

**Meeting Minutes**  
**MLA Legislative Committee**  
**Wednesday, July 7, 2010**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Held Online**

Attendees: Nick Dimassis, Michael Scott, Elaine Keefe, Barbara Misselt, Dale Carrison, Dayle Zelenka, Jim Weikum, John Hunziker, Kathleen James, Kathy Fredette, Ken Behringer, Kit Hadley, Linda Wadman, Marian Rengel, Mark Ranum, Mike Bloomberg, Nancy Walton, Patricia Post, Robin Ewing, Susan Nemitz,

Approval of Agenda: **Behringer moved for approval; Post seconded; Motion carried**

Approval of Minutes: **Misselt moved for approval; Hunziker seconded; Motion carried**

Legislative Update (Keefe)

- Quiet @ the Capitol
- Most legislators campaigning as primary moved up to August 10, 2010
- Losing several key allies of libraries from Legislature
  - Margaret Anderson-Kelliher
  - Larry Hawes
  - Tarryl Clark
  - Steve Hill
- Mary Murphy has mentioned that she wants to hold another hearing on the OLA report to hear from cities and counties
- Changes at MN Department of Education
  - Chas Anderson has left MDE; Karen Klinzing replaces her as Deputy Commissioner
  - New Assistant Commissioners: Karen Carlson & Lori Grivna

MLA/MEMO Legislative Steering Committee (Dimassis)

- Evaluation of lobbyist services
  - Survey is out (through July 9) for feedback
- MLA & MEMO Letter of Agreement
  - Looking for feedback on this since LOA is between MLA & MEMO but two other parties (Multitype Library Directors & CRPLSA)
  - Should it be an addendum or agreement?

2010 Library Legislative Forum (Scott)

- Presented a draft agenda to the group
- Looking for people to lead different areas of discussion
- Addition by Nemitz & Hadley to discuss Library Construction Grants in preparation for FY2012 bonding session (potentially in FY2011 if another bonding bill is presented)

National Legislative Day (Dimassis for Ranum)

- 6 attendees
- We have appointments with 6 of 10 legislators

- Scott reported on meetings with Rep. Ellison & Rep. Walz, & Rep. McCollum's staff
  - LSTA was the common topic

#### Library Futures Initiative (Post)

- Met on June 9<sup>th</sup> in St. Cloud
- Several subcommittees formed
- Tentative date for meeting of "visionaries" is October 18, 2010
- Wiki @ <http://mnlfi.pbworks.com>

#### Reports

- MLA Board (Kathleen James)
  - Slate of candidates sent out; Bob Boese running for Legislative Chair-Elect
  - Conference planning is wrapping up
  - Looking at moving from a calendar year membership to a rolling membership
- State Library Services (Nancy Walton)
  - Closed out FY2010
  - One of the open positions @ the MN Braille & Talking Book Library has been filled that provides support directly to customers of the Library
  - Librarian position @ *the MN Braille & Talking Library* has been given the go-ahead to be filled
- MINITEX (Bill DeJohn)
  - No report
- MEMO
  - No report
- Public Regional Libraries (Barbara Misselt)
  - Meeting at the end of July at Viking Library System
- Multitype Regional Libraries (Ruth Solie)
  - Next meeting is in July 2010
  - Primary focus is on the *Things on a Stick* monthly newsletter
- Telecommunications (Dale Carrison)
  - Glad to see that Telecomm. Equity Aid on Legislative Forum agenda
  - Center for Rural Policy & Economic Development has released a report on K-12 telecommunication bandwidth availability and issues
    - Meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss

Adjournment: **Post moved adjournment, Wadman seconded at 10:53 AM**