

# WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

**Minutes, December 4, 2024**

Approved April 23, 2025

## **Welcome**

The meeting was held at Aitkin Memorial District Library in Croswell, MI. Ruth Steele called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. There were 11 attendees at the meeting, and 16 attending via Zoom.

## **Introductions**

Ruth Steele, Rawson Memorial District Library, welcomed attendees to the meeting, inviting them to share their name, library, and a favorite winter program offered by their library.

## **Approval of Agenda**

Marty Rheame moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

## **Approval of Minutes**

Nicole Markel moved, and Marcy Thompkins seconded to approve the August 28, 2024, Advisory Council minutes. The motion was carried.

## **Director's report**

Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included WPLC's 2023-2024 audit; Right to Read legislation; funding; upcoming Demco book repair workshop; December LCM webinar; ACH payments; UofM cohort; Reimbursable Services Support Program; WPLC accessibility; state aid reports; UEI renewal; meeting volunteers. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director\\_reports/director-report-dec2024.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director_reports/director-report-dec2024.pdf).

## **Office Manager's report**

Alison Blattner presented her report. Some topics included the Peabody update project; ILL statistics; website accessibility; copy cataloging requests; original cataloging requests; digitization; WPLC Procedures manual. See the Office Manager's Report for more details and further explanation: [https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/office\\_report/office-report-dec2024.pdf](https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/office_report/office-report-dec2024.pdf).

## **Old Business**

There was no old business.

## **New Business**

### **MLA Recap – Briynne McCrea, Bad Axe District Library**

Briynne McCrea shared her experience at the MLA 2024 Conference. She found great value in the “True Colors” personality type system and shared takeaways from the breakout session. She also shared comments about LM Digital, the resources currently available through it, and plans she has to connect her community with the service.



### **Public Comments/Membership News:**

There was no public comment.

### **Open Discussion**

Following feedback from October's annual meeting, time was scheduled during the meeting to allow members to discuss topics important to them. Topics included accessibility issues, introduction to a new Director, local presenters/performers, craft supply vendors, staffing, RIDES delivery issues, and succession planning.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be on February 26, 2025, location TBD.

