

## **WYLD Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 12 March 2026**

**Time: 11:00 a.m.**

**Location: Via Zoom**

### **Call to Order**

President Kip Robertson called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

### **Roll call**

- Kip Roberson, **President** (2027) – [kroberson@tclib.org](mailto:kroberson@tclib.org)
- Michelle Humber, **Vice-President** (2027) – [mhumber@sublettecountylibrary.org](mailto:mhumber@sublettecountylibrary.org)
- Katrina Brown, Academic Library Representative (2026) – [katrina.brown@caspercollege.edu](mailto:katrina.brown@caspercollege.edu)
- Nathan Bender, K-12 / Special Library Representative (2027) – [nathanb@centerofthewest.org](mailto:nathanb@centerofthewest.org)
- Cristine Braddy, Small Public Library Representative (2026) – [cbraddy@goshencounty.org](mailto:cbraddy@goshencounty.org)
- Anita Marple, Member-at-Large (2027) – [amarple@fclsonline.org](mailto:amarple@fclsonline.org)
- Karen Horner, Member-at-Large (2026) – [khorne@parkcountylibrary.org](mailto:khorne@parkcountylibrary.org)
- Abby Beaver, State Librarian – [abby.beaver@wyo.gov](mailto:abby.beaver@wyo.gov)
- Desiree Saunders, WYLD Program Manager, ex-officio – [desiree.saunders@wyo.gov](mailto:desiree.saunders@wyo.gov)
- Recorder, Kate Mutch (2027) – [kmutch@natronacountylibrary.org](mailto:kmutch@natronacountylibrary.org)

### **Absent**

- Lorene Heinzen, Large Public Library Representative
- Kate Mutch, Recorder

### **Approval of Agenda**

Abby moved to approve the agenda. Anita Marple seconded. Motion passed.

### **Approval of the Minutes**

Karen Horner moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Anita Marple seconded. Motion passed.

### **State Librarian Report**

Christine Braddy, Cass Kvenild, and Abby Beaver attended COSLA Voices for Libraries in Washington, D.C. They visited with the federal delegation and their staff about IMLS and federal funds, Freedom Trucks, and construction projects around the state. IMLS has moved offices. It is expected that the President's budget request will provide enough funds to shut down the agency. There is still strong support in Congress.

### **WYLD Program Manager Report**

#### **Old business**

- Symphony 4.2 Upgrade
- WYLD Annual – ad hoc planning committee
- WYLD Membership Guidelines & Application

#### **Room block at the Sheridan Candlewood:**

- 35-room block
- No breakfast provided, considering offering a continental breakfast at the college
- Room block information will be sent to the board and then announced
- Rate:\$110 a night singles and doubles

#### **Ad hoc planning committee:**

- Looked at survey results, there is support for the format adopted last year
- asked for training ideas

#### **WYLD system**

- Met with about 6 libraries to do a deep dive on item maintenance. Nick analyzed some problem areas in the system. Overall, we are doing well. Not every library is set up to run the processes to take care of items.

- No timeline for upgrading to the next version of Symphony. Waiting to hear about a patch for an identified issue on changing the pickup location for holds.
- SirsiDynix is doing work on the system for the Laramie County hold lockers and pick-ups
- Vacancies on the cataloging committee: 2 appointments would turn over, region 5 and region 6. There is a limit for board members but not for committee members.
- Kip Robertson will contact chair Sara to see if she knows anyone interested in serving on the committee.

A question from a board member: Is there a Zoom option for WYLD Annual? Answer: No, there are technical challenges, and additional staff would be necessary. The WYLD staff will again offer follow-up webinars to cover the same content after the WYLD Annual meeting.

### **Old business**

WYLD membership guidelines and application - Ad hoc committee meeting scheduled

Abby Beaver and Caitlin White visited with a board Chair to discuss WYLD membership and the contract. The Board is interested in training to keep branches open.

### **New business**

WYLD Governing Board & Virtual Library of Wyoming Consortium – Role & Responsibilities

There is some confusion among patrons about how the Virtual Library works. Kip Roberson raised concerns about the roles of the WYLD network and Board in material reconsideration. Should the WYLD Board be the ones handling material reconsiderations? The consortium does not have a collection development policy. Each member library has its own collection development policy. Discussion about other virtual library consortia that have a more formal structure. Abby Beaver presented information on the history of the consortium and information on how it currently operates.

Discussion of different hypotheticals. Discussion on the parental control feature available in the Libby app. Recommendation to add information and/or FAQs to the GoWyld site.

Individual libraries can make information available

Suggestion to return to the topic at the next Board meeting. Abby Beaver will bring information on FAQs.

Kate Mutch will be available to provide more background information.

Governing board members – reports/issues

- President - Kip Roberson- No report
- Vice President - Michelle Humber - No report
- Academic - Katrina Brown- Scheduling conflicts with the proximity of AI Summit and WYLD Annual meeting
- K-12/Special - Nathan Bender- McCracken it an official collector of fur trapping material
- Large Public - Lorene Heinzen - N/A
- Small Public - Cristine Braddy- No report
- At Large - Anita Marple- There continues to be collection development policy discussions in Fremont County.
- At Large – Karen Horner- No report

### **Adjournment**

Karen Horner moved to adjourn the meeting. Anita Marple seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

### **Next Meeting**

9 April 2026

Respectfully submitted,

Katrina Brown - Academic Library Representative