

WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE BOARD MEETING

January 9, 2008

A regular meeting of the White Pine Library Cooperative Board was held on January 9, 2008 at the White Pine Library Cooperative Headquarters.

Present and voting: Mary Chasseur, Bruce Guy, Marsha Boyd, Mimi Herrington, Rose Rice Gutierrez, Jim Rancilio, Rene Prado, Barbara Butch and Ervin Bell.

Also present: Bryon Sitler, Karen Puszykowski, Jane Piersall and Ron Rachwitz from Weinlander Fitzhugh.

Absent: Judi Chelekis and Tari Dusek.

1. **Call to Order:** Board Chair Mimi Herrington called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.
2. **Introductions:** Those present introduced themselves.
3. **Approval of Agenda:** Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to approve the agenda. Marsha Boyd seconded the motion. Motion carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The board reviewed the financial reports for December 2007. Rose Rice Gutierrez moved to ratify the bills for December 2007/January 2008. Barbara Butch seconded the motion. Motion carried.
5. **Audit:** Ron Rachwitz from Weinlander Fitzhugh reported that White Pine had a good year and received a clean audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007. Next year there will be 8 new standards that will look at risk and internal control. Mary Chasseur moved to accept the audit report for the year ending September 30, 2007. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mary Chasseur thanked Jane Piersall for all her hard work during the year.

This is the 3rd year of a 3 year contract with Weinlander Fitzhugh. Bryon has asked them for a new proposal.

6. **Minutes:** Jim Rancilio moved to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2007 board meeting. Rose Rice Gutierrez seconded the motion. Motion carried.
7. **Director's Report:** Bryon reported that:

A PR committee meeting had been scheduled for the morning and the Collection Evaluation committee was meeting after board meeting.

The WPLC annual conference will be held on October 8th at Horizons Conference Center. Joe Mika will be the presenter. The program will be on "The Color Code and You". Library directors, staff and board members will be invited.

Bryon has been asked to serve on the LSTA Advisory Committee. 10-12 people will serve on this committee.

8. **Cooperative Issues:** The board discussed “Nancy’s Blog Proposal” which will affect distribution of state aid funds and Cooperative services.

- State aid is now being called state support.
- The Library of Michigan would administer state aid using the monies to pay for MeL databases and MeLCat. Remaining state aid funds would be distributed to libraries to purchase items from 5 core services.
- Libraries would be required to file an annual report indicating how they spent the State Aid monies.
- Swing aid would go away. There would be no second check for libraries.

Bryon reported that the Cooperative Director’s Association has voted to support a model which distributes state aid in a 50% (public libraries) 20% (Library Cooperatives) and 30% (MeL Databases & MeLCat) split. This will be sent to the Library of Michigan in the next couple of days.

Rene Prado moved that a letter be written to Gretchen Couraud saying that the White Pine Board does not support Nancy’s proposed model and that it damages library services and that a special advisory council meeting be held on February 6, 2008 to discuss the 3 proposals. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gretchen Couraud will be invited to attend the meeting.

The board discussed sending the letter to Nancy Robertson, Bill Anderson and the Governor.

Mary Chasseur moved that the letter also be sent to Nancy Robertson, Bill Anderson and the governor. Jim Rancilio seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bryon will draft the letter and send it to the board for additional comments.

9. **Other:** None.

10. **Public Comments:** None.

11. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:12 pm.