

Metropolitan Library Service Agency  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 9th, 2018  
Hennepin County Library – Ridgedale  
9:00AM – 11:00AM

Members Present:

Anoka:	Maggie Snow	Ramsey:	Jill Boldenow
Carver:	Heidi Hoks	Saint Paul:	Catherine Penkert
Dakota:		Scott:	Jake Grussing
Hennepin:	Janet Mills	Washington:	Keith Ryskoski

Staff Present: Ken Behringer, Kate Brown, Kathleen James and Mona Scott

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Ryskoski called the meeting to order at 9:09AM.

**II. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion by Hoks to approve the Agenda. Second by Grussing. Motion carried.**

**B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September 14, 2018).**

**Motion by Hoks to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Grussing. Motion carried.**

**III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Discussion Regarding Career Online High School / MELSA's Gale Databases**

Diana Doetzel from Gale joined the meeting remotely to discuss updates and new developments to Gale's Career Online High School product.

The Directors discussed amongst themselves the possibility of participating in Gale Online High School. Several of the Directors said they would be interested in narrowing the focus of the program and possibly partnering with defined specific County Departments if those departments are also interested.

David Ziembiec from Gale also participated in the meeting discuss the possibility of MELSA partnering in a pilot program with Gale and Google. The goal is to have typical Google searches populate with quality Gale reference information within licensed Gale service areas. All of the Directors agreed that they are interested in participating in that pilot project.

**B. Overview of the Automatic Renewal Program at Hennepin County Library**

Phil Feilmeyer from Hennepin County Library joined the meeting to present data on the impact of Hennepin County's automatic renewal program.

**C. Continued Review of the Library Card Task Force Recommendations**

In the interest of time, this agenda item will be moved to the December MELSA Advisory Board meeting. Before the December meeting Behringer will email to the Directors his flowchart that outlines ways that a potential product might work.

**D. Report of the CRPLSA/MELSA Ad Hoc Funding/Formula Subcommittee**

Behringer will bring the recommendation of the CRPLSA/MELSA Ad Hoc Funding/Formula Subcommittee to the MELSA Board of Trustees for consideration and adoption at the November meeting.

**E. Other**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Executive Director and MELSA Staff Updates**

All of the MELSA Directors reported that his or her respective County/City Boards have either added or are considering adding language in support of increased funding for Regional Library Basic System Support (RLBSS), Regional Library Telecommunication Aid (RLTA), and continuing access to Legacy/ACHF funding for public library programs to their legislative platforms.

**V. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Grussing. Second by Hoks. Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM**