WYLD Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Date: July 9, 2026

Location: Via Zoom

Roll Call
Present: Kip Roberson, Katrina Brown, Matt Swift, Darcy Lipp-Acord, Mary Lin Maner, Anita Marple, Linann McDonald, Abby Beaver, Desiree Saunders, and Kate Mutch.

Absent: Michelle Humber

Call to Order
Kip Roberson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Kip reported that he has appointed Matt Swift to fill the rest of Nathan Bender's term.

Approval of Agenda
Motion: Katrina Brown moved to approve the agenda; Anita Marple seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes
Motion: Anita Marple moved to approve the May 2026 meeting minutes; Katrina Brown seconded. Motion carried.

Reports

State Librarian Report
Abby reported that they had a visit from Cindy Boyden from IMLS who visited several Wyoming Libraries with some of the WSL staff.

The RFP for an evaluator for the 5-year evaluation has been closed and they will award that in the near future.

Carbon County is still undergoing upheaval. Library Director Jacob Ray, who started in June 2026 has resigned. His last day will be July 10, 2026. Additionally the Library Board chair and a number of library staff have resigned. Their library board has been having discussions about having their foundation cover the expenses for staff and/or using contract employees. It was noted that the WYLD contract does not allow vendors to access Workflows. One of the county commissioners has reached out to Abby and to Kip looking for ideas.

WYLD Program Manager Report
Des reported that the Symphony upgrade in June went well. A major improvement is the 2038 date issue was solved and it is now possible to use an expiration date past 2038.

SirsiDynix is working on a slow rollout of migrating hosting to Microsoft Azure. There have been several 2-4 maintenance windows overnight throughout the past two months which have had no impact on library operations.

Scheduling travel for some WYLD staff to provide training. Nick has been working on custom BCA reports since WYLD Annual.

The WYLD office has had several requests to pull in the Aspen Events module into library websites.

Grove, Message Bee, and SirsiDynix contracts will be up for renewal soon.

They have received requests from LSCD#1, Department of Education (for the School for the Deaf) for information about joining the WYLD network. The School for the Deaf has withdrawn its request after learning it had previously been a member.

Des has been working with OverDrive's tech support to look at changing the authentication process to use the User Key field. This would streamline the process when a patron gets a new card, and remove the need to link card numbers. It appears that the only impact to the patron would be the need to reenter their PIN.

Old Business
Kip welcomed the new members to the board with a reminder to read the bylaws.

WYLD Annual meeting wrap-up: there was a low rate of responses to the survey, but in general it was positive. There was discussion on investigating virtual attendance. Kip appointed Anita to chair an ad hoc committee to investigate the possibilities. Katrina, and Kip will serve on the committee.

Matt talked with the National Museum of Wildlife Art. There has not been a designated librarian there since 2020. They are relying on volunteers and have a sizeable backlog of items to catalog. Des followed up with reminding the board that the Museum has not paid the WYLD fees in 2 years. They have not had access to Workflows since late 2024. Recently, Lindsey Squires contacted the bibliographic services librarian on behalf of the NMWA library to learn how to add and delete items. Before dealing with that request the Board will need to decide action going forward and recommends that nothing be done until their WYLD

fees are caught up. Additionally Des noted that the Museum does not participate in ILL, does not circulate items, and is using volunteers. In the event that they are no longer members, the WYLD team can provide a set of MARC records of their holdings.

New Business
2027 WYLD annual location was briefly discussed. One of the surveys offered Carbon County as a location. Katrina also volunteered Casper College if no one else is able to host. There is time to research this and no decision was made.

Kip appointed Mary Lin, Des, and Kate to an ad hoc committee to look at revising by laws. The committee will look at the entire document, but will specifically look at the section for elections and clarifying that section.

Governing Board Members' Reports
President: no report

Vice President: no report

Academic: Katrina announced that the college was awarded an NEA Big Read grant and they are moving forward with plans for that. Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemmingway is the chosen title.

K-12/Special: no report

Large Public: no report

At Large (Anita): no report

At Large (Linann): no report

Adjournment
Katrina Brown moved and Anita Marple seconded to adjourn the meeting at 12:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Mutch, Recorder