

CSLP Board Minutes

February 4, 2026

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

Abby Chumin, Jennifer Redford, Sue La Paro, Kate Greene Smith, Evan Michael Bush, Leigh Ramey, Kelly McCabe, Sara White, Beth Yates, Lindsey Trammell

Dawn Krause, Melissa Hooke, Amanda Raiche, Tabetha Barry

Visitors: Marisa Bell, Anna Brannin, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Anna Foote, Cathy Lancaster, Amy Olson, Sharon Phillips, Carrie Sanders, Donna Throckmorton, Cassie Veselovsky

2. Call to Order – Abby Chumin 2:02 EST

3. Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda: Kate Greene Smith made a motion to accept the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Jennifer Redford. Motion carried.

4. Executive Director Update – Dawn Krause

- Pencil in dates for Board Retreat (week of May 18) and Annual Meeting (week of September 8 OR September 21).
- Ordering is going well, fluctuating as always.
- Staff are working on a fiscal policy draft.
- Budget planning is underway.
- Tabetha is pursuing credit cards with M&T Bank as CSLP transitions away from NSB.
- Dawn is starting the staff performance review process.
- Committees are working hard:
 - Artwork Committee Co-chairs have second round poster sketches for review
 - Manual Committee met with January 16 deadline for 2027 Mysteries Await.
 - Planner Subcommittee will be taking baby steps to create a planner product for Mysteries Await. It is too costly for a full product.
 - Statistics, BCBS, and Outreach Committee have February meetings planned.

2026 Board Members

President	Abby Chumin
President-elect	Jennifer Redford
Secretary	Sue La Paro
Treasurer	Matt McLain
Past-President	Kate Greene Smith
At Large	Evan Michael Bush
At Large	Leigh Ramey
At Large	Kelly McCabe
Vendor	Sara White
Membership	Beth Yates
Manual Liaison	Lindsey Trammell
Executive Director	Dawn Krause
Administrator Manager	Melissa Hooke
Manual Managing Editor	Amanda Raiche
Accounting Specialist	Tabetha Barry

- Social Media Committee has started work on the 2026 social media toolkit with a tentative March 1 deadline.
- Partnerships Committee has been working with the American Museum of Natural History. Possibilities are 10 short videos and a webinar with Q&A. The partnership will be announced in February or March. Has decided not to partner with Arrayscape on a Minecraft event.
- CSLP will be working on shorter video snippets to replace PSAs.
- Bulk ordering for states is going well. Working on Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Texas.
- Abby was notified by someone at National Library Services for the Blind (NLS) that the CSLP manual is accessible with a screen reader. Research is being conducted on how to make the 2026 and future manuals accessible.
- Circling back to Dan Santat as our SRP Champion, his poster is now available for free for January - May orders, while supplies last, and his activity sheet is available in the manual.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Board liaison assignments - Dawn
The liaison assignments are complete and are available in Basecamp.
- b. Board Retreat
The tentative dates for the Board retreat is May 18-20. Locations are still being discussed.
- c. The Committee of Committees will meet via Zoom on February 26 from 3-4pm EST.

6. New Business for Discussion

- a. Review Action Items – Sue La Paro
 - Board members should review their committee assignments and plan to attend committee meetings

7. Review of strategic plan - Abby

Abby reviewed the strategic plan, making notes of progress. CSLP is doing well so far with its first-year goals and strategies.

8. Announcements - none

9. Comments from guests - none

10. The meeting adjourned at 2:29pm.

Next Board Meeting: March 4, 2026, 2:00 pm EST