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**MONTANA STATE LIBRARY (MSL) COMMISSION MEETING**  
**9:30 a.m., April 13, 2022**  
**State Capitol, Rm 172, Helena, MT and Zoom**

## MINUTE LOG

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### ATTENDEES:

#### Commissioners:

Chair Kenning Arlitsch (Commissioner of Higher Education Appointee), Elsie Arntzen (Superintendent of Public Instruction), Dalton Johnson, Kristin Kerr, Robyn Scribner, Peggy Taylor

#### Absent Commissioners:

None

#### MSL Staff on Zoom:

Colet Bartow, Jennifer Birnel, Troy Blandford, Melanie Carroll, Jackie Crepeau, Bobbi DeMontigny, Lee Fossum, Sharon Hardwick, Pam Henley, Amelea Kim, Jim Kammerer, Rebekah Kamp, Ashley Kanduch, Melody Karle, William Kessler, Kenny Ketner, Martin Landry, Amy Marchwick, Bryce Maxell, Keiley McGregor, Stanley Munson, Cara Orban, Suzanne Reymer, Matt Trebesch, Laura Tretter

#### MSL Staff Present:

Marilyn Bennett, Malissa Briggs, Erin Fashoway, Evan Hammer, Genevieve Lighthiser, Jennie Stapp

#### Public on Zoom:

Sean Anderson (Senior Librarian, Imaginelf Library), Pamela Benjamin (Statewide Coordinator for Academic Libraries, TRAILS (Treasure State & Academic Information Services)), Susie Birch, Carroll Blend, Barbara Boorman, Roy Caldwell, Austin Castle, Chelsea Drake, Dorothy, Micah Drew, Teri Dugan, Laurel Ekern, EZTOME, Susan Gregory, Marsha Hinch, (Choteau, MT), Anne Kish, Molly Kruckenberg (Director, Montana Historical Society) Laura, Constance Leistiko (Imaginelf Library Board Member), Liz, Lykins, Valerie McGarvey, Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson, Beth Meggers, Jodie Moore (Library Director, Red Lodge Carnegie Library), Stacey Moore (Director of Library Services - Fallon County Library), Jim Nelson, Starla Rice, Dave Shearer

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(Billings Public Library), Jonna Underwood (Library Director, Sheridan County Library), Kirk Vriesman (Executive Director-Montana Library Association), Zee, Cherilyn

## Public Present:

Doug Adams (Imaginelf Library Board Member), Randy Brodehl (Flathead County Commissioner), Ashley Cummins (Library Director, Imaginelf Library), Dave Ingram (Imaginelf Library Board Member), Heidi Roedel (Imaginelf Library Board Member)

Agenda: [Attachment 1](#)

(00:00:02) Call to Order at 9:32 am and Introductions

(00:01:57) New Staff Introductions

(00:07:15) Consent Agenda

- State Library policy action: [Attachment 2](#)
  - Tablet training lab use: [Attachment 3](#)
  - Laptop training lab use: [Attachment 4](#)
- Fiscal Year '22 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter financial report: [Attachment 5](#)
- February 9, 2022 Minutes: [Attachment 6](#)
- April 7, 2022 Minutes: [Attachment 7](#)

**(00:08:00) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Scribner to approve the three agenda items and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(00:08:30) Finance Committee report – Briggs, Stapp

(00:08:43) Trust request to support staff retreat: [Attachment 8](#)

**(00:14:09) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the \$2,000 to use for the retreat and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**

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- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(00:14:33) Montana Heritage Center Sensory trail donation: [Attachment 9](#)

(00:17:30) Public Comment

**(00:17:59) Motion by Commissioner Scribner and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the Montana Heritage Sensory trail request and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(00:18:35) Talking Book Library Services proposal: [Attachment 10](#)

**(00:52:11) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Scribner to approve the Talking Books proposal with the caveat that we receive at our next Commission meeting a more detailed proposed budget and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(00:53:08) FY '23 starting budget: [Attachment 11](#)

**(01:00:14) Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the FY23 Budget as stands and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(01:00:55) Montana Land Information Advisory Council report – Stapp, Fashoway

(01:01:08) GIS Coordination strategic plan: [Attachment 12](#)

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- Strategic plan: [Attachment 13](#)
- Appendix 1: [Attachment 14](#)
- Appendix 2: [Attachment 15](#)
- Appendix 3: [Attachment 16](#)
- Appendix 4: [Attachment 17](#)
- Appendix 5: [Attachment 18](#)
- Appendix 6: [Attachment 19](#)
- Appendix 7: [Attachment 20](#)
- AppGeo presentation to Council: [Attachment 21](#)
- Public Comment

**(01:08:46) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to accept the State GIS Coordination Strategic Plan and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(01:09:24) FY 23 Montana Land Information Act grant awards: [Attachment 22](#)

- Grant application report: [Attachment 23](#)
- Public Comment

**(01:14:10) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Taylor to approve the MLIA Council recommendations for prioritization for funding these grants and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

**(01:14:52) Chair Arlitsch called for a 5-minute break at 10:50 am**

(01:15:20) Network Advisory Council (NAC) report – Stapp, Moore

- NAC nominations subcommittee volunteers

(00:01:26) Montana Shared Catalog applicant libraries – Orban, Marchwick

(01:23:40) Statewide Public Library Standards waivers – Stapp: [Attachment 24](#)

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**(01:27:48) Motion by Commissioner Kerr and seconded by Commissioner Scribner to approve the request for automatic deferrals and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(01:28:21) Tribal college libraries and state aid legislation –Stapp: [Attachment 25](#)

**(01:41:53) Motion by Commissioner Arntzen and seconded by Commissioner Kerr to move forward with legislative action and to put a decision package together to request that funding flows equivalently to tribal college libraries, as well as with accountability that is there with a contingency that no harm in done to existing Montana libraries that are already funded and the motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
- **Kristen Kerr-aye**
- **Robyn Scribner-aye**
- **Peggy Taylor-aye**

(01:43:12) 2025 Biennium agency budget priorities – Stapp: [Attachment 26](#)

- State Aid Cost Analysis: [Attachment 27](#)

**(02:28:13) Motion by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kerr to withhold request #2 and #6 from today's vote but will be bringing them back for discussion after the opportunity to meet with the Chair of the Interim Budget Committee and to approve the rest of the budget priorities with the friendly amendment from Commissioner Arntzen to honor their request by sending a letter and to let patrons and everyone know that we are still supportive of a healthy, safe environment. The motion passed unanimously.**

- **Kenning Arlitsch-aye**
- **Elsie Arntzen-aye**
- **Dalton Johnson-aye**
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(02:30:46) State Library policy review: [Attachment 28](#)

- Display policy – Bennett: [Attachment 29](#)
- MSL Reading Room code of conduct – Bennett: [Attachment 30](#)

**(02:32:23) Chair Arlitsch called for a 30-minute lunch break at 12:15 pm**

(02:32:41) ImagineIf Libraries, public library standards, and state aid funding – Stapp and invited guests: [Attachment 31](#)

- Communication from the ImagineIf Libraries Board
- Library Standards Credentials Memo: [Attachment 32](#)
- February 4 Letter from the Flathead County Commission: [Attachment 33](#)
- February 25 Letter to Flathead County Commission: [Attachment 34](#)
- February 25 Letter to the ImagineIf Library Board: [Attachment 35](#)
- Written public comments received: [Attachment 36](#)
- Public Comment

(03:46:43) Chair Arlitsch called for a 5-minute break at 2:01 pm

(03:47:00) State Library Report

(03:47:30) Interim Budget Committee Reports

- MSL 2023 Interim Budget Committee Report Storymap: [Attachment 37](#)
- MSL COVID-Related Funding and Expenditures Storymap: [Attachment 38](#)

(03:52:32) Work Plan Dashboard: [Attachment 39](#)

(03:52:44) Montana Shared Catalog Request for Proposal

(03:53:53) Montana Real Time Network: [Attachment 40](#)

(03:54:00) Space planning update

(03:57:33) Final Library Services and Technology Act 5-year evaluation: [Attachment 41](#)

(03:57:56) Partner feedback: [Attachment 42](#)

(03:58:41) News to know about: [Attachment 43](#)

Commission Goals and Objectives

(04:04:57) Elect Vice-Chair – **Action**

June meeting: Dalton Johnson

August meeting: Kristin Kerr

(04:06:36) Calendar Review: [Attachment 44](#)

- Spring Federation Meeting Attendance
- Tri-conference Conversation with the Commission conference proposal accepted

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(04:10:41) Other Business & Announcements

((04:11:34) Meeting adjourned at 2:39 pm.

Documents Shared During the Meeting: [Attachment 45](#)