

CSLP Board Minutes

December 3, 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, Abby Chumin, Sue La Paro, Matt McLain, Donna Throckmorton, Evan Michael Bush, Kelly McCabe, Anna Foote, Jean Jansen, Beth Yates, Angela Germany

Dawn Krause, Melissa Hooke, Amanda Raiche, Tabetha Barry

Visitors: Anna Brannin, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Cathy Lancaster, Joanne Pruitt, Jennifer Redford, Carrie Sanders, Barb Williams

2. Call to Order – Kate Greene Smith 2:01 ET

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

- a. November Board minutes – Sue La Paro
- b. Financial Report – Matt McLain

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Matt McLain made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Beth Yates. Motion carried.

4. Executive Director Update – Dawn Krause

- a. Universal Design webinar had 582 registrants with 212 live attendees.
- b. Summer Symposium has 1100 registered for live event and 1405 registered for the recording.
- c. Sales have normalized in the store after a terrific October. Bulk ordering for states is going well with NM, TX, KS, GA, UT, NV underway with VA and AL coming soon.
- d. Our FY25 990 was filed.
- e. 2025 Color Our World annual statistics report is posted under About Us/Annual Stats/2025
- f. Tabetha is working on a fiscal policy document to detail new processes and ensure internal controls are in place.
- g. There has been a lot of committee transition work: adding and deleting in Basecamp.
- h. The Planner Subcommittee has a final draft for moving ahead with a planner product for 2027.
- i. Working on a social media marketing plan for Digby, the 2026 mascot.
- j. The \$150 store credit has been issued to State Reps; remember to place an order if you haven't.
- k. A two-page spread advertisement will appear in *Public Libraries* (out on 11/25); there is also an ad in the *Florida Library Journal*, coming out in late November.

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	Anna Foote
	Jean Jansen
Membership	Beth Yates
Manual Liaison	Angela Germany
Executive Director	Dawn Krause
Administrator Manager	Melissa Hooke
Manual Managing Editor	Amanda Raiche
Accounting Specialist	Tabetha Barry

- l. The Partnerships Committee (Dawn and Sue for now) have had meeting with the American Museum of Natural History about leveraging their resources.
- m. Dan Santat will be announced as the SRP Champion at the Summer Symposium

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Abby reported the Summer Symposium on Thursday, December 4 is “all locked and loaded.”
- b. Return on Investment (ROI) letter to state librarians will go out the week of January 5, 2026

6. New Business for Discussion

- a. Date/time of 2026 Board meetings
Abby asked if the first Wednesday at 2:00 pm EST was still a suitable time for Board meetings. All agreed it was still a good time.
- b. 6-month CD - Matt and Dawn
We have enough in our accounts to transfer funds to a Certificate of Deposit (CD) with a higher interest rate. The Budget and Finance Committee okayed \$250,000 be transferred. We will place \$250,000 in a CD with NSB at the best possible rate for the date of inquiry.
We are moving from NSB to M&T over time and currently maintaining a relationship with both banks.
Donna moved that we approve the transfer of \$250,000 in assets to a CD at the best possible rate for the date of inquiry. Evan seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
Kate commented what a wonderful financial achievement to be in this position.
“We have righted the ship.”
- c. Statistics Committee report – Barb Williams
Barb reported that the CSLP survey was open July 15 – September 12. 1384 completed the survey, with 1311 having used CSLP
Among the top results:
 - 1. 72% agree that CSLP materials meet their needs
 - 2. 613,041 children participated in SRP
 - 3. Majority of libraries are in rural areas (40.1%) or town (25.8%)
 - 4. Artwork had 82.6% positive sentiment
 - 5. Manual had 67.6% positive sentimentMany comments said that they were not finished with Summer Reading.
Some possible considerations: change timeline, more teen focus, and feature success stories.

- d. Superusers conversation – Kate
Kate said that right now, we will use commenters and contributors from the CSLP Facebook summer programming group. Will continue conversation.
- e. Updating Policies – Kate
Have been updated and sent to Membership Committee for review.
- f. Chair transitions – Kate
We will formalize the process.
The Manual Chair Board liaison has been voted on, and the result will be communicated.
A big thank you was extended to Angela Germany for serving as the liaison.
- g. Ad hoc committee chairs transitions – Kate
Manual Chair Board liaison - elected by committee
BCBC – own cohort and own entity
Professional Development
Currently covers Summer Symposium, BCBS, and Inclusion programming
Should it continue as a past president responsibility of become a new committee with an elected chair?
A big thank you to Donna for her work as past president, including the Professional Development Committee. Her last day at the Arizona State Library will be at the end of March.
Partnerships Committee – keep as ad hoc or formalize?
- h. Committee of Committees chair
Continue as a President responsibility because it is helpful to both the chairs and the current president
Possible Committee changes will be discussed at the Board Retreat
- i. Review Action Items – Sue La Paro
Everyone review ROI letter one more time - to be sent out in January 2026
Policy reviews and updates in January 2, 2026
Budget and Finance: Dawn, Tabetha, and Matt
Membership will review updated policies for inclusion/update into Organizational Manual
Chairs transition - Formalize process and timeline
Manual Board Liaison is to be elected by vote
Professional Development and Partnerships Committees– possible transition from ad hoc to committees with chairs
Discuss at Board retreat

- j. Transition of Presidency to Abby Chumin – Kate
“passing of the scissors” from Kate to Abby
Abby thanked Kate for her leadership with a recitation of her participation in CSLP.

- 7. Announcements
Anna Brannin is the new state rep from South Carolina and introduced.

- 8. Comments from guests
None

- 9. Adjournment at 2:55 EST
Next Board Meeting: January 7, 2026, 2:00 pm EST.