

**WHITE PINE LIBRARY COOPERATIVE  
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING**

Minutes, May 2, 2007

**Welcome & Introductions:** Bryon Sitler welcomed the new members to White Pine. Members introduced themselves.

**Presentation:** A slide show was given on White Pine services.

**Directors Report:** Bryon reported that:

- Deb Bacon-Ziegler is leaving the Library of Michigan. White Pine has offered to take over Continuing Education for the State on a contractual basis. Nancy Robertson will present the offer to the HAL administration as an option.
- Tammy Turgeon, Director of the Suburban Library Cooperative has accepted the position of Director of the Sterling Heights Public Library. Gail Power-Schaub, Director of the Southwest Library Cooperative has accepted the Director position at Baker College in Muskegon.
- George Needham will speak on “The Future of Libraries” at White Pine’s Regional meeting. The meeting is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Horizons Conference Center in Saginaw.
- 20-25 people attended the Beginning Workshop sponsored by WPLC.
- 70 people attended the Legislative Reception that was held on April 19<sup>th</sup>. 16 legislative aides and 1 legislator also attended.
- Jim Rancilio has been named the MLA Librarian of the year. Congratulations Jim!

**State Aid:** It is still unclear whether libraries will receive their second state aid payment. If state aid is determined to be a grant, no more payments will be mailed this year.

**Rural Libraries Conference:** will be held May 7-9 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Car pooling will be available. Call Bryon Sitler if you are interested.

### **Budget Discussion:**

In anticipation of budget cuts for this year and next, White Pine staff has volunteered to reduce 1 day of their pay period. Family coverage of Blue Cross Blue Shield will be discontinued for family members effective June 1, 2007. This will result in a savings of \$46,035 for this year and next.

Member libraries discussed the possibility of reducing delivery service to two days paid by the Cooperative.

Members were asked to prioritize core services by highest value. These services will be evaluated for inclusion in next year's budget. White Pine services received the following votes:

Delivery	50	Inter-library Loan	3
CE	31	MelCat support	2
Advocacy	24	Bibliographic services	1
Tech Assistance	17	Training lab	1
MARC Records	16	Cataloguing Service	1
Networking	10	Grant writing	0
Consulting	9	Group Purchasing	0
Trustee Training	7		
Discount Programs	7		

**Reduction in Cooperatives:** Bryon Sitler reported that currently there are 13 cooperatives in the state. 5 cooperatives may close due to directors leaving and budget cuts.

**Advisory Council Meeting:** The June Advisory Council meeting will be held at the Library of Michigan on June 6, 2007 from 11:00-3:00 pm in the Lake Superior Room.