

TLN Steering Committee

Virtual Meeting Minutes

Friday, October 2, 2020

Secretary: Cindy Mack (Brighton)

Committee Members in Attendance Remotely: Carrie Ralston (Walled Lake), Brian Cloutier (Oxford), Devan Green (Pontiac), Michael Cummings (Flat Rock), Holly Teasdle (Lyon Township), Cindy Mack (Brighton).

Guests in Attendance: Eva Davis (Canton).

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Teasdle at 10:01 A.M.
2. Approval of the Agenda. Cloutier moved and Ralston seconded. Motion Passed.
3. Chairperson's Report: Introductions from each member were provided. Chair Teasdle also informed the group that TLN hired Steven Bowers as the new Cooperative Director.
4. Old Business: None
5. New Business:
  - a. Steering Officer Positions 2020-21: Green volunteered to serve as Chair-elect and Mack volunteered to serve as Secretary.
  - b. Steering Committee Meeting Dates: The proposed virtual meeting dates for 2021 were recommended by Teasdle (March 5, May 7, July 12, October 1, 2021). By general consensus the group agreed to the dates.
  - c. Membership Meetings: It was recommended that the Steering Committee look at changing the membership meetings to an annual event. A discussion ensued regarding the meetings and their value. Davis informed the Committee that TLN's Plan of Services requires 4 membership meetings per year. The plan hasn't been updated in 5 years and it was recommended that the Steering Committee review the plan before taking any further action.
  - d. November TLN Membership Meeting: Teasdle recommended a Membership meeting be held in 4-6 weeks for member library directors to meet the new TLN Director. The committee discussed a variety of issues related to TLN's service model, the value of cooperative services, disenfranchisement, budgetary issues, communication, etc. It was decided that a survey be sent to member libraries to help guide the meeting. By general consensus the group recommended the Membership meeting be held on November 6, with a Steering Committee meeting to be scheduled directly before the Membership meeting on that same day.
6. Adjournment. Green made motion to adjourn. Cloutier seconded. Motion passed.
7. Next Meeting: November 6, 2020 virtually.