



2019 Annual Meeting
Wednesday, October 16th from 3:30-4:30

AGENDA

Introductions (Michele – 5 minutes)

- Introduce new staff
- Approval of Minutes from 2018 Annual Meeting (attached below)
- Today's Agenda
- Introduce Bill Boyle, Chair of Wisconsin Literacy Board

Interactive/Engagement Activity (Marsha Connet – 20 minutes)

Board Welcome (Bill Boyle, Chair - 15 minutes)

- Introduction to board (expertise/representation we currently have and representation we're missing)
- New voting process

New website and scavenger hunt (Beth and Liz - 10 minutes)

Annual Meeting of Wisconsin Literacy

October 24, 2018

Meeting called to order

Introduction of staff

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the last year's 10/2017 annual meeting.

Introduction of members present

Board of director nominations – Holly McCoy, Literacy Services and Liz Hart, Literacy Chippewa Valley.

Nominated from the floor by Cheryl Hernandez was Kay Mac Kenzie, Centro Hispano. Ballots were distributed, one per agency, voting for two slots. Results reported out in e-news.

Update from WLI 2017 – Michele Erikson

- Focusing on the TABE 11 & 12 to be able to share data with funders
- Workforce Development Coordinator has been added in the Northwest (Angie Stokes)
- A focus on jail services.

Demographic Update - Liz Fitzpatrick–

- 73 members served 16,611 learners
- 3391 active tutors and total volunteer time was valued at \$8,932,648
- 922 learners completed GED or HSED
- 1,660 learners got a job, a better job or received a promotion

English Forward Training – Anna Bierer

Explained how programs become involved in future trainings. It is at no cost to members, their staff and volunteer tutors. Discussion followed.

Health Literacy—Michele Erikson

- Evolved to an organization working with other programs in other states.
- April 2 & 3 is the Health Literacy Summit, Monona Terrace, Madison. Speakers from around the country will be doing sessions. National Geographic photographer will close the program on the 3rd.
- Medication Labeling has been a statewide, seven-year project, currently in year 5 (phase 3). Three pilot pharmacies have been working with WHL. Just added Aurora Pharmacies. The goal is to get state pharmacies to switch over to an easier to read/understand Rx labels.
- Let's Talk About Pain Medicines is looking for new funding
- Improving Early Dementia Care is another initiative just finishing up.
- Digital Literacy and Health is just starting to help others understand how to access trustworthy websites for health information.

Advocacy - Michele Erikson

- Meeting with State and Federal Representatives
- Representations on the following councils:
 - Governor's Council on Workforce Investment
 - Department of Children and Families Refugee Advisory Council
 - Pro Literacy's Public Policy Committee
 - Reach Out and Read Wisconsin Advisory Council
 - Read to Lead Development Council

Workforce Tool Kit Discussion – Anna Bierer

- Why Wisconsin Literacy created a Workforce Tool Kit? Hoping to give members a guide to make it happen.

- Why is connecting with workforce boards and W2 agencies useful for us? WLI members have the services and learners that workforce needs.

Showed some examples of contents. Members were encouraged to review the tool kit on-line and ask their regional consultants for assistance and support to make a visit to local workforce boards.

DPI Data Project – Liz Fitzpatrick

Working with a data collection person for the last two years, who is gathering data from each county in Wisconsin. Looking at cradle to career data.

X Prize – Michele Erikson

Discussion of the X-Prize and a discussion of how members could be involved. WLI is interested in registering for a statewide organization. Members are encouraged to contact Michele if they are interested or want to serve on an ad hoc committee..

Agency input/discussion

Randy from WI Institutions offered to connect members to correctional facilities. There has been a drop in ELL learners when there are raids by ICE, or threats of raids, which was discussed. Solutions for helping include providing rides to learners so they don't need to drive and providing bus passes to students. Also participating in community events where agency can reach out to parents.

Nancy Wheeler said they are finding there is a need to educate the community on who our learners are with the technical colleges. It's a process to find the way.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Marsha Connet,
WL SE Regional Literacy Consultant

Attendance List 2018

Name	Agency
Beth Gaytan	Wisconsin Literacy
Debbie Kutchin	Wisconsin Literacy
Robyn Hallet	Literacy Green Bay
Stephanie Stark	WestCAP Literacy Program
Jim Hahn	Greater Waukesha Literacy
Holly McCoy	Literacy Services of Wisconsin
Jake Gorges	YWCA
Kristy SeBlonka	Portage County Literacy Council
Nancy Wheeler	ICAA Crossroads Literacy - Rusk
Julie Schultz	Menominee Tribal Education
Bill Antonakis	DOC - New Lisbon
Juan Lopez	Journey House - Milwaukee
Anna Bierer	Wisconsin Literacy
JoAnn Dent	One-to-One Adult Literacy
Connie Heidemann	McLit
Linda Heller	Friends of the Black River Falls Library
Marsha Connect	Wisconsin Literacy
Liz Fitzpatrick	Wisconsin Literacy
Tony Piccailo	Teach DOC
Meg Torgerud	Coulee Region Literacy Council
Carolyn Umfress	Racine Literacy Council
Carol Myers	Sheboygan Literacy Council
Barb Becker	Faith Lutheran Literacy
Kay MacKenzie	Centro Hispano Milwaukee
Gail Joseph	Sauk Prairie Area Literacy Council
Peter Kafkas	Next Door
Elizabeth Hart	Literacy Chippewa Valley
Randy Scott	WILC
Sue Zoromski	Literacy Chippewa Valley
Louise Bentley	Literacy Chippewa Valley
Stacy Martin	Literacy Chippewa Valley
Deb Erwin	Literacy Chippewa Valley
Marti Matyska	Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council
Janet Glime	Marinette & Oconto Counties Literacy Council
Deb Helquist	ICAA Crossroads Literacy - Sawyer
Lynn Forseth	Jefferson County Literacy Council
Wendi Halstead	
Cheryl Hernandez	Kenosha Literacy Council
Cassie Christianson	Kenosha Literacy Council

