

MISSOURI EVERGREEN (MEC)
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING VIA ZOOM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2026
MINUTES

PRESENT: Amy England, Anita Love, Ashley Bryant, Belinda Birrer, Bethany Barton, Bill Coleman, Carol Darrow, Carrie Cline, Christa Van Herreweghe, Colleen Knight, Cory Mihalik, Emily Slama, Erin Phelps, Gaylee Harris, Greg Carter, Heather Arnold, Heather Nitzel, Jamie Sparks, Janice Richardson, Kate Coleman, Kathleen Gallagher, Katie Hill Earnhart, Ken Kelly, Kristin Evans, Kessie Osborne, Leigh Gray, Lisa Irvine, Liz Rudloff, Lori Mangan, Mary Beth Revels, Mary Kay Emmrich, Maryann Knorr, Michelle Swane, Natalie Buck, Nelson Appell, Rachael Grime, Rebecca Lewis, Regina Lamont, Rhonda Busse, Ron Eifert, Sara Luellen, Sarah Shoberg, Scott Bonner, Stacy Hisle, Stephanie Bloss, Sue Lightfoot-Horine, Terri York.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by President K. Coleman.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by K. Earnhart to approve the minutes. Second by C. Cline. No discussion. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT: K. Coleman. MEC Bylaws have been revised to better clarify voting and terms of some Board positions and committee chairs. The Bylaws will be voted on at the next General Membership meeting. The Board has approved a Health Reimbursement arrangement for the one MEC employee, Liz Rudloff.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: C. Knight updated the group. Upcoming migrations scheduled: Centralia-May 28, Bonne Terre-April 2, Sedalia-April 9.

Message Bee: 95% success rate, new “campaign” group seems to have helped.

Group Shelving Location Project: Project created to make reporting statistics to the annual PLS easier for member libraries. Four locations have been created at the consortium level: Adult, Teen, Children and Other. All 5000+ plus MEC shelving locations have been assigned to a group. A report has been set up to gather circulation numbers based on these groups. Testing so far shows results within 1% of actual reported PLS numbers.

2026 MEC User’s Conference – save the date, April 24th at Stoney Creek Hotel in Columbia. L. Rudloff is working on the Odoo site for the conference. The final schedule of programs will be completed soon.

ASPEN Spring Cohort: Date TBA - includes Trails Regional, Neosho-Newton, Carthage, Morgan Co, and Webster Co. Sedalia will also be on ASPEN when they migrate.

Evergreen upgrade to 3.15 on February 25th.

LSTA Funding: Grant funding is available for migrations to MEC. Please encourage any non-MEC libraries to consider joining soon before there are any changes to future grant funding.

FINANCIAL REPORT: K. Earnhart presented the Financial Report with an overview of documents from the Board packet. On the Balance Sheet: Assets of \$596,517.19. As expected, MEC is

currently in a negative position on the budget with Grant Income yet to be received. G. Carter made a motion to approve the Financial Report. S. Lightfoot-Horine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Cataloging: S. Luellen provided the update. Asking catalogers to review the upcoming upgrade changes on the test server to be better prepared. The committee continues to work with Equinox on the deduping process. Reminder to sign up for upcoming Regional Training sessions. Representatives from the Cataloging and Circulation Committee met with Equinox on the timeline for the Permissions Project. L. Rudloff added that the new expanded merge rules will be covered at the Regional Trainings.

Circulation: R. Busse reported. The meeting packet has documentation on the upcoming permission changes. There is a new default permission tree structure that will go in place in March. Look at the list in the packet and review the permissions you have at your library. Directors will be contacted if a library has permissions with additional privileges beyond the default. Cataloging permissions will match certification levels. A survey concerning usage of the Probationary Patron group has been sent out and results will be discussed at the next circ meeting on February 24th.

Reports: H. Arnold informed everyone that the committee has an email for those needing help with reports issues. Email to reportshelp@moevergreenlibraries.org. Committee meets today at 2:00.

CAN: M. Emmrich reports. The committee has a Glossary of Terms coming soon. The Local Admin User's Manual has been posted to the MEC website, and the committee will have a presentation at the user's conference. From the CAN group perspective all upcoming migrations are on track.

MALA: Unavailable for comment.

MO STATE LIBRARY: Cory Mihalik thanked Colleen for her Shelving Locations project and work to make PLS reporting easier. PLS questions will be the same as last year with no question changes. The State Library has a new consultant that will be working with libraries on migration grants. Cory will continue to be the liaison with MEC. The Governor has proposed a 50% cut to A&E funding for the next FY Budget.

OTHER MATTERS: No other matters

ADJOURNMENT: G. Carter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by K. Gallagher. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:42 am.

Terri York, Secretary