I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Lois Thompson called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
   Additions to agenda by Thompson to discuss Assistive Technology under III.G.
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (September 17, 2015)
   Motion by Moulton-Janssen to approve the Consent Agenda as amended.
   Second by Behringer.
   Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
A. eBook Minnesota (discussion)
   Guest Speaker: Valerie Horton, MINITEX Executive Director reported on several updates with MINITEX:
   - Explore EBooks MN update
   - Three IMLS Grants
     o Library Simplified – New York Public Library (NYPL) Grant. E-reader app that combines 3M, Overdrive, Baker and Taylor into one platform. MINTEX manages the licenses that run the software.
     o LEAP – NYPL and partners is building non-profit national ebook distribution system.
     o MINITEX is lead agent of 3rd IMLS Grant. Takes Library Simplified which works with a single library’s ebook collection and makes the functionality cross library functionality. Currently EBooks MN cannot link into libraries 3M or Overdrive collection but the grant will make that possible.

B. Coordinating the Edge Technology Survey/LSTA grant/Data collection/IMPACT survey (discussion)
   There were several discussion points brought up during the agenda item:
   - Data should be gathered to identify areas of weakness to policymakers.
   - There should be clear goals and directives for collecting data and minimal overlap with PLDS.
   - Whose role is it to decide desired outcomes, is it the Directors or the Task Force?
Advisory Board has to be consistent with directives for other MELSA teams. The Task Force should not be discouraged from suggesting the collection of information other than any specific outcomes targeted.

At the end of the discussion the goal of libraries is to provide the most equitable access to digital resources across the metro area. An objective of the Task Force is to determine what information is needed to understand how to achieve that goal. What specific data should be collected to determine if and where this is, or is not, occurring? Efforts of the Task Force should be coordinated with the LSTA grant. Directors would like to know if the data collection for the state annual report can be combined, perhaps as a subset, with the PLDS survey since both are now managed by Counting Opinions. No specific follow up tasks were assigned.

C. 3M Collection expenditures
The Library Directors all conferred with their selector and the consensus was to continue with best sellers. A discussion followed on how to build an e-book collection to aid schools. The Board recommends that the new MELSA Executive Director pursue curriculum support with Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to contact schools requesting reading lists to build e-book collection. The $500,000 will continue to be spent on best sellers and a portion of the $285,000 will be spent on literacy support.

At this time no action was taken until MELSA receives an answer from MDE regarding schools’ reading lists. The MELSA Director will contact 3M/Biblioteca to find out if there is an automatic fall off period for bestsellers. If so, some of the $285,000 may need to be used to support bestsellers.

D. Governor’s Task Force on Broadband (action)
Motion by Grussing to approve sending a letter to Governor Mark Dayton recommending the appointment of Keith Ryskoski, Washington County Library Director, to the Governor’s Task Force on Broadband. Second by Behringer. Motion carried.

E. MELSA Advisory Board meeting dates – 2016 (discussion)
The January Advisory Board meeting was set for Friday, January 15th, 2016 at MELSA meeting room at 9:00AM – 11:00AM. At this meeting the 2016 meeting schedule will be determined.

F. NRC contract – update
NRC sent a basic contract to MELSA which was forwarded onto the Dakota County attorney who will review and send back with appropriate language.

G. Assistive Technology – update
Johanna from HCL will chair the Assistive Technology Task Force and Scott will staff. Directors were asked to submit names to Scott by Friday, October 9, 2015

IV. REPORTS
A. Interim Executive Director Report

- MELSA Board of Trustees appointed Ken Behringer as MELSA Executive Director on Thursday, October 1st. Contract negotiations with Behringer and the Personnel Committee will be on Wednesday, October 14th.
- Summary of FY2016 RLTA Changes was included in the packet.
B. Staff, Team and MELSA Group Updates

- James attended the CRPLSA Once Upon a Reader Committee meeting. The book selected this year is Ten Pigs: An Epic Bath Story by Derek Anderson.
- Brechon filed state report for first year of Once Upon a Reader. There were 12 trunk shows funded by CRPLSA where the author and illustrator traveled across the state to promote the book.
- The Advisory Board thanked Brechon for stepping in as the Interim MELSA Director.

V. ADJOURN
Motion to adjourn by Behringer.
Second by Grussing.
Motion passed.
The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 AM

Next meeting: Joint Meeting with the MELSA Trustee Board
MCIT Building
Thursday, November 19, 2015
Noon-2:00 Trustee Board
2:00-3:00 Advisory Board