

WYLD Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 12, 2026 **Time:** 11:00 a.m. **Location:** Zoom

Call to Order

President Kip Roberson called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Roll Call

Present:

Kip Roberson, President

Michelle Humber, Vice-President

Nathan Bender, K-12 / Special Library Representative

Lorene Heinzen, Large Public Library Representative

Cristine Braddy, Small Public Library Representative

Anita Marple, Member-at-Large

Karen Horner, Member-at-Large

Abby Beaver, State Librarian

Desiree Saunders, WYLD Program Manager (ex-officio)

Absent:

Kate Mutch, Recorder

Katrina Brown, Academic Library Representative

Approval of Agenda

Anita Marple moved to approve the agenda. Cristine Braddy seconded. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Horner moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Nathan Bender seconded. Motion passed.

State Librarian Report

State Librarian Abby Beaver provided an update on IMLS's budget, which was approved for federal fiscal year 2026, with a slight increase in grants to states. Kip inquired about the State Library's plans for redistributing the ILL cost savings from the cancellation of VDX. Abby responded that work has only just begun on that project, and the State Library is currently gathering data from libraries regarding postage costs.

WYLD Program Manager Report

WYLD Program Manager Desiree Saunders mentioned that nine people have registered for the virtual COSUGI event in April, including six from the State Library and members

of the Governing Board. The cost is \$150. If more people are interested, she encouraged them to reach out to her to add them on with small group discount.

Desiree also talked about their efforts to improve library data management and reporting, mentioning that Nick did an analysis of the entirety of the collection and identified areas for improving reporting and management of items.

Acquisition data purge: The WYLD Office plans to remove acquisitions data (inactive funds and closed orders) older than 10 fiscal years. It will not affect current balances. Anita Marple asked what she needed to know about the data purge. Desiree explained that inactive funds and closed orders from 10 years ago will be removed from the system, but current balances will remain active if funds have been rolled over. This project may take several months as an analysis of data currently in the system for each library needs to be done first.

New Business

Aspen Working Group: Desiree reported on the first meeting of the Aspen Working Group, where Cayla Broseus and KJ Hillgren discussed plans for future engagement and addressed a bug related to series information in search results, which was fixed by enabling the series module in Aspen.

Symphony 4.2 Upgrade: Desiree discussed the Symphony 4.2 upgrade, which is currently on the test server. A potential issue was highlighted regarding item types that should not be routed outside their owning library, specifically for Library of Things. This change also prevents changing the hold pickup location for available holds, which has caused problems for some libraries that upgraded to 4.2. Desiree mentioned that a patch might be available soon, and the team will decide whether to upgrade before or after WYLD Annual, giving 60 days' notice either way.

WYLD Annual: Desiree and Kip discussed the status of planning for WYLD Annual, including accommodations, which Melanie is still working on. They decided against using on-campus housing due to complications and lack of amenities. They plan to distribute a training subject survey to gather feedback from members on desired topics. The event format will remain the same as last year, with a full day on the first day and scheduling until 11 am on the second day, depending on the business meeting's length. Kip mentioned they would look into food menu options.

WYLD Membership Guidelines & Application: The board discussed membership criteria for the library network, noting that current costs deter potential new members. They agreed to form a four-person committee (Kip, Nathan, Anita, and Michelle), led by Michelle, to develop a clearer application process and definition of eligible libraries. The ad hoc committee will plan to meet after the current legislative session is over.

Kip asked about legislation and Cristine provided updates on legislative matters, including the status of bills HB10 and HB72. Cristine expressed frustration about the lack of 24-hour notice for upcoming bills, particularly for members from remote areas.

Reports

Anita Marple gave an update. Her board voted out ALA language, and will be doing a work session. Anita will continue to stand up for the constitution and freedom of speech.

Adjournment

Lorene Heinzen moved to adjourn the meeting. Cristine Braddy seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Next Meeting

12 March 2026

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorene Heinzen-Large Public Library Representative