

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes, March 1, 2023**

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## **Welcome**

The meeting was held at Mayville District Public Library. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. There were 20 attendees at the meeting and 10 attending via Zoom.

## **Introductions**

Ruth Steele asked attendees to introduce themselves by stating their names and their library.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Michelle Duclos moved, and Erin Schmändt seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Marty Rheaume moved, and Jeanette Morrish seconded to approve the December 7th, 2022 Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## **Director's report**

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included HB4136 regarding "obscene material" in Michigan libraries; other states' proposed "obscenity" legislation; Shannon White's retirement and changes at LOM; upcoming library millage webinars; Small Libraries Big Impact October 2024; MI Notable Books Author Tour; MCLS Community Conversations; UEI Renewal; Board Training sessions; OverDrive adding UpNorth Michigan Consortium to reciprocal lending; MAP overhaul; MIHI traveling meetings; White Pine's Programming Google Doc; library policies. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director\\_reports/director-report-mar2023.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/director_reports/director-report-mar2023.pdf)

## **Office Manager's report**

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included Interlibrary Loan (ILL) manuals and webinars; MARC record request updates; updates to the WPLC firewall; launch of the Member Location Map; WPLC policy updates; the WPLC October 2023 Annual Meeting. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office\\_report/office-report-dec2022.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/office_report/office-report-dec2022.pdf)

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **Advocacy Day April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

Advocacy Day with the Michigan Library Association (MLA) is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The cost to rent a bus from the Saginaw area for all White Pine members interested in going was out of a reasonable budget range, and unfortunately could not be coordinated this year. At this time,



at least five members are signed up, and Kate and Alison will also be attending. Sign-up spots are still available (limited to 120 attendees) and members are encouraged to use the opportunity to meet with their local legislators. You can register to attend at <https://www.milibraries.org/advocacy-day>

### **Library Speaker Consortium**

Kate shared information about a newly formed Library Speaker Consortium. Members of the consortium can access online events with bestselling authors who would ordinarily be out of a library's budget. Events accept questions beforehand as well as live, though live questions are not guaranteed to be answered. Kate inquired about potential member interest in joining the consortium, but there was a lack of interest amongst both in-person and Zoom meeting attendees. It was decided not to pursue the option further at this time.

### **Hoopla**

Kate is working with Hoopla to arrange a potential agreement between the company and any interested cooperative members. Inspired by a current arrangement between Superiorland Library Cooperative and Hoopla, the goal is for White Pine to be able to help offset the cost of Hoopla for those members interested in participating as well as those already offering Hoopla to their patrons. Interest was gauged at the meeting to see whether a sufficient number of members would like to pursue the option further. Sufficient interest was expressed, and Kate intends to hold a Zoom meeting for members later this month to discuss potential options.

### **MLA Mentor/Mentee Program**

Keeley Briggs (Michigan Library Association) spoke about MLA's Mentorship Program. Keeley spoke about the enrollment process for mentors and mentees, how matches are made between them, and the increase in participation since the program was relaunched in 2020. She also discussed options that are available if there is not a good mentor match for a mentee's stated goals during the application process.

Alison Blattner also spoke about her experience in the program and how she has worked with her mentor, Ann Neff-Rohs of Jackson District Library (Carnegie Branch Manager), for the past six months. She discussed the responsibility of the mentee to reach out and set goals for the mentorship, how she and her mentor worked out a meeting schedule, and how the experience has been overall. Alison reported that the experience has been incredibly beneficial to her not only in terms of meeting the goals set at the beginning of her mentorship but also in having a third party outside the cooperative to get feedback from. She would recommend the program to any library professionals, especially to new library professionals or those taking on a new position at their locations.

### **Michigan Learning Channel**

Lauren Saj, Engagement Coordinator for the Michigan Learning Channel (MLC) spoke to members about resources available through MLC and PBS. She discussed the MLC website and the organization's intention to make it a big resource hub for educators, families, and community organizations. There are crafts, STEM lessons, a wide variety of digital content, and plenty of items of interest to libraries looking for programming materials. Their summer programming is set to match each year's Summer Reading Program theme as well as to help provide more opportunities to collaborate. If you have questions or are interested in working with MLC at your library, Lauren can be contacted via email at [laurensaj@delta.edu](mailto:laurensaj@delta.edu)



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[www.pbs.org/parents](http://www.pbs.org/parents)

**Public Comments/Membership News:**

Amber Hughey shared that Bridgeport Public Library recently installed a new circulation desk.

Beth Schumacher of Moore Public Library discussed progress on the library's ongoing expansion plans. Contracts are now out to bid.

Michelle Duclos (Frankenmuth Wickson Memorial Library) shared that they are partnering with the community to host a launch party for a new book series on April 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Next Meeting:** Next meeting is set for April 26, 2023, at Beaverton Branch Library in Beaverton, MI.

**Other Important Dates:** Advocacy Day, Lansing, April 25, 2023

