

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL
Board of Trustees Meeting
Thursday, September 7, 2017
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Nick Buron, Stephen Bury, Josh Greenberg, Norman Jacknis, Shannon Mattern, Leah Meisterlin, Lisa Rosenblum, Patricia Skarulis, Bonnie Tijerina (video)

Not Present: LaRuth Gray, Milan Hughston, Mary Lee Kennedy, Jim Neal, Christopher Platt

Staff: Nate Hill

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:10 p.m.

Jacknis moved to accept the minutes from the July 28, 2017 board meeting. Seconded by Patricia Skarulis, the board voted unanimously to accept the minutes.

President's Update:

Jacknis explained that the Executive Director's review usually occurs after the budget for the fiscal year is approved. However, this will change and shift to an earlier part of the year—possibly to the first board meeting of next year, 2018. Jacknis mentioned there are plenty of empty seats on the board. Ethnic and professional diversity are important, and if anyone has any recommendations, feel free to suggest.

Nate Hill suggested every board member speak briefly about projects they are working on.

Treasurer's Finance Report:

Josh Greenberg explained the finance committee met earlier and will return with recommendations on allocating investments.

Executive Director's Report:

Notable METRO News

- METRO's first Open Studio event is on Sept 28.
- Princeton Public Library will visit to learn more about METRO and membership.
- The HLSP Director's meeting is Sept 25. We need to hire a new HLSP coordinator, and we will seek input from this group about that as well as any other ways they might like to see the program adjusted.
- The state library is putting together a committee to look at solutions for the storage of digital files for their grant funded projects, our Associate Director of Business Development will participate.
- New York Historical Society repository.
- We have more interest in our repository services that come from beyond our usual service area.

- 9/28 I'll be on a panel about the "Future of Public Knowledge" at Gensler along with board members Lisa Rosenblum, Shannon Mattern, and METRO member Terry Kirchner.
- We just submitted a planning grant to IMLS along with the Open Syllabus Project and Project Information Literacy for the Reading List for Life project. If Successful, METRO will help plan and execute "ideathon" events at 3 public libraries across the US.
- October 20th, we will host the first of these "ideathons" mentioned above for the NYC public library audience.
- I wrote a letter of support for an interesting grant proposal that betaNYC developed for Sloan. If successful, this will create more opportunities for the METRO membership to engage in open data / civic technology efforts in NYC.
- I have been invited to the advisory board for the DC Public Library's successful IMLS grant, in which they are planning to replicate their successful Memory Lab in other libraries across the country.
- Slogging our way through our application for the CLIR hidden collections grant along with LaMaMa theater archive- we made it to round two, so this is it.
- We submitted our proposal to the Knight Foundation..
- Working on next steps with Roper Center for Public Opinion Polling Data.
- I had a fascinating time at Sneakercon up at Columbia last week.
- Our first METRO quarterly symposium is coming up: Libraries in the Context of Capitalism.
- On 9/11 XFR Collective will do the first public program with the A/V transfer rack we set up.

Below is a selection of interesting upcoming events you might want to come to. A board member promo code is available so that you don't have to pay.

- [10/10 Survive and Thrive: Business Strategy for Sustaining Your Innovative Projects and Programs](#)
- [10/24 The Care and Feeding of Libraries: A Supply Chain Perspective \(Book Industry Study Group\)](#)
- [11/15 How do Search Engines Work?](#)
- [12/4 The Universal Elements of Good Design](#)

See all of our excellent upcoming events and symposia (there are many more) on the site at <http://metro.org/events/>

Presentations:

Peter Herdrich, Digital Library of the Middle East, Antiquities Coalition

Greta Byrum, New America Foundation, Resilient Communities

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

2017 Board Meeting Dates:

Monday, December 11, 2017 (virtual)

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