WYLD Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: September 11, 2025

Location: Via Zoom

Roll Call

Present: Kip Roberson, Michelle Humber, Katrina Brown, Cristine Braddy, Lorene Heinzen, Nathan Bender, Anita Marple, Abby Beaver, Desiree Saunders, and Kate Mutch.

Absent: Karen Horner

Call to Order

Kip Roberson called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

Approval of Agenda

Motion: Anita Marple moved to approve the agenda; Lorene Heinzen seconded.

Result: Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

Motion: Lorene Heinzen moved to approve the August meeting minutes as amended; Michelle Humber seconded.

Result: Motion carried.

Reports

State Librarian Report

The House Appropriations Committee met and approved the full appropriation to IMLS.

WYLD Program Manager Report

• Staff continues work on the ILL migration project. The changeover is scheduled for the last week of October.
• A new hosting partner for Aspen, Grove, has been selected. The contract is currently under review at the Attorney General's office and should be finalized soon. Some temporary patron impacts may occur during the transition.
• Stephanie Gertken has been hired as the Bibliographic Librarian and will begin on September 22.
• Items have been removed for the two Big Horn County branches that were closed due to budget cuts.

• Several WYLD staff members will attend AspenCon virtually.
• Database authentication updates required by UW have been completed.

Old Business

• WYLD Annual Dates: Anita Marple moved to hold WYLD Annual on May 27–28, 2026 (Wednesday and Thursday); Lorene Heinzen seconded.
Result: Motion carried.

• WYLD Databases and eResources: Desiree Saunders reported that UW requires affirmative consent, meaning generic or institutional cards may no longer be used to access UW-provided databases. Access will be limited to individual library cards.

New Business

The Board discussed creating an Aspen working group. Desiree Saunders will draft a proposal outlining the group's purpose and procedures for review at the next meeting.

Governing Board Members' Reports/Issues

• Anita Marple reported on upcoming policy changes being considered by the Fremont County Library Board.
• No additional reports were presented.

Adjournment

With no further business, Kip Roberson adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Mutch, Recorder