

# WYLD GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 9, 2026

11:00 a.m. | Via Zoom

## Call to Order

President Kip Roberson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

## Roll Call

Present: Kip Roberson, Katrina Brown, Nathan Bender, Lorene Heinzen, Cristine Braddy, Anita Marple, Abby Beaver, Desiree Saunders, Kate Mutch (Recorder).

Absent: Michelle Humber and Karen Horner.

## Approval of Agenda

Nathan Bender moved to approve the agenda; Lorene Heinzen seconded.

Motion passed.

## Approval of Minutes

Approval of minutes was tabled.

## State Librarian Report

Abby Beaver shared that Wyoming ranked first in library visits per capita (4.14) in a USA Facts post.

Abby reported that the proposed federal budget includes significant cuts to IMLS and work with the elected officials to get reinstated has begun.

It's time for WSL to conduct the 5 year evaluation of IMLS funds. Last time Carson Block helped with the process. They will probably be going out to bid for this based on the cost of having it done.

Maggie Unterseher has been hired to fill the Library Development Office Manager vacancy. She will start in mid-June.

## WYLD Program Manager Report

Desiree Saunders reported that WYLD Annual training logistics are underway, a draft schedule is complete, and registration will open next week. Kip Roberson will be unable to attend and board members discussed assisting with the business meeting presentation, facilitating meet-ups, and monitoring the ILL and registration tables.

Cayla has stepped away from the Aspen Working Group facilitator role and a replacement is being sought.

Work continues on ILL fund disbursement with a proposed \$1000 to \$750 base amount per library and remaining funds distributed based on lending activity.

There was some discussion about ILL and what happens if the Post Office ceases providing services. With the way the state is spread out, we would have to get creative in looking at how we provide this service if that happened. Abby mentioned that the next five year plan will likely include the review of a courier service.

### **Old Business**

WYLD Membership Guidelines and Application Ad Hoc Committee has begun reviewing and updating the application, with Michelle Humber leading the committee.

The board discussed the Virtual Library of Wyoming Consortium (Overdrive). Abby Beaver will work with Greg Mosshamer to expand GoWYLD FAQs. It was noted that each member of the consortium has their own contract with Overdrive and that while it's not something that the WYLD governing board has the responsibility for, that when approached in 2023 to help facilitate the process in the event of a request for reconsideration challenge the board at that time felt that was an appropriate role and that it is good practice to have a process in place.

### **New Business**

Michelle Humber will send out the call for nominations for the WYLD Governing Board election. Open positions include Academic Library Representative, Large Public Library Representative, Small Public Library Representative, and Member-at-Large. Katrina Brown indicated her willingness to run again for Academic Library Representative.

### **Governing Board Member Reports**

President (Kip Roberson): No report.

Vice President (Michelle Humber): Absent.

Academic (Katrina Brown): No report.

K-12/Special (Nathan Bender): No report.

Large Public (Lorene Heinzen): No report.

Small Public (Cristine Braddy): No report.

At Large (Anita Marple): Reported that her library board is updating its collection development policy and it is currently with the county attorney.

At Large (Karen Horner): Absent.

### **Adjournment**

Anita Marple moved to adjourn; Lorene Heinzen seconded. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

**Next Meeting: May 14, 2026**