

NOBLE Executive Board Meeting Minutes Hybrid June 11, 2025

Present: Kathy Lussier, Brian Courtemanche, Allison Babin, Catherine McDonald, Myron Schirer-Suter, Rachel Overbeck, Anna Sarneso, Theresa Hurley, and Abby Porter

1. Call to Order

Brian called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2025 and June 2, 2025

Catherine made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2025 and June 2, 2025, seconded by Theresa. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

Myron and Kathy reviewed the financial report. Everything is proceeding as expected and the contract for the new audit has been signed. Kathy reviewed several budget lines, as the fiscal year ends this month.

4. Electronic Resources Working Group

Myron and Kathy reviewed the most recent ERDWG meeting, which mostly dealt with Aspen. There are some issues with the language filter options. The group also recommended the Executive Board reaffirm Electronic Collection Policy and Publishers' Release Date Policy.

Anna made the motion to reaffirm both policies, seconded by Catherine. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Collection Management Team

Catherine reviewed the most recent Collection Management Team meeting. A project is being discussed to help libraries compare their collections to the whole NOBLE collection. There was debate over whether this is something to currently prioritize.

6. Executive Director's Report

Kathy reviewed the Director's Report, which included the following:

- Aspen's public preview has been delayed until July to make sure everything is working as expected and have more sessions with member libraries.
- Gordon Conwell migration will likely begin in September.
- Filtering software has been installed in Swampscott.

- Vendors for network monitoring have provided quotes, but they were higher than expected. Kathy plans to expand the search.
- A member library has concerns about the cooperative purchasing component of the new assessment formula. Kathy will look at other networks' cooperative purchasing assessment models to see if there is a better option after FY 27.
- At the most recent Network Administrators Meeting, the BPL reviewed their ecard services updates. More information will be forthcoming. The Books Unbanned project will allow out-of-state patrons between the ages of 13 and 26 to use all Massachusetts' Libby collections through the LEA program. They will not be able to place holds.
- ECDI will vote on a revised budget due to contract issues.

7. Charging for library cards from residents of non-certified municipalities

Kathy discussed a concern raised by a member library about charging for library cards from residents of non-certified municipalities and how this might affect the Decertification policy. There was discussion and, ultimately, it was decided that charging for library cards would not necessitate changing the policy.

8. Membership Inquiry from Nahant Public Library

Nahant Public Library inquired about becoming an Associate member. There was discussion about the rate, as Nahant requested a lower rate than the initial assessment quote. A subcommittee will meet to discuss options.

9. New Business

Kathy's goal review will be scheduled for late June, early July.

10. Adjournment

Myron moved to adjourn. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Abby Porter
Clerk