

MOBAC Administrative Council
March 21, 2025
9:30 a.m.

Watsonville Public Library
275 Main Street, Suite 100, Watsonville, CA 95076

MOBAC Administrative Council

Brian Edwards, Monterey Public Library (Chair)
Vacant, Cabrillo College Library
Jacqueline Grallo, CSUMB
Aleah Kropholler, Gavilan College Library
Ashlee Wright, Harrison Memorial Library
Cynthia Ainsworth, Hartnell College Library
Deborah Stephens, Hartnell College Library
Ann Flower, Middlebury Institute of International Studies
Hillary Theyer, Monterey County Free Library

Alicia Martinez, Watsonville Public Library (Vice-Chair)
Jeff Sundquist, Monterey Peninsula College Library
Edward Corrado, Naval Postgraduate School
Rachel Gaither, Pacific Grove Public Library
Timothy Kuelker, Salinas Public Library
Austin Curtis, San Benito County Free Library
Rochelle Eagen, San Juan Bautista City Library
Christopher Platt, Santa Cruz Public Libraries

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements, Proxies Edwards
2. Approval of Consent Items **(Action Item)** Edwards
 - A. Approval of Agenda
 - B. Approval of Minutes of December 20, 2024 Meeting Attachment 1, pg. 3
3. Administrative Business
 - A. FY 2025-26 MOBAC Officers **(Action Item)** Edwards Attachment 2, pg. 5
 - B. MOBAC PLP Representative **(Action Item)** Frost
 - C. Day in the District Edwards Attachment 3, pg. 6
 - D. Dolly Parton Imagination Library Update Wright
 - E. Emergency Preparation Update Wright
4. Reports
 - A. ILL Resource Sharing Haskins
 - B. Reference Addison
 - C. SPLAMBA Weyant
 - D. Technology Jones
 - E. Literacy Andrews

MOBAC

Monterey Bay Area Cooperative Library System
32 West 25th Avenue, Suite 201, San Mateo, CA 94403-2265
Phone (650) 349-5538 Fax (650) 349-5089

- F. MOBAC Chair Edwards
- G. MOBAC Administration Frost
- 5. Public Comment – (Individuals are allowed three minutes; groups in attendance, five minutes. It is system policy to refer matters raised in this forum to staff for further investigation or action if appropriate. Translator/interpreter will be available upon request at least three days prior to the meeting. The Brown Act prohibits the Administrative Council from discussing or acting on any matter not agendaized pursuant to State law.)
- 6. Other Business
 - A. News from Libraries Edwards
 - B. Agenda Items for June 20, 2025 meeting Edwards
- 7. Adjournment

MOBAC Administrative Council

December 20, 2024

Via Zoom

Action Minutes

Council: Ashlee Wright (HML); Deborah Stephens (HCL); Hillary Theyer (MCFL); Jeffrey Sundquist (MPC); Brian Edwards (MPL); Edward Corrado (NPS); Rachel Gaither (PGL); Austin Curtis (SBC); Rochelle Eagen (SJB); Christopher Platt (SCPL); Alicia Martinez (WPL)

Proxies: Timothy Kuelker for SAL;

Others: Cathy Andrews (Literacy); David Addison (Reference); Bjorn Jones (Reference); Carol Frost (PLP); Justin Wasterlain (PLP); Reed Strege (CSL)

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Announcements, Proxies

The meeting was called to order at 9:33 a.m. by Chair Edwards.

2. Approval of Consent Items

A. Approval of Agenda

B. Approval of Minutes of September 20, 2024 Meeting

A motion was made, and unanimously passed via roll-call vote, to approve the Consent Items. (M/S Theyer/Wright)

3. Administrative Business

A. Student Success Cards for All

Reed Strege from the California State Library presented information on the California State Library's Student Success Cards for All initiative.

B. AB 1825 Effect of Collection Development Policies

Strege described the requirements of AB 1825 noting all public libraries that receive state funding must have a publicly accessible collection development policy. He noted these policies must contain specific language or must be submitted to the state with an explanation of how existing language satisfies the intent of the language in the bill.

C. Committee Updates and Funding Requests

Anderson requested the use of up to \$500 for the Literacy Committee's April training workshop. Jones requested the use of up to \$250 for the purchase of refreshments for the Technology Committee's future training. SPLAMBA requested the use of up to \$2,500 for honorariums and refreshments for a workshop at the end of January. A motion was made, and passed unanimously via roll call vote, to approve the committee funding requests. (M/S Edwards/Theyer)

D. MOBAC dPlan Subscription Renewal

Wasterlain stated the existing dPlan subscription would expire at the end of February. He noted Cabrillo College would not renew their subscription, but Santa Cruz and Pacific Grove would be joining. He described the pricing structure and the overall cost

of \$1,871 for FY 2025-26. A motion was made, and passed via roll-call vote, with San Juan Bautista abstaining, to renew the MOBAC dPlan subscription for FY 2025-26 using fund balance. (M/S Theyer/Wright)

E. Formation of Nominating Committee for FY 2025-26 Chair and Vice-Chair

Martinez volunteered to serve as Chair in FY 2025-26. Platt stated he would be willing to serve as Vice-Chair so long as there was no Bylaw requirement of one officer needing to be from an academic institution. Edwards noted formal recommendations would be brought to Council in March for a vote.

