

**NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC)**  
**Tuesday, August 1, 2017**  
**Helena, Montana**

**ATTENDEES:**

Council Members: Chair Tracy Cook, Matthew Beckstrom, Connie Behe, Pamela Benjamin, MaryKay Bullard (online), Dana Carmichael, Carly Delsigne, Eva English, Sarah McClain, Kelly Anne Terry, Sonja Woods

MSL Staff: Jennifer Birnel, Jo Flick, Lauren McMullen, Cara Orban, Suzanne Reymer, Jennie Stapp

Guests: none

Chair Cook called the meeting to order at 9:35am.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Member Terry and seconded by Member Delsigne to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as presented and the motion passed.**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

State Librarian Stapp gave an update on the impacts of the legislative session. The group discussed what to do to support MSL in the future and to position the library to get back some or all of the lost funds.

**OPERATING GUIDELINES:**

Chair Cook introduced the changes that the committee working on the Operating Guidelines proposed. The NAC discussed the changes and made the following motions:

**A motion was made by Member Beckstrom and seconded by Member Terry to add the Montana Library Association President or designee to the NAC under "NAC Representative Membership Categories" and the motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Member Carmichael and seconded by Member Terry to approve the new mission statement and the motion passed.**

**A motion was made by Member Terry and seconded by Member Beckstrom to delete support resource sharing, change wording of works closely with MSL staff, delete make recommendations, and re-order of the tasks under NAC Ongoing Tasks and the motion passed.**

**MSL STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK:**

Chair Cook and State Librarian Stapp reviewed the strategic framework and the various documents that the NAC created in March 2017. Two areas that the group might want to consider recommending that

the Commission add to the MSL Strategic Framework were collaboration as a value and developing a community of practice as the strategy.

**A motion was made by Member Benjamin and seconded by Member Terry to recommend adding collaboration to the “What We Value” section of the MSL Strategic Framework and the motion passed.**

The group was in consensus that the NAC recommended a strategy related to training/developing community be added to the MSL Strategic Framework. The NAC worked through a “so that” or theory of change exercise to describe why we will do it.

#### **LSTA 5-YEAR PLAN:**

Cook presented what LSTA goals are currently reflected in the MSL Strategic Framework – goals 1, 4, and 5. She asked the NAC whether or not those were the right goals to work on this year. After discussing the pros and cons of the various goals, the NAC came to consensus that Library Development staff should work on goals 1, 3, and 4. The NAC then broke into small groups to analyze those three goals to create recommendations for staff on what outcomes to work on and how success will be measured. Cook reported that staff would be meeting at the end of August and would use this work to build their work plans for next year.

#### **NAC WORK PLAN:**

The NAC discussed what they wanted to work on in the coming year. Consensus was to work on budget and to support the goals by promoting interlibrary cooperation; advocating for net neutrality; helping with a master service agreement with Internet Service Providers; and supporting the exchange of knowledge in order to move library services forward. Cook will type up a document for the NAC to review at their next meeting.

#### **TRAINING MAP/PRIORITIES:**

Jo Flick asked for suggestions or ideas for training in the coming year. Group recommended that Flick review the work from today for ideas for training. Another suggestion was to provide working with foundations training for public library board members.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

There was none made.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There was none made.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.**