

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE

BOARD MEETING

Minutes, February 26, 2025

Approved, April 23, 2025

A White Pine Library Cooperative Board meeting was held on February 26, 2025, at the Library of Michigan, Lansing, MI.

Present: Amy Beckman, Lynne Clark, Lisa DiCamillo, Christian Dunham, Tiffany Fiting, Amber Hughey, Nicole Markel, Ruth Steele, and Marcy Thompkins. Also present were Kate Van Auken, Alison Blattner, and 28 audience members. **Excused:** Corey Goethe.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 12:04 pm by President Nicole Markel.

Approval of Agenda: Tiffany Fiting moved and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: The December 2024 Board Minutes were presented. Ruth Steele moved, and Marcy Thompkins seconded to approve the December 4th, 2024, Board Minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklists for December 2024 and January 2025. Christian Dunham moved, and Ruth Steele seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the December 2024 and January 2025 bills. The motion was carried.

Director's Report: Kate Van Auken presented her report. Topics included OverDrive Advantage Training, Patron Point, ASLDeafined, Book Repair Workshop April 10th, Reimbursable Services Support Program grants, accessibility at WPLC, notary services, Marketing Makeover at Brown City, April meeting in Merrill, member news. See the Director's Report for more details and further explanation: https://wplc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/director_reports/director-report-feb2025.pdf.

Old Business:

ACH Account

WPLC's new ACH account is now available for members to make payments to WPLC. Account information is included on all invoices.

Peabody Update with U of MI students

Alison Blattner shared updates from the Peabody update project. The student design team completed their initial user research in February and shared prototype web pages they designed thus far. Alison shared that the students have been a joy to work with and will have the final report and designs provided to WPLC by the end of April 2025.

New Business:

LEAD Tuscola

Kate Van Auken suggested that Alison Blattner take part in the LEAD Tuscola program in the 2025 – 2026 cycle. She shared that it is a great professional development opportunity for young professionals in the county and noted that several librarians in WPLC have attended it in the past.

Change of Job Title

Kate Van Auken shared that she and Alison Blattner are working on changing the job title of 'Office Manager' to better reflect the duties of the position. Alison shared several early suggestions including 'Coordinator for Bibliographic Control and Technical Services' and 'Coordinator, Technical Services and Interlibrary Loan.' The final job title will be shared with the Board once it is decided upon.

Public comments and announcements

Amber Hughey shared that Notary Training would be offered at the Bridgeport Public Library.

MLA Advocacy Day will be held on April 30, 2025, in Lansing, MI.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on April 23, 2025, after the Advisory Council meeting at Merrill District Library, 321 W Saginaw Street, Merrill, MI 48637.

Adjournment: Christian Dunham moved, and Tiffany Fiting seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:28 pm. The motion was carried.