Members Present:
Anoka: Maggie Snow  Ramsey: Lynn Wyman
Carver: Heidi Hoks  Saint Paul: Karen Kolb-Peterson
Dakota: Scott: Jake Grussing
Hennepin: Lois Thompson  Washington: Keith Ryskoski

Staff Present: Ken Behringer, Kate Brown and Mona Scott
Others Present: Valerie Horton, Minitex

I. CALL TO ORDER
Vice Chair Grussing called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

II. CONSENT AGENDA
A. Approval of Agenda
B. Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 10, 2016)
   Grussing noted a correction to minutes. The meeting was adjourned at 10:45AM not
   10:45PM
   Motion by Hoks to approve the Consent Agenda as corrected. Second by Thompson.
   Motion carried.

III. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS
A. Minitex Update – included developments regarding eBook services and accessibility.
   (Valerie Horton)
   Horton updated the Advisory Board on some broad Minitex statistics.
   • Minitex remains the top lender in Online Computer Library Center (OCLC)
   • 2016 resource sharing numbers are holding even.
   • Drop in ELM searches from 55 million to 51 million. The drop is after 6 years of rapid
     growth.
   • Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) continues to add new organizations and content.

   Horton also updated the Board on Ebooks MN, which is a multi-user permanent ownership
   model involving content from many of Minnesota’s independent publishers.
   • Product has been up and running for 4 months.
   • 3,500 books in the collection
   • 41,000 reads of books
   • 27,000 unique sessions
   • Juvenile non-fiction is most circulated

   Behringer indicated that he had invited Horton in part to discuss an opportunity to support
   allow library users to convert data manuscript files to a format that would enable e-
publishing or printing in book format. Self-E/Select would provide a portal for locally produced digital content to be stored and made available to the public. (The Self-E Select feature would involve review of certain type of content be reader selected through Library Journal for the purpose of picking the highest grade content.) Both PressBooks and Self-E would be licensed annually through BiblioBoard. Behringer noted the potential value to libraries and their users in these services and recommend that he be authorized to work with Horton and approach other regional library directors about a joint funding model.

Motion by Thompson to support Self-E of MN and enter into discussions with CRPLSA and others for funding. Second by Snow. Friendly amendment by Ryskoski for Behringer to bring back findings on funding back to the Advisory Board in August with the goal of presenting to the Trustees in September for approval. Friendly amendment seconded by Snow. Motion carried.

B. Continuation of MELSA teams discussion: Tech Measures Task Force (Scott)
Scott reviewed the initial directive to the Task Force:
- Ensure consistent participation in the Edge Initiative
- Review the Edge Assessment results and discuss potential collaboration for any gaps in service.
- Determine if additional technology information is needed beyond the Edge, state annual report and other surveys.

The Directors appreciated the Task Force’s completion of the directives and considered their recommendation for additional measurements to collect regionally and determined the value of the information did not justify the efforts required to collect the data.

Motion by Thompson to disband the Tech Measures Task Force and create a measures and outcomes interest group. Second by Snow. Motion carried.
Thompson volunteered to draft the directive to the interest group and will present it at the August Advisory Board meeting.

C. Discussion of current MELSA Funding and Phase formula
The Board decided to defer the conversation regarding current MELSA Funding and Phase formula until a new Ramsey County Library Director has been hired.

D. Next steps on LSTA survey process
Behringer requested that the Directors communicate their next steps in using the LSTA findings for the individual systems to him as he prepares to submit a final report to the state on the project.

The Directors reviewed the current Strategic Plan and discussed how to proceed with future regional planning. The Directors agreed that they would like to keep the current Strategic Plan with some changes to layout, design and language at the next couple of Board meetings. They would also like to create a tactical work plan each year for the Teams and groups.
IV. REPORTS

A. Executive Director’s Report
MELSA Team Review process is continuing and a goal for the next Advisory Board meeting is to have some decisions regarding the teams.

B. Other staff, Team and MELSA Group Updates

C. Other

- Thompson described the new ALA campaign called, “Expert in…”
- Grussing requested adding a discussion about retaining Boopsie at the next Advisory Board meeting.
- HCL has created a booklist on Black Lives Matter for kids, teens and adults that has been picked up by American Library Journal. Thompson offered to forward the links to anyone that was interested.

V. ADJOURNMENT
Motion to adjourn by Thompson.
Second by Snow.
Motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 11:08AM.