I. CALL TO ORDER
Chair Dimassis called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Jerry Stein, Learning Dreams Founder & Director
Dr. Stein explained Learning Dreams partners with organizations, community
groups and government entities that are working with individuals who have been
cut off from educational success. They focus on linking learners to local
resources to help grow and strengthen learning experiences. They also work
with individuals, young and old, to help identify their passions and their true
learning dreams and connect them to local learning outlets that will help make
their dreams a reality. Learning Dreams is currently partnering with Hennepin
County Library’s East Lake Branch. They’re also working with Homework Hub at
Minneapolis Central.

II. DIRECTOR’S DISCUSSION CONCERNING SPEAKER’S PRESENTATION
Promotion of the libraries was discussed and how there should be an image shift
of re-imagining the libraries in peoples’ minds as learning centers. Ads around
“following your dream” could be helpful. MELSA could sponsor training which
may include a day at the Minnesota State Fair and funds for project grants.
Thompson will work with Olson on how to structure future training(s) for the
MELSA libraries. They will bring a proposal to the March or April Advisory Board
meeting. Strong results from HCL’s current projects will not be available until
May.

III. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (January 11, 2013).
   Motion by Thompson to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by
   Behringer. Motion carried.
IV. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS
A. E-Book Subgroup Update: Tom Mercer (Matt Moore and Jenny Cranes via speaker phone)

MELSA’s subgroup consists of Moulton Janssen, Nemitz, Behringer, Rodgers and Olson. They met in January to discuss what measurements were necessary as the project moves forward. Mercer attended today’s meeting to update the Advisory Board with the following information.

- When you do a search, you’ll see the 3M books in the search box. There will be a link to bring the full library catalog. Tap that to bring up the full catalog. You can also tap on the shelves to bring you back to the full library catalog.
- The Mac app is available.
- 3M is part of the Macmillan trial. This is only one of their imprints – approx. 1,000 titles. Launching in March.
- MELSA will be the first ILL lending system. On track to launch in April.
- When you go for a search, the results will be co-mingled. The search goes to your system first and then it is shared across MELSA if it is available.
- Example: A SPL user can only put holds on a SPL e-book – no holds can be put on another system’s e-books. If the SPL user wanted a DCL e-book but the e-book wasn’t available, the SPL user would be presented with a “wish list option.”
- 3M will have individual contracts with each system.
- When the system is launched in April, SPL and DCL will be the first to start. Other systems will be brought up after SPL and DCL are performing as intended.

The Advisory Board told Mercer they wanted to be able to track:
- ILL loans
- Reciprocal borrowing if/when this becomes available
- Total circulation

The Advisory Board agreed that any time they purchased e-books under this project, the e-books would become a part of the consortial product. The sub-committee will meet to discuss how funds for the e-books will be distributed and to further discuss rules and guidelines for the project.

V. OTHER REPORTS
A. Executive Director’s Report (Olson)
   1. Legislative Day
      Olson and Ann Walker Smalley (Metronet’s Director) are extending an invitation to match up visits to the local legislators on March 6, Legislative Day.
   
   2. Plan for Associate Libraries
      Olson will revisit the Plan for Associate Libraries in the coming months.

   3. Legacy Funding Payments
      Olson reminded the Advisory Board the Department of Education notified MELSA the Legacy program would now be considered a grant
reimbursement program. The 12 regions were paid 75% of their allocation but minus any carryover funds from previous years. MELSA received 1/3 of its payment. CRPLSA found 31 problem areas in the OGAN agreement. Two of the larger issues were:

- Reimbursement program – This creates hardships for some of the smaller systems and this doesn’t need to be a reimbursement program. These smaller systems may not be able to participate because of this change.
- OGAN makes it very specific that this is only a one year grant – no carryover dollars which is not what the legislation says.

CRPLSA met with the Commissioner and members of her staff from the Department of Education. They asked CRPLSA to write language they want. Olson said the language has been there for a week and he’ll keep the Advisory Board updated. He is not signing any new contracts beyond June 30 until this is resolved.

B. Other Staff, Team and MELSA Group Updates
None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.