I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Eastwood called the meeting to order at 1:24 PM.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (October 21, 2016)
Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Thompson. Second by Grussing. Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
A. Consideration of Initial Draft Changes to MELSA Strategic Plan
A draft version of the 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan was shared with the Directors. All of the Directors provided input to the strategic plan and agreed that the goals brought to the Trustees should be fewer and higher level. It was agreed upon that some goals could be combined with other goals for clarity. The Directors also agreed that the bullets under each goal should be reviewed and possibly reduced or rewritten for better clarification.

A request was made to add a new goal to the Strategic Plan regarding the role of libraries in communities as more than just a place for checking out books. Behringer will add a goal and/or bullet points regarding MELSA supporting the initiatives of the member libraries respective county/city.

B. Preliminary Discussion on Status if Advisory Board Meetings.
Behringer has spoken with the Dakota County Attorney about whether the Advisory Board meetings are required to be open to the public. It was determined that they are not subject to open meeting laws. A review of the Advisory Board By-Laws, especially the request to revisit open meetings, will be put on the January agenda.

Behringer will send out the current by-laws and invite comment for discussion at the January meeting.
IV. REPORTS
   A. Executive Director’s Report
      Behringer informed the Directors there is a vacancy of the public library board slot on the Metronet Advisory Board if anyone is interested. The slot does not need to be filled by a Library Director.

   B. Other staff, Team and MELSA Group Updates
      None

   C. Other

V. ADJOURNMENT
   Motion to adjourn by Thompson.
   Second by Ryskoski.
   Motion carried.
   The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 PM.