

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2018
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron (video), Norman Jacknis, Mary Lee Kennedy (video), Jim Neal, Christopher Platt

Not Present: Stephen Bury, LaRuth Gray, Josh Greenberg, Milan Hughston, Shannon Mattern, Leah Meisterlin, Patricia Skarulis, Bonnie Tijerina

Staff: Nate Hill, Shelly Mohammed

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:07 p.m.

President's Update:

Jacknis stated the board would be unable to vote during the meeting without a quorum. However, he'll initiate an electronic vote for:

- Nominate Greta Byrum, Director of the New School's Digital Equity Laboratory to the board, subject to the annual vote of the membership
- Nominate Valeda Dent, Dean, St. John's University Libraries to the board, subject to the annual vote of the membership
- Vote in Shannon Mattern to replace Lisa Rosenblum as Vice President of the board

Jacknis mentioned going to Albany at the end of the week, as he is part of an IMLS funding grant out of the Center for Technology and Government. The grant is entitled: *Enabling Smart, Inclusive, and Connected Communities: The Role of Public Libraries*. Jacknis asked the board to let him know if they have any suggestions he could take to Albany.

Jacknis reminded the board it has to start thinking about strategic planning and asked the question: Where do we think this world is going, and what role METRO should play in it.

Finance Report:

Shelly Mohammed mentioned \$1 million was moved out of investments and put into CD's, based on the vote from the prior board meeting; METRO did well Mozilla and IMLS grants; membership dues have increased; and expenses were less than what was budgeted. Overall, METRO is in good shape.

Executive Director's Report:

- Newark Public Library has joined METRO..
- I will be presenting at Next Library Berlin in the fall with Karen Fairbanks. We will be talking about METRO/599, the studio, and the membership.
- METRO studio update.
- Attending a meeting organized by the Siegel Family Endowment on March 7.
- [MODA](#) update.
- NYC Digital Safety update.
- "METRO Classics" - Delivery and Referral Card Service.
- Wrapping up Mozilla-funded web literacy training for librarians.

- *Libraries in the Context of Capitalism* was successful.
- 2nd symposium: *(Mis)informed: Propaganda, Disinformation, Misinformation, and Our Culture* is planned for June 1. Accepted proposals. Keynote: danah boyd. Live streaming the event. Happy Hour after. Propaganda party hosted by Interference Archive. Organized break-out sessions lead by Data & Society.
- John Bracken (DPLA) just visited, Rachel Frick (OCLC research) just visited, and I'm talking to Bethany Noviskie (DLF/CLIR).

Jacknis officially announced that Mary Lee Kennedy will be leaving the board. Mary Lee accepted the position of Executive Director of the Association of Research Libraries and will be relocating to DC. Jacknis and the board thanked Rosenblum for her contribution, service, and dedication to the board.

Presentations:

Kyle Brown & Madjalía Seynou - The New METRO Delivery Service

Anne Karle-Zenith - Digitization Grants Overview

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

2018 Board Meeting Dates:

Monday, June 25, 2018 (virtual) - ***ALA: to be rescheduled!***

Monday, September 17, 2018

Monday, November 12, 2018

Monday, December 17, 2018 (virtual)

All meetings are 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at METRO.