F. Reference Services Model Discussion

Addison asked the Council how reference service models were changing at their libraries. Platt and Theyer noted their reference services had been centralized towards one location and referred out when needed. Theyer discussed the reduction of traditional reference materials to utilize space for other purposes. Wright asked how libraries could inform stakeholders about what librarians do, noting the word “reference” can be perceived as internal-facing and means little to the public. The group discussed the terms ‘research’ and ‘instruction.’ Platt suggested the Reference Committee could provide input on how best to position the use of AI in a way that addresses access issues and tech literacy. The Council discussed the status of AI policies in their jurisdictions.

G. Continuation of Outreach Discussion

Frost discussed Day in the District activities in other regional systems. She noted CLA’s Legislative Committee had not finalized its priorities yet. Theyer suggested leveraging existing public meetings where representatives will be present to communicate priorities.

4. Reports

Verbal reports from the ILL Resource Sharing Committee, Literacy Committee, Reference Committee, and Technology Committee were provided.

5. Public Comment – none

6. Other Business

A. News from libraries – The libraries shared updates.

B. Agenda Items, Chair, and Location for Next Meeting on March 21, 2025

- At Watsonville Public Library
- Dolly Parton Imagination Library
- Emergency Preparation Updates
- MOBAC Officers
- MOBAC PLP Representative
- Tour of Watsonville Public Library

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 a.m. by Chair Edwards.

To: MOBAC Administrative Council
From: Brian Edwards
Subject: Results of Nominating Committee for FY 2025-26 Chair and Vice-Chair
Date: March 17, 2025

Per the MOBAC Bylaws, the MOBAC Administrative Council Chair and Vice-Chair shall serve for a term of one year. The Vice-Chair shall serve as the Chair-Elect, and a new Vice-Chair will be nominated each year.

Each year at the March MOBAC Administrative Council meeting, the Nominating Committee proposes a slate of candidates for the Council to approve.

From the Bylaws:

“IV. OFFICERS

- A. The officers of the Administrative Council shall be: Chair, Vice-Chair (whose duties include serving as Chair-Elect), and immediate Past-Chair.*
- B. The term of office shall be for one year.*
- C. Special elections shall be held as needed to fill vacancies.*
- D. No officer may serve more than two (2) successive terms.”*

“V. COMMITTEES

- B. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed annually by the Administrative Council Chair and will present a slate of Administrative Council officers for voting and approval at the Annual meeting.”*

MOBAC Administrative Council Chairs Chronology

| | Chair | Vice-Chair |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| 2025/26 | Alicia Martinez – public | Christopher Platt - public |
| 2024/25 | Brian Edwards – public | Alicia Martinez - public |
| 2023/24 | Joanna Kimmitt - academic | Brian Edwards - public |
| 2022/23 | Joanna Kimmitt - academic | Hillary Theyer - public |
| 2021/22 | Hillary Theyer - public | Jacqueline Grallo - academic |
| 2020/21 | Ashlee Wright - public | Hillary Theyer - public |
| 2019/20 | George Romero - academic | Ashlee Wright - public |
| 2018/19 | Inga Waite - public | Peter Liu - academic |
| 2017/18 | Frank Wojcik - academic | Inga Waite - public |
| 2016/17 | Carol Heitzig - Academic | Frank Wojcik - academic |

Recommendation

It is recommended the Council approve the Nominating Committee’s recommendation of Alicia Martinez as chair and Christopher Platt as vice-chair.



2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

The California Library Association — through its members and advocates — works to make a difference for all Californians by providing adequately funded libraries, which transform lives through their programs and services.

CLA has adopted the following legislative priorities for 2025:

1. Restoration of vital library funds which were cut in the previous budget cycle

- a. Restoration of CLSA (California Library Services Act) funding to pre-2024-25 levels. CLSA fosters resource sharing among libraries, particularly in rural areas where funding challenges negatively impact library access for patrons. CLSA funding was reduced by 50% in the previous budget cycle to \$1.88 million. CLA seeks a restoration of this funding and specifically requests that \$3.2 million be augmented to the current baseline, which would bring total funding for CLSA to \$5 million. NOTE: This new funding would be utilized for CLSA programs only and would be completely exclusive of Zip Books.
- b. Restoration of Lunch at the Library funding to pre-2024-25 levels. Lunch at the Library provides 300,000+ free and nutritious summer lunches, accompanied by literacy-enhanced wrap-around programming, at hundreds of libraries each year. Lunch at the Library funding was reduced in the previous budget cycle, from \$5.5 million to \$3 million. This reduction has a direct negative impact on the ability of libraries to fight food insecurity. CLA will seek a restoration of this funding to \$5.5 million.

2. New and Ongoing Funding Requests

- a. Funding support for this mandate, to ensure wrap-around services to enhance literacy and provide learning opportunities for UTK-12 students. This combination of priorities will guarantee low-barrier library access to millions of California school children.
 - i. SB321-Ashby (2023) was passed without accompanying financial support. CLA respectfully requests \$3.5 million in one-time funding to ensure library card access for California's school-aged children, without placing undue financial burden on library jurisdictions.
 - ii. CLA further requests \$3 million in ongoing funding to restore state-wide access to BrainFuse online services. Over 600,000 tutoring sessions were initiated during the two years this service was previously available. Funding restoration would provide universal access to vital learning services, via student library cards issued from SB321-Ashby.

3. **Continuation of Federal funding.** CLA recognizes the invaluable nature of federal funding for California's library jurisdictions. The USDA's Summer Meals Program helps libraries combat food insecurity, by providing meals at public library locations through Lunch at the Library. E-Rate funding ensures vital broadband internet access in at-risk communities. The Institute for Museum

and Library Services provides logistical and financial support for library services and programs throughout the state. To the extent feasible, CLA will advocate for the continuation of federal programs that support California libraries. Should such programs be reduced or eliminated, CLA will request gap funding from the State of California, to ensure continuation of services until such a time that funding can be reinstated.

4. **Equitable Access to Critical Library and Information Services.** When opportunities for advocacy arise, CLA shall take supportive positions on the following core library values:
 - a. Libraries as partners in community resiliency efforts including accessible buildings, upgrades to critical infrastructure, and support in times of disaster, such as wildfires and extreme heat.
 - b. Broadband equity and digital literacy for unserved and underserved communities.
 - c. Support the freedom to read and access to material with diverse points of view.
 - d. Support libraries as a safe haven for all community members.
 - e. Early literacy, school readiness, adult literacy, career development, vocational support, and assistance to vulnerable populations.
 - f. Mandate and fund credentialed Teacher Librarians in all California Public Schools and support creating a Library Lead position in the Statewide System of Support.
 - g. Support for libraries to purchase digital content including eBooks and eAudiobooks at the same price as consumers.
 - h. Support for California's law libraries.

CLA supports positive action in key areas, including, but not limited to Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism, Intellectual Freedom, Privacy, and Net Neutrality.

CLA also monitors all state legislation that may impact items on the above list or that are identified as having an impact on libraries, library funding and/or library staff.

MOBAC Representatives 2025

US Congressional Representatives

| <i>District</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>PLP Libraries</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>District Offices</i> |
|-----------------|---------------|--|--------------|--------------|---|
| 18th | Zoe Lofgren | Gavilan, Hartnell, Monterey County, Salinas, San Benito, San Juan Bautista, Watsonville | D | 202-225-3072 | 142 West Alisal St, Room E116, Salinas, CA 93901 |
| 19th | Jimmy Penetta | Cabrillo College, CSUMB, Harrison Memorial, MCFL, Middlebury, MPC, Monterey Public, NPS, Pacific Grove, Santa Cruz | D | 202-225-2861 | 701 Ocean St. Room 318C, Santa Cruz CA 95060 1200 Aguajito Road, Suite 003, Monterey, CA 93940 |

California State Representatives

| <i>District</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>PLP Libraries</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>District Offices</i> |
|-----------------|---------------|--|--------------|--------------|---|
| 28th | Gail Pellerin | Santa Cruz | D | 916-319-2028 | 701 Ocean St, Room 318B, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 |
| 29th | Robert Rivas | Gavilan, Hartnell, Salinas, San Benito, San Juan Bautista, Watsonville | D | 916-319-2029 | 60 W. Market St, Suite 110, Salinas, CA 93901 |
| 30th | Dawn Addis | Cabrillo College, CSUMB, Harrison Memorial, MCFL, Middlebury, MPC, Monterey Public, NPS, Pacific Grove | D | 916-319-2030 | 99 Pacific Street, Suite 575G, Monterey, CA 93940 |

California State Senate

| <i>District</i> | <i>Name</i> | <i>PLP Libraries</i> | <i>Party</i> | <i>Phone</i> | <i>District Offices</i> |
|-----------------|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|---|
| 15th | Dave Cortese | Gavilan | D | 916-651-4015 | 1155 Meridian Ave, Suite 100, San Jose, CA 95125 |
| 17th | John Laird | Cabrillo College, CSUMB, Harrison Memorial, Hartnell, MCFL, Middlebury, MPC, Monterey Public, NPS, Pacific Grove, Salinas, San Benito, San Juan Bautista, Santa Cruz, Watsonville | D | 916-651-4017 | 99 Pacific Street, Suite 575F, Monterey, CA 93940 |