

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE
BOARD MEETING
Minutes, June 25, 2025
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A White Pine Library Cooperative Board meeting was held on June 25, 2025, at Fleschner Memorial Library in Birch Run, MI.

Present: Amy Beckman, Lynne Clark, Christian Dunham, Amber Hughey, Nicole Markel, and Marcy Thompkins. Also present was Kate Van Auken.

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

Approval of Agenda: Marcy Thompkins moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the Agenda as presented. The motion was carried.

Approval of Minutes: The April 2025 Board Minutes were presented. Lynne Clark moved, and Marcy Thompkins seconded to approve the April 23, 2025, Board Minutes. The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report: The Board reviewed the financial reports and checklists for April and May 2025. Christian Dunham moved, and Amber Hughey seconded to approve the financial reports and ratify the April and May 2025 bills. The motion was carried.

Director's Report: Kate Van Auken shared a bit more about the Peabody project and described some of the intricacies which are making finding a web designer more challenging. She mentioned that she is collaborating with a member library to lease an employee to another library in our Cooperative. Also, Kate has been working with a few member library boards who are seeking new directors.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Board Members

WPLC Bylaws state, "*terms of service shall be three years and run from October 1 through September 30. Members can serve no more than 2 consecutive terms.*" The three WPLC Board members whose first term is ending were asked if they would like to serve another 3-year term. Christian Dunham, Nicole Markal, and Amy Beckman all stated they would serve again. We have one vacancy due to Lisa DiCamillo no longer working at Pigeon District Library. Kate will refer to the rotation listing of all members (located in the Plan of Service document) and contact the next Class II library to see if they would be willing to serve out Lisa's term.

Kate's Review

Nicole Markel went through a summary of the Board's review of Kate as well as input from WPLC member libraries. Members shared high marks and positive feedback about the Director's performance.

Nicole had asked Kate about thoughts on compensation and discussion revolved around the health insurance stipend for her and Alison.

Amber Hughey moved and Christian Dunham seconded to give Kate and Alison each a 4% raise and increase Kate's insurance stipend to \$900.00/mo., and Alison's insurance stipend to \$700.00/mo. for the 2025-2026 fiscal year based on the upcoming budget review. The motion carried.

Public comments and announcements: None

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2025, after the Advisory Council meeting at Briggs District Library in St. Johns, MI.

Other Important Dates: White Pine Annual Meeting-SVSU Conference Center-October 1, 2025.

Adjournment: Christian Dunham moved, and Marcy Thompkins seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1:40 pm. The motion was carried.