

**Northern Lights Library Network  
Governing Board**

**Minutes**

**April 22, 2006  
Annual Meeting  
10:00 AM – Noon  
Holiday Inn Lakeside  
Detroit Lakes, MN**

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Linda Unruh.  
Present: Linda Unruh, Mike Odland, Brook Berg, Connie Jones, Norman Ellingson, Dan Olson, Merlin Melby.  
Also present: Ruth Solie, Director, and Deb Keena, Admin. Asst.  
Chris McArthur, Waubun/Ogema schools and Joyce Kalbakdalen, NW Regional Library, new Representative.  
Absent: Joan Larson and Marj Lavalier
2. Adopt/amend the agenda: Norman moved to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Ellingson/Berg MCU  
Introduction of Chris McArthur and Joyce Kalbakdalen.
3. Approval of minutes of Feb. 18, 2006: Ellingson/Olson MCU
4. Financial Reports:
  - A. Approval of bills: Feb. 2006; Mar. 2006. Was moved and seconded to approve Feb and March bills as presented. Melby/Berg MCU
  - B. Financial Reports; Feb. 2006; Mar. 2006 Was moved and seconded to approve Feb and Mar 2006 financial reports as submitted. Olson/Melby MCU
5. Unfinished Business:
  - A. North Star Library Consortium; Advanced Destiny training session was held on Friday, April 21, 2006. 73 of the 90 available licenses have been used. Ruth recommended the cost of Destiny training for new people come from the \$30,000.00 E2T2 Grant money that has been returned to NLLN for project administration. Advanced/refresher training will be done in August. Brook urged approval of the Training costs. Ruth suggests taking \$20,000.00 out of account 801.0 Restricted Account and move to 807.0 Special Projects, to provide additional support for North Star Program. It was moved and seconded to approve cost of training. Ellingson/Melby MCU
  - B. Early Childhood Education/libraries/literacy:
    3. LSTA Grant: Every Child Ready to Read@Your MN Library-grants to MN Library Association, has been very successful. Next phase –

Ready 4K@Your MN Library- this is an initiative to support early childhood education and school readiness. Many agencies, statewide, are participating in the Ready 4K school readiness initiative – libraries included.

MELF grants: Minnesota Early Learning Fund – private/public fund for early childhood care and education initiatives. The first round of grants are just now available; NLLN has been working on \$250,000.00 Readmobile grant proposal on behalf of the White Earth Child Care program. It was moved and seconded that NLLN will act as the fiscal agent for the White Earth Readmobile pilot project in the areas of collection development, program preparation, grant writing, and outside funding. Berg/Ellingson MCU

C. Scholarship Report: There have been 39 scholarships given for Continuing Ed. for up to \$500.00. Spotlight on Books, Public Library Conference in Boston are the most recent requests. Reports from recipients will be available in June.

D. Northern Lights Library Network Brochure – work in progress – in the form of an Annual Report notepad.

#### 6. New Business:

A. New Governing Board Members: Terms expiring: Berg, Ellingson, Odland, Melby. Public library representative is vacant currently. NLLN Governing Board make up: 7 appointed by regional public library boards; 1- Academic library worker (Connie) 1- Public library worker (vacant), 1- Special library worker (Linda), 1- Schools media center worker (Brook) . Regional Boards will make their appointments; membership constituencies will select library worker representatives.

B. Executive Board meeting: May 3, 2006 – 10:00 AM. Linda, Brook, Mike, Connie, and Merlin.

C. Communications: Looking at a new provider for telephone and internet service. Ruth experimenting with using Gotomypc to remotely access office computer.

Barb Fabre arrived at the meeting to update us on activities related to the White Earth reservation. Barb is the White Earth Early Child Care director and manager of the Readmobile. Currently the vehicle is in the shop for maintenance before being ready to use. June 1 is a hoped for Grand Opening event. Ruth and Kim Lage are working with Hennepin County Library staff to select books that support early literacy. The Readmobile is intended to be used to reach all pre-school children on the White Earth Reservation. Focus is on ages 0-5 – getting kids ready for school. Pictures of young children will be used as graphics on the Readmobile.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for lunch which was followed by an excellent program presented by Gay Galles on “Driving into the Future”.

Connie Jones, Secretary