink; Colleen Quain, Charles Hanson, Tracy Collier-Nix; Harold Evans; Mathilde Slider; Jane Smith; Catherine Alberts; Stu Bush.

Board Members Absent: none

Advisory Council Members Present: Melissa Barnard; Bryan Cloutier; Trish Burns; Julie Chrisinske; Laura Friesen-Lynn; Betsy Hull; Ron Long; JoAnne Mondowney; Sally Pettinger; George Pratt; Shirley Roos; Kate Pohjola; Ken Uptigrove; Mike Ugorowski.

Advisory Council Members Absent: Linda Heemstra; Sue Hill (excused); Desta Ureel (excused); Sandra Chavez; Karen Lambert (excused); Louise Goward (excused).

Guests: Bruce Alberts; Patti Evans; Margaret Bentley; Carol Chrisinske; Don Davenport; Barbara Greve; Jim Greve; Sandy Hinds; Virginia McKane; June Mendel; Lesa Quade; Eric Palmer; Pat Peterson; Nancy Robertson; Margaret Rainey; Suzanne Uptigrove; Carol Warren; Jan Engler; Baby Quain.

Co-op Staff: Roger Mendel; Irene Bancroft.

III. Advisory Council:

- a. **Approval of the Minutes dated April 4, 2006.** Approved as presented.
- b. **Strategic Plan: Motion by LaRene Klink, seconded by Kate Pohjola, to forward to the MMLC Board the recommendation to approve the Strategic Plan as revised. All yeas (16-0). Motion carried.**

IV. MMLC Board:

- a. **Oath of Office:** Board Vice-Chair Jane Smith issued the Oath of Office to Stu Bush, representing Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.
- b. **Review of the Board Minutes dated March 9, 2006.** Approved as presented.
- c. **Review of the Financial Reports dated April 30, 2006.** Approved as presented.

Strategic Plan: Motion by Harold Evans, seconded by Charles Hanson, to approve the Strategic Plan as presented. All yeas (11-0). Motion carried.

V. **Director's Report:** Roger referred members to his written report. Roger presented an overview of the accomplishments of the Cooperative during the past year.

VI. **Public Comments:** none

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Bancroft
Administrative Assistant

Next Board Meeting:

Thursday, June 8, 2006

MMLC Office

5th Floor Meeting Room

Next Advisory Council Meeting:

Tuesday, August 1, 2006

Public Libraries of Saginaw, Hoyt Branch