Members Present:

Anoka:      Ramsey:    Jill Boldenow
Carver:     Heidi Hoks  Saint Paul:  Jill Eastwood
Dakota:     Chad Lubbers  Scott:
Hennepin:   Johanna Gennett  Washington: Keith Ryskoski

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

I. CALL TO ORDER
Vice-Chair Ryskoski called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve Agenda by Hoks. Second by Eastwood. Motion carried
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 14, 2017).
Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by Hoks. Second by Eastwood. Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
A. Continued Discussion Regarding BookLens Project
Behringer reported to the Advisory Board about his meeting with the BookLens team. After hearing that some member libraries were re-thinking the feasibility of continuing the partnership, the BookLens team stated that they would be interested in continuing to partner in some way with only those member libraries that choose to stay involved. At the time of the Board meeting, Dakota County Library and Ramsey County Library expressed an interest.

The Directors agreed to use fund balance money to help pay for the bridge server for those member libraries that need it and to keep the BookLens project going until the team hears National Science Foundation grant.

B. Update by Saint Paul Public Library Regarding Analytics on Demand
Eastwood reported on the status of Saint Paul’s use of Analytics on Demand by Gale. The product was purchased a couple of years ago and had not had much use. Several reasons contribute to the lack of use:

- Budget cuts
- Key staff turnover
- Use of product needs a lot of involvement at the Branch Manager level.

After review, Saint Paul Public Library has decided not to renew Analytics on Demand due to the low usage.
C. Bibliotheca Proposal for Purchasing Discounts of *Cloud Library* Content

Behringer has negotiated a discount for MELSA with Bibliotheca and advised the Advisory Board about the terms. They will be noted in the report given to the MELSA Board of Trustees in conjunction with the May 2017 Joint Board meeting.

D. 2018 MELSA budget considerations

Behringer presented preliminary 2018 budget categories to the Directors for discussion. He noted expenditures associated with current MELSA programs and asked that the directors discuss any significant changes they wished to be considered for 2018. He also asked that they review the recently adopted strategic plan and advise MELSA staff if they thought there were initiatives in that document that were not addressed in the current budget plan. MELSA staff will begin the next step for the 2018 budget process will be a meeting with the Finance Committee on June 5th.

IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director Report

The Directors discussed the status of the Lynda.com breech and the renewal process. Dakota County Library has developed new ways to measure success of their Summer Reading Program. They have also gone live with Shoutbomb, a text messaging service for patrons. DCL will report back at a future meeting on the status of these new projects.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Eastwood.
Second by Boldenow.
Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned at 10:37AM