

### Board report: July 2008

I was pleased to accept the offer made by the Board at the March 12, 2008 meeting and have made all the necessary arrangements to cancel utilities, moving company, etc.

Letters were mailed March 20 to the Legislators, Governor and MLA indicating the number of libraries (named in the letter) that are opposed to losing the cooperatives.

The Board Resolution was mailed to the same people on March 28.

On March 27, 2008, Coleman Public Library faxed a letter of intent to withdraw from White Pine Library Cooperative. A follow up hard copy arrived on March 31. Coleman sent a second letter to revise its date of withdrawal from White Pine. This second letter was after the April 1 deadline for such letters.

On March 31, 2008 Chippewa River District Library faxed a letter of intent to withdraw from White Pine Library Cooperative.

On March 31, 2008 Pere Marquette District Library faxed a letter of intent to withdraw from White Pine Library Cooperative.

Letters were sent to the libraries above indicating receipt of their letters of intent. The letters indicated that Coleman's date revision was received too late; therefore Coleman would be considered a member through September 30, 2008. As of June 3, the libraries have notified the Library of Michigan with resolutions. The letters also indicated that none of the letters were signed by board members, as required by the White Pine Plan of Service.

The White Pine Board must approve withdrawal by resolution and will discuss the issue at the July meeting.

All three libraries plan to join the Mideastern Library Cooperative. The MeLC Ad Council approved the memberships; the Board will discuss the issue at its June meeting.

I contacted Karren Reish at LM to tell her that I can stay on the LSTA Advisory Committee. The first meeting was April 17, 2008, in Lansing.

April 18, 2008: Cooperative Directors' Association meeting in Lansing.

CDA has formed a planning committee to work with LM to create a 3-year plan for library development in Michigan. I am on it. Spent a lot of time researching PLFIG and other documents for cooperatives and their futures.

CDA will be writing an RFP for someone to conduct a survey/study of cooperatives to determine the future needs of libraries and how cooperatives will fit into meet those needs.

May 19: White Pine hosted a meeting of the Coop Directors' Association. The purpose of this special meeting was to discuss the future of cooperatives in Michigan – their role and reason for being. Jim Rancilio and Bruce Guy represented the White Pine Board at this meeting. There was a second meeting in Lansing on June 20 as part of the regularly scheduled Coop Director's meetings.

After the June 20 meeting, it was decided to hold a second "futuring" conference similar to the one held about 10 years ago. It will be in November. We will invite all of the library players in the State to participate. The Library of Michigan has agreed to participate.

The CDA has a brochure which is about 10 years old. I have been working on updating it as part of the revision of cooperatives.

The Hiawathaland Library Cooperative, Sault Ste Marie, will be closing at the end of September.

Sheila and I attended the FCC/USDA Rural Broadband Workshop in Saginaw on June 19. Its purpose was to discuss financial options, grants and loans. There was no charge to attend.

On August 11 I will present the Board: roles & responsibilities to the new district board in Frankenmuth.

September 10, 2008 is the day candidates running for office in the area will attend our Ad Council meeting to present their library platform to us.

The Saginaw ISD has a completely interactive classroom set up similar to what SVSU has. We will host an interactive workshop there on August 7, 2008. This is in conjunction with three other cooperatives. Bill Schroer will present the "Customer Service" workshop via the internet. The other three locations for the virtual workshop are: Big Rapids, Marquette and Marshal. We will also have a separate room at the ISD that will be able to view and hear the presentation, but will not be interactive. This is in case we get more registrants than can fit into the interactive room.

State Aid for 08/09 will remain at the same level it is now -- \$10,000,000 or \$.3246 per capita.

Our contract with Weinlander & Fitzhugh expires at the end of September. The firm will continue at the following fee structure:

I recommend to continue our audit process.

First year \$5100 (increase due to new GASB rules)

Second year \$4100

Third year \$4100