

**NORTH BAY COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**November 28, 2011**

**1. CONVENING:**

The North Bay Cooperative Library System (NBCLS) Council of Librarians met this date at the Napa City County Library with Chair Gregg Atkins presiding. The meeting convened at 9:35 a.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>	<b>MEMBER LIBRARY</b>	<b>REPRESENTATIVE</b>
X		Dixon Public Library	Gregg Atkins, Chair
X		St. Helena Public Library	Jennifer Baker, Vice-Chair
X		Belvedere-Tiburon Library	Debbie Mazzolini
X		Benicia Public Library	Diane Smikahl
X		Lake County Library	Susan Clayton
	X	Larkspur Public Library	Frances Gordon
X		Marin County Free Library	Gail Haar
X		Mendocino County Library	Mel Lightbody
	X	Mill Valley Public Library	Anji Brenner
X		Napa City-County Library	Danis Kreimeier
X		Napa Valley Community College	Rebecca Scott
X		San Anselmo Public Library	Linda Kenton
	X	San Rafael Public Library	Sarah Houghton
	X	Santa Rosa Junior College	Cherry Li-Bugg
X		Sausalito Public Library	Abbot Chambers
X		Solano Community College Library	Rebecca Scott
X		Solano County Library	Lynne Williams for Bonnie Katz
X		Sonoma County Library	Sandy Cooper
		Sonoma Developmental Center	Vacant
X		NLS System Headquarters – Exec. Dir.	Annette Milliron
X		California State Library	Darla Gunning
X		NLS, Chair and Colusa County Library	Wendy Burke
X		California State Library	Gerry Maginnity

**2. Welcome & Introductions:**

Everyone introduced themselves to new Sausalito Director Abbot Chambers.

**3. Public Invited to Address the Board**

No members of the public were present.

**4. Approval of the Agenda**

A motion to approve the agenda with the change of moving item number 6 to follow item number 11 was moved by Danis Kreimeier, seconded by Jennifer Baker. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes – June 29, 2011**

A motion to approve the minutes was moved by Jennifer Baker, seconded by Diane Smikahl. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **6. Consent Calendar**

A motion to approve the Consent Calendar was moved by Gail Haar, seconded by Debbie Mazzolini. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. Closed Session: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE (As per Government Code Section 54950 et seq.)**

#### **8. Report from Closed Session**

Chairman Gregg Atkins reported that no action was taken during the Closed Session. He further reported that Ms. Milliron DeBacker filed for retirement effective December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

#### **9. Revision of 11/12 budget**

A motion to table adoption of budget until after discussion of items 7, 10, and 11 was moved by Gail Haar, seconded by Mel Lightbody. The motion passed unanimously. When the budget was discussed again following item number 11 the point was made that the membership dues and delivery fees would be collected and managed by NorthNet Library System. SuperSearch dues however would be collected and managed by North Bay. A motion to leave the adoption of a budget as a tabled item until the next NBCLS Board meeting was made by Linda Kenton, seconded by Gail Haar. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **10. Recommendation to initiate process to withdraw from NorthNet Library System as per Section XIX. *Withdrawals of the Joint Powers Agreement of the NorthNet Library System (4-28-09)***

Prior to beginning the discussion of this item Chair, Gregg Atkins turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Jennifer Baker to officiate as he asked to have this item added to the agenda and wished to present the background. A motion for NBCLS to withdraw from NLS as soon as possible was moved by Gregg Atkins, seconded by Gail Haar. Mr. Atkins has been involved with NLS as part of the Consolidation Team in 2008/09, then serving as Vice-Chair in 2009/10, and Chair in 2010/11. Based on the funding situation NLS is not sustainable. NBCLS is sustainable and demonstrates what the consultant told us is the model for sustainability. NBCLS has members clustered around shared ILS, a reliable delivery system, and SuperSearch as a tool to tie together the 3 ILS clusters. Joan Frye Williams stated more than once "bigger is not necessarily better" when seeking sustainability. Needs are different for NBC than for the other the member of NLS. Having 41 public libraries at the table makes swift decisive action difficult. Sandy Cooper commented that CLSA systems are 50 years old. She is concerned that there isn't a statewide vision for development of library services. Should NBC be a service center rather than a system? Danis Kreimeier commented that a change in governance structure to create an executive committee with greater power would be an improvement. Issues that were discussed as negative outcomes from the withdrawal include operational problems for NSCLS & MVLS, reduced access to in-depth resources, and loss of access to state or federal funds. The Question was called. The Motion failed.

#### **11. Recommendation to initiate process to dissolve NorthNet Library System as per Section XVIII. *Dissolution of NLS of the Joint Powers Agreement of the NorthNet Library System (4-28-09), and to further authorize the NBCLS Chair to approach both of the other governing bodies to seek action by one or both for dissolution.***

For this item Vice-Chair Jennifer Baker continued to conduct the meeting. A motion to initiate the process to dissolve NorthNet Library System (4-28-09), and to further authorize the NBCLS Chair to approach both of the other governing bodies to seek action by one or both for dissolution was moved by Gregg Atkins, seconded by Abbot Chambers. The question was asked if MVLS or NSCLS was considering dropping membership. There have been rumblings of withdrawal from both systems. NSCLS actually conducted several Council meetings throughout late 2010 and early 2011 to discuss continued participation in NLS. The final outcome was that only a minority of the NSCLS members were interested in withdrawal. There hasn't been an official meeting of MVLS to discuss the issue. It was indicated that MVLS members are discussing

the issue between themselves. Consensus of the group was to explore the sentiment of the other systems regarding this issue while planning to continue participation for the remainder of this fiscal year. There was agreement to re-visit this issue and continue the evaluation of the effectiveness of NLS. A motion to table the motion to initiate the process to dissolve NLS was made by Sandy Cooper, seconded by Lynne Williams. The motion passed unanimously. At the conclusion of the vote Gregg Atkins resumed his role as Chair.

## **12. Consideration of disposal of office equipment and furnishings**

After a brief discussion about the age and condition of most of the equipment it was decided that there is little cash value to be gleaned. A motion to authorize staff to dispose of furniture and equipment as efficiently as possible even if it includes sending it to recycle or the refuse was moved by Gail Haar, seconded by Lynne Williams. Motion passed unanimously.

## **13. Board Member Items**

An opportunity for members of the Board to share or request information

Mendocino County reported that recent voter approval of the library's tax measure will double the library's budget. The newly increased budget will go into effect July 1, 2012. Ms. Lightbody thanked Ms. Haar for her advice on managing a successful tax measure. The Mendocino County Friends donated \$60.00 seed money for campaign.

The Solano County Board of Supervisors approved the library's tax measure for the upcoming ballot. SNAP is upgrading to Carl.X on January 21, 2012

Marin County has hired architects for remodeling projects in four branch library lobbies. A manager for Novato Branch has been hired. A fresh new library website has been launched.

Sonoma County announced that recent hires include both David Dodd and Patty Hector. The Sonoma Regional Branch is being remodeled. The collection and operations will move back into the space in March 2012. A proposal to refurbish the Sebastopol Regional Branch is under consideration.

St. Helena won a CLA PR Excellence Award.

Belvedere-Tiburon reported that progress is being made on the building expansion. The environmental impact report is undergoing its 2<sup>nd</sup> review.

Lake County reported that ground has been broken for a combined Middletown Senior Center and Lake County Branch Library building.

Napa City-County reported that the old American Canyon city hall will be developed into the new home of the American Canyon Branch Library.

## **14. Next meeting/Agenda Building**

A Doodle survey will be conducted to set a date after December 5<sup>th</sup> with the Sonoma County Petaluma Regional Branch as the preferred location.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:14 p.m.

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Annette Milliron DeBacker  
Clerk of the Board  
November 28, 2011