

**Minutes of the System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin:  
Monday, January 28, 2002.**

Members Present: Barb Dimick (Madison PL), Jim Zwadlo (SWLS), Mark Merrifield (NFLS), Peter Hamon (SCLS), David Polodna (WRLS), John Nichols (WLS/Oshkosh PL), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), Terry Dawson (Appleton PL), Tom Hennen (WCFLS), Joan Airoidi (NWLS), Rick Krumwiede (OWLS), Carol Gibson (MCLS), Bernie Bellin (LLS), Rick Gustafson (Mead PL), Jane Ameal (Waukesha PL), Jessica MacPhail (Racine PL), Karen Krueger (Hedberg PL), Ken Hall (Winnefox LS), Thomas Strange (LaCrosse PL), Mark Morse (L. E. Phillips PL), Heather Eldred (WVLS), Barbara Kelly (Appleton PL).

Guests Present: Lisa Strand (WLA), Kathy Schneider (WILS), Larry Nix (DLTCL), Alan Zimmerman (DLTCL), Bob Bocher (DLTCL), Paul Nelson (WLA LD&L), Cal Potter (DLTCL).

The meeting was held in the WLA Offices, 5250 E. Terrace Drive, Madison, WI. Chair Barb Dimick called the meeting to order at 12:07 P.M.

The Chair determined that there was a quorum, and introductions were made. No additional items were added to the agenda. Item # 12, Paul Nelson's Legislative Report, was moved to the top of the agenda.

Motion made and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to accept and file the treasurer's report. Motion passed.

**Legislative Report**

Paul Nelson distributed a "Budget Reform Bill" sheet, and led a discussion about the proposed elimination of shared revenues for municipalities, and its effect on public libraries

**Shared Electronic Resources Committee Report**

Kathy Schneider reported that Gale Corporation is not interested in large-scale licensing arrangements with the public libraries. She described a product from Serial Solutions that would combine lists of journals from different database aggregators, to make patron's searches easier. More info on this product will be available at the next meeting.

**Library District Enabling Legislation Report**

Larry Nix reported that the Legislative Reference Bureau held a meeting to consider the SRLAAW recommendations on creating library districts with taxing authority. The LRB will draft a bill proposal for SRLAAW's review.

**Revisit the Recommendations from the SRLAAW retreat (Unifying Vision for Wisconsin Library Development)**

Karen Krueger and David Polodna reported that the insufficient funding of library systems made the SRLAAW retreat recommendations difficult to carry out. However, they recommended that a new committee form to continue the discussion of a unifying vision for developing Wisconsin libraries. The following responded to a call for volunteers for the committee:

- Karen Krueger
- John Nichols
- Tom Strange
- Peter Hamon
- Mark Morse

At this point, Ken Hall (Winnefox) announced that a group of newsletters, one for each of the five counties in Winnefox will replace his system's newsletter, Foxtales. The front page will contain system news, and the inner pages will have news about each library in the county.

### **Minimum Standards for Libraries**

Tom Hennen read from the Draft Report to SRLAAW on Library Standards in Wisconsin. He made a motion that SRLAAW accept the Report's 4 recommendations. No second was required for the motion, and discussion ensued:

Discussion focused on whether minimum standards should be mandatory, and on whether the current DPI publication should be updated, or a new set of standards be developed to replace it.

A motion was made to allocate LSTA funds to develop minimum standards. As most of the group did not have a copy of the Report recommendations, another motion was made to table the motion regarding LSTA funding, and also to table the motion to accept the Report's 4 recommendations until later in the meeting (see below). Copies of the Report were made and distributed.

### **County Library Tax Exemption Requirements**

Barbara Dimick and Larry Nix read letters, and Cal Potter spoke, regarding this matter as it affects Ozaukee County.

### **Joint Library Issues for Wisconsin Libraries**

Tom Hennen reported on the complexities of this subject. A motion was made and seconded to refer Tom's report to DLTCL. Motion passed.

### **ALA Legislative Day in Washington DC**

Tom Strange will represent SRLAAW at this event.

### **Report of the Nominating Committee**

A motion was made and seconded to retain the current officers of SRLAAW. Motion passed.

### **DPI Reports:**

#### **Budget and Legislation Task Force**

Cal Potter announced that the state superintendent approved the Task force.

#### **REACH Update**

Bob Bocher reported that 35 of the 90 libraries eligible for the REACH grant for a one-year T-1 line have applied. Libraries that are concerned about losing shared revenue will be assured that they could withdraw from the REACH program should the shared revenue be eliminated.

#### **State and Federal Legislative Report**

Cal Potter