I. INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Chair Behringer called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Agenda

Conley requested Lake Elmo and Affiliate Information be discussed under III. C. Other.

Motion by Conley to approve the Agenda as amended. Second by Hadley. Motion carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 20, 2014)

Motion by Thompson to approve the Minutes. Second by Nemitz. Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

A. RLBSS Funding Formula Proposal

Olson explained the two proposals are contingent on asking for $1.2M and, if the $1.2M isn’t appropriated, then the regions would continue with the same formula. The last two increases were 2008 and 1994. No one should be harmed by this process.

Funds no longer support what they are supposed to maintain. Concerns were voiced about the smaller regional systems being able to handle daily operating functions. The whole ILL system relies on the entire state having minimal resources. This means those smaller regional systems must be able to participate in resource sharing.

The Advisory Board agreed passing this RLBSS Funding Formula proposal would allow MELSA to do more long term projects. These dollars would not be volatile as the Equalization Dollars have historically been.

Motion by Conley to qualify the Advisory Board recommendation to be if the increase to the annual appropriation is less than $2 million, the formula in Chart A will be used; if the increase to the annual appropriation is $2 million or more, the formula in Chart B will be used. If the appropriation is less than $1.2 million, the current formula will be used.
apply. Second by Dimassis. Motion carried.

B. Strategic Planning and The Edge Update
The Advisory Board reviewed the summary document from attendees of the Strategic Planning Session on May 1.

What is important -
- Digital Inclusion
- Community Engagement and Connection
- E Government
- Learning

The next step is Olson will create a draft copy from the current version of the Strategic Plan and email to the Advisory Board to allow comments before the June Advisory Board meeting.

C. Lake Elmo
The Washington County Administrator has been talking to Lake Elmo about how they might come back into the system as an affiliate or as a full taxing member. Conley shared an updated version of the 1976 Association Plan she would like the Advisory Board to review and bring to the MELSA Trustees. Key points center on reciprocal borrowing, interlibrary loan and reference services.

IV. REPORTS
A. Staff, Team and MELSA Group Updates
None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.