

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2013
3:00pm to 5:00pm

Minutes

Present: Norman Jacknis, Colleen Cuddy, Ann Thornton, Milan Hughston, Patricia Skarulis, Joshua Greenburg, Jim Neal (phone), LaRuth Gray (phone) Thomas Galante,

Not Present: Betty Rosa, Jeffrey Olson, Sandra Galef, Louis Zacharilla

Staff: Jason Kucsma, Lawi Laktabai

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:08pm.

Jacknis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Friday, May 10, 2013 meeting. Patricia Skarulis moved and Milan Hughston seconded.

President's Report:

Norman Jacknis spoke about a meeting he attended at The Aspen Institute that covered a wide range of issues regarding the future of public libraries. The group will meet again in October, and Jacknis will provide an update at the November meeting.

Finance Update:

Colleen Cuddy reported that METRO's income and expenses are well within the YTD targets. LaRuth Gray asked for an explanation of "miscellaneous income." Lawi Laktabai confirmed that it includes small amount items like fees for renting METRO's training center and the interest accrued on delayed state money.

Cuddy notified the board that she will be stepping down from her role as Treasurer, because she is moving to Sydney, Australia. Ann Thornton has agreed to step into this role. Jacknis asked for motion to nominate Thornton as the new Treasurer. Pat Skarulis moved and Milan Hughston seconded.

Laktabai gave an update on this year's audit. The audit is not yet complete but everything looks good at this point.

Guest Speaker, Dan Cohen, Director of DPLA:

As part of METRO's preparation for revising the organization's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan, the board invited Dan Cohen, Executive Director of the Digital Public Library of America to speak with the board. Cohen's visit also coincided with the board's consideration of a proposal for METRO to administer a statewide service hub for the DPLA in collaboration with the NY3Rs association.

DPLA launched in April and currently has about 4.5 million items, more than double the amount from when they began. They're making good progress considering the best ways to receive information is from content and service hubs. DPLA is in daily communication with their hubs and working on getting new ones. Though they cover the entire country they still need to form hubs in central areas.

Cohen talked about the history of DPLA and the current structure of distribute work through content and service hubs. Kucsma mentioned that conversations around a New York service hub have been happening for over a year, and METRO is willing to step forward as a statewide coordinator for this

service.

The board turned their attention to the DPLA/NY service hub proposal. LaRuth Gray asked if the salaries projected were realistic. The board agreed that the proposal is good, but the projected salaries and benefits for the staff should be increased.

Jim Neal moved that the METRO Board endorse the plan to advance METRO as the NY service hub for DPLA and authorize Jason to proceed with the planning, investment and implementation.

Patricia Skarulis and LaRuth Gray seconded the motion.

Josh Greenberg followed up with a question about METRO's liability with regard to the sharing of data and thumbnails from digital collections. Kucsma and Cohen confirmed that a data exchange agreement will be signed between METRO and the DPLA and a similar MOU/agreement will be signed between METRO and participating institutions.

Before adjourning Jacknis thanked Cuddy for her service and presented her with a token of the Board and METRO's appreciation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40