

Central Plains Library System  
Annual Meeting/Hybrid  
July 8, 2022  
St. Paul, Nebraska

**Present:** Board Members: Tony Anderson, Doris Brandon, Jody Crocker, Jamie Dennis, Sherri Dux-Ideus, Terri Eberly, Janene Hill, Terri Johnson, Lori Long, Matthew Williams; CPLS Staff: Denise Harders, Autumn Carlson; NLC: Christa Porter (zoom)

**Absent:** Linda Nickel, Shelley Ruterbories

**Attendees:** Keri Anderson, Sharon Bohling, Stephanie, Branham, Aubrie Brown, Patricia Crook, Polly Deppen-Williams, Nichole Glinsky, Judy Hagan, Jane Hilton, Tim Johnson, Tracy Kennedy, Mariah Krueger, Diane Lyons, Amanda Shelton, Lara Strobl, Celine Swan, Lana Tietjen, Azure Wall, Laurie Yocom, Lisa Mount (zoom)

**Call to Order:** President Terri Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

**Welcome:** Denise Harders welcomed the attendees to the meeting and the attendees were introduced.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved by Jane Hilton and seconded by Jamie Dennis to approve the minutes as corrected. The minutes were approved as corrected to reflect Tony Anderson was not elected or re-elected to serve on the CPLS Board. (his term was not up for re-election)

**Director's Report:** Denise gave a statistical overview of the year, highlighting the services provided, the variety of workshops offered via in-person, zoom & hybrid, and the retirement of Kay Kloppenberg as Administrative Assistant. Special attention was given to the monies awarded to system libraries in the form of Library Improvement grants, Youth Grants for Excellence, and ARPA Grants.

**Recognition of Outgoing Board Members:** Denise presented plaques and certificates to outgoing board members Tony Anderson, Lori Long, and Matt Williams and recognized Linda Nickel and Shelley Ruterbories not in attendance.

**Election of Board Members:** The following candidates were elected to the CPLS Board: Sharon Bohling, -Library Customer, McCook; Stephanie Branham-Library Director, C.B. Preston Memorial Library Orleans; Lisa Mount- Resource Center Supervisor at Central Community College Grand Island Campus; Kina Stefka, -school librarian, Sargent Public Schools; and James Tidei-Circulation Librarian, Kearney Public Library.

**Nebraska Library Commission:** Krista Porter gave the commission report and gave CPLS kudos for the OWL system used for zoom meetings. Highlights of the report:

- LSTA Appropriations: Nebraska received additional \$50,000. For the remainder of the federal fiscal year (2021-22) due to reallocations among state library agencies not meeting maintenance of effort requirements. Efforts are under way to achieve higher appropriation levels for the 2022-23 fiscal year beginning October 1.
- Legislative Bills: LB75 a bill to determine the fate of libraries in the event that a county discontinues township organizations was approved by the Governor.

- American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA ) Funds: Formula and Library Improvement Grants completion reports and invoices due June 30. Youth Grants for Excellence funded by ARPA completion reports are due September 14. 2021-22 was the last year of the Kreutz Bennett Donor-Advised Fund grants. NLC used \$50,000.00 of the APRA funds to cover the grants. Reports and invoices due September 1.
- Intellectual Freedom and Censorship Information for Nebraska Libraries: Due to the increase in book challenges NLC regularly updates the website with related information.
- Public Library Accreditation for 2022: The accreditation is now valid for 5 years. The NLC changed accreditation dates so that each year 1/5 of libraries due for the process. Workshops were held and an archived session is available on NCompass.
- One Book One Nebraska: The Bones of Paradise, by Jonis Agee: Support materials available on the website and Jonis Agee is on the Humanities Nebraska speakers bureau. S
- Fall Book Celebration will be October 22 more information to follow
- E-Rate Funding Year 2022: A list of recipients on NLC website
- ECF-Emergency Connectivity Fund: Statistics were given for the \$ 7.17 billion funded by ARPA to address the homework gap.
- NCompass Live Schedule and Basic Skills Schedule available on-line.

There being no further business, Lori Yocum moved to adjourn. Attendees enjoyed a lunch at The Sweet Shoppe and tours of the Museum of Nebraska Major League Baseball and the Loup River Distillery.

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Respectfully submitted,  
Terri Eberly, Secretary