



## ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL AGENDA

Friday, December 5, 2025

Blanchard Community Library

Presiding: Justin Formanek, SP - FY 2025/26- VICE-CHAIR

\* Item accompanies the agenda

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Scheduled break at 11:00 a.m.</li><li>Working lunch scheduled at 12:00 p.m. with library tour to follow.</li></ul>	
Symbol	Key
<i>M</i>	Move to approve
*	PDF accompanies posted agenda
**	Item to be provided later or separate from packet

1. **10:00a.m. CALL TO ORDER**
2. *M* - **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
3. **PUBLIC TESTIMONY**
4. *M* - **CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - a. \*Administrative Council Minutes – 09.19.25
  - b. Financial Reports – [August 2025](#), [September 2025](#), [October 2025](#)
5. **AUXILIARY RECEIVE AND FILE** [posted @ <http://ats.blackgold.org>]
  - a. Departmental Resources
    - i. [Summary of Non-Owned Items – October 2025](#)
    - ii. [Cataloging Stats – October 2025](#)
    - iii. [Hoopla Recap – October 2025](#)
6. **DIRECTOR HIGHLIGHTS** – (20 minutes)
7. **BLACK GOLD DIRECTOR REPORT** – (10 minutes)
8. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - a. **Repeated Damage to Library Materials Checked Out Across Libraries** – Discuss how libraries are addressing situations in which patrons regularly borrow items from branches other than their home branch and repeatedly return them damaged.
  - b. **Content Café contract with Baker and Taylor no longer active after 12/31/25** – Discuss alternatives to this product:
    - i. Coce – part of the Koha product – no cost. For example, go to [trainm.blackgold.org](http://trainm.blackgold.org)
    - ii. Syndetics elements to match Content Café – 1st year price match to Content Café - \$3,024. For example, go to [trainpr.blackgold.org](http://trainpr.blackgold.org)
    - iii. Syndetics Unbound – This product would replace Novelist and Content Café – annual cost \$12,138 (Novelist subscription expires 6/30/26 - renewal Cost will be \$17,415). For example, go to [trainccl.blackgold.org](http://trainccl.blackgold.org)
    - iv. For Coce with Novelist All-in-One go to [traingv1.blackgold.org](http://traingv1.blackgold.org)
    - v. To see current set-up with Content Café visit your production site(s).
    - *Please note that Grouped Work Display is customizable by Library and can be altered to suit your individual library aesthetic*
  - c. **Advocacy for CLSA funding** – Discussion regarding Black Gold's position on the following items:
    - Among the legislative priorities CLA has adopted for the FY26/27, is the restoration of CLSA funding through an augmentation of \$3.2M to bring the total program funding to \$5M. (This is exclusive to any funding for the Zip Books program.) A consistent message discussing the need for this increase in funding from the Cooperative Systems would help with this advocacy. **Discuss the message that Black Gold would like to send to CLA.**



# BLACK GOLD

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- At the November California Library Services Board meeting, there was public comment from the Director of the San Luis Obispo County Library system, (which is not affiliated with any Cooperative System) requesting consideration of County Library Systems to receive CLSA funding in the same way that libraries who are members of a Cooperative System receive. Justification is that County libraries, by nature, also exchange materials between their rural communities. The Board said they would allow this matter to appear on their next agenda. If County Library Systems were allotted part of the CLSA funding for sharing resources within their own County Systems, the amount of funding to the Cooperatives would decrease.  
**Discuss the message Black Gold would like to present at the next CLSB meeting.**

9. **LIBRARY PRESENTATION** (15 minutes)

10. ***M* – ADJOURNMENT**

**NEXT MEETING: Friday, January 16, 2026 (TBD)**

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