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**LARL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FULL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

A joint meeting of the Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board and the Northwest Regional Library Board was held on Monday, November 14, 2011, in Bede Ballroom on the campus of the University of Minnesota at Crookston campus. The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by library consultants Anita Duckor, Ethel Himmel, and Bill Wilson.

LARL Board Members Present: Buness, Bursik, Chevalier, Eidenschink, Fox, Geray, Hall, Hansen, Ingersoll, Knutson, Kochmann, Lindgren, Nelson (President), Perry, Rue, and Schmid.

Board Members Absent: Hooper, Hovdenes, Neumann, Savageau, Vinz, Wray Williams, and Winterfeldt.

NWRL Board Members Present: Dianne Churchill, Chuck Smith, Darryl Tveitbakk, Lisa Amb, Linda Pavek, Patricia Mattson, and Betty Halvorson.

Others Present: Kathy Fredette, LARL Director, Barbara Jauquet-Kalinoski, NWRL Director, Anita Duckor of Duckor & Associates, Bill Wilson and Ethel Himmel of Himmel & Wilson, Library Consultants, Charlie Lindberg, Hallock (NWRL), and Kay Rosengren, Hallock (NWRL).

PUBLIC INPUT None

Board Member and visitors were welcomed by the library consultants. The consultants noted that the purpose of the meeting was to meet and get acquainted and to determine how both organizations can advance public library services in northwest Minnesota, not to make a decision to consolidate.

Each person in attendance introduced him/herself and shared a factoid about the region/county/city that most folks don't know.

Board members divided into three groups for the purpose of "Imagining what a regional library system could look like in northwest Minnesota". Guests were invited to observe but not participate. Board members brainstormed together and after approximately 35 minutes, reported back to the group as a whole on ideas which were generated.

Duckor then discussed two documents: a revised schedule for moving forward and the advantages and disadvantages of consolidation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.