

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL

Board of Trustees Meeting

Friday, May 10, 2013

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Minutes

Present: Norman Jacknis, Jeffrey Olson, Louis Zacharilla, Colleen Cuddy, Ann Thornton, Milan Hughston, Patricia Skarulis, Joshua Greenburg, Jim Neal (phone), LaRuth Gray (phone)

Not Present: Betty Rosa, Thomas Galante, Sandra Galef

Staff: Jason Kucsma, Lawi Laktabai

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:00pm. Jacknis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Tuesday, January 22, 2013 meeting. Jeff Olson moved and Louis Zacharilla seconded.

Norman Jacknis asked the Board to introduce themselves, and invited newest Board member Louis Zacharilla to share some information about his work in his introduction.

After introductions, Colleen Cuddy provided an update on METRO's finances and presented the proposed budget for FY 2013-14. Jason Kucsma highlighted some changes; 4.9% increase in state aid, possible increase in delivery service expenses, decrease in membership dues from collegial member attrition, promotion of part-time staffer to full-time. After brief discussion, Cuddy called for a motion to approve the budget. Skarulis moved, Olson seconded, and the Board voted to approve the budget unanimously.

Jason told the Board where he will be speaking and representing METRO (NYLA/BEA pre-conference on May 29; plenary for NYAC on June 6, Montreal LODLAM Summit co-sponsor and fiscal sponsor June 18, ALA Annual as member of OITP advisory committee and member of Digital Content Working Group).

Kucsma provided a brief update of METRO's recent activities:

- **Open Data Fellowship:** <http://metro.org/articles/open-data-fellowship-accepting-applications/>
- **Innovative Internships:** <http://metro.org/articles/innovative-internship-recipients-announced/>
- **Speakers Forum with Hilary Mason:** <http://metro.org/articles/hilary-mason-metro/>
- **IMLS Grant:** <http://metro.org/articles/metro-awarded-an-ims-laura-bush-21st-century-librarian-grant/>
- **Digitization Grants:** <http://metro.org/articles/metro-announces-2013/>

Jacknis mentioned that METRO is nearing the conclusion of the 2009/2014 Strategic Plan term and that the board would need to begin that process again. Kucsma said he would work with Jacknis to line-up speakers for the Board meetings as part of the strategic planning process.

Kucsma presented the opportunity for METRO to become a Service Hub for the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) The DPLA is looking to regional collaborative projects to serve as Service Hubs to the project, and Kucsma mentioned that METRO is uniquely positioned to fill that role and work with other NY3Rs to scale the project up statewide. Neal recommended that there be two parallel processes, one strategic that begins with a meeting this summer and another logistical that also begins soon. Kucsma agreed and mentioned that the goal would be for NY to be able to announce its partnership as early as October for the DPLA launch activities (initially postponed after the Boston Marathon bombing). Kucsma also mentioned that he has reviewed budgets from other current service hubs, and would foresee this activity being partially or entirely funded through METRO's Strategic Initiatives funds.

NEW BUSINESS:

During the "new business" portion of the meeting, the Board discussed the recent White House order for open data requirements for federally funded projects and the implications on libraries. Some suggested that this might be a useful symposium for METRO to coordinate. Greenberg mentioned some of the work he is involved in around data management planning.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30