

CSLP Board Minutes

April 2, 2025

2:00 p.m. EST

11:00 am PST/12:00 pm MST/1:00 CST/2:00 pm EST

1. Roll Call – Melissa Hooke

Kate Greene-Smith, Donna Throckmorton, Abby Chumin, Matt McLain, Katie Perkey, Evan Bush, Kelly McCabe, Jasmine Rockwell, Beth Yates, Angela Germany, Sue La Paro

Dawn Krause, Melissa Hooke, Amanda Raiche

Visitors: Barbara Curry, Anna Foote, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Cathy Lancaster, Karen Liu, Darby Porter, Joanne Pruitt, Sharon Rawlins, Jennifer Redford, Carrie Sanders, Jeni Schomber

2. Call to Order – Kate Greene Smith 2:04pm EST

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. March 2025 Board minutes – Donna Throckmorton
- b. Financial Report – Matt McLain
Draft budget will be done soon. Still working with Foundation Group to books in order.

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Donna Throckmorton made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Jasmine Rockwell. Motion carried.

4. Executive Director Update – Dawn Krause

Abby Chumin elected as new President Elect. Her orientation in underway.

The checking account balance is \$1,267,871.35. Sales are down about 4% compared to last year, and ordering is slowing down. Draft budget will be distributed to Board soon to be voted on at May Board Retreat.

Melissa is finalizing the Board Retreat details in Austin. Cathi Hight will be our strategic planning consultant. She has sent out a survey to Board and State Reps to begin our Strategic Planning process; it is due April 7. She will facilitate a webinar on April 15 at 11:00 am CST.

Dawn is onboarding Amanda.

Tom Bonson has completed 4 posters, which are in the final stage, and he’s working on spot art.

PSAs will be available soon. The Social Media toolkit is complete in a Canva template. are in process.

Dawn is working with Hames to develop the 2026 product line. We are moving away from toy sales; there is an issue with storage beyond the theme year.

We are partnering with Reader Zone in a pilot program. Over 54 volunteers have offered to judge the Color

2024 Board Members

President	Kate Greene Smith
President-elect	Abby Chumin
Secretary	Sue La Paro
Treasurer	Matt McLain
Past-President	Donna Throckmorton
At Large	Evan Michael Bush
At Large	Katie Perkey
At Large	Kelly McCabe
Vendor	Jasmine Rockwell
Membership	Beth Yates
Manual Liaison	Angela Germany
Executive Director	Dawn Krause
Administrator Manager	Melissa Hooke
Manual Managing Editor	Amanda Raiche
Accounting Specialist	Tabetha Barry

Our World reading contest. Newsbank has formalized its partnership agreement with CSLP.
The Summer Symposium will be held on the first Thursday of December, which is December 4, 2025.

5. Unfinished Business

a. President Elect position – Kate

Kate announced that Abby Chumin is the next President Elect and welcomed her.

b. Annual Meeting dates - Kate

The Annual Meeting will be held virtually on August 5-6, 2025

c. Board Retreat update - Kate

Cathi Hight will facilitate the strategic planning portion of the Board Retreat. The survey closes April 7 and will inform the planning. Cathi will lead a webinar on April 15 to present the survey results and overview of the process in May.

6. Committee Business

a. Partnership Committee Chair – Kate

Sue La Paro will take over as Partnership Committee chair. The committee will resume regular meetings after the Board Retreat.

b. Committee information

- Should committee page be on webpage or Basecamp?
- Committee information on webpage is useful for committee referrals.
- The Inclusion Committee has been renamed the Patron Access Committee

c. Membership Committee updates - Beth Yates

Beth presented updated Organization Manual, which reflects practices currently in place.

Motion for approval was made by Beth Yates and seconded by Evan Michael Bush. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of membership structure with no consensus. Further exploration will take place at the Board Retreat.

Possible hiatus in membership fees (~\$30,000) during these difficult times for states. Additional discussion will take place at the Board Retreat.

A subcommittee (Beth, Sue, and Janet) has been formed to explore the idea of mentorship program.

7. New Business for Discussion

a. Review Action Items – Sue La Paro

In making changes to Organizational Manual, Dawn will add historical data to Board Basecamp:

Past Presidents

Former Executive Directors

Sherry Siclair was the first executive director in 2016.

Themes and associated artists

8. Announcements

None

9. Comments from guests/welcome from Kate

Jasmine is getting married on Sunday and will be leaving North Carolina on June 2, headed to Michigan. Jasmine has served CSLP for 20 years in various capacities. CSLP owes her a debt of gratitude for her years of service. Many of us have been inspired by Jasmine. There is wide-spread recognition that Jasmine is the reason many of us are involved in CSLP. She will be greatly missed by all.

Kate reminded everyone to keep CSLP up to date during these precarious times.

10. Motion to adjourn by Angela. Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm EST

11. Adjournment – Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 1:30 CDT in person at the Board Retreat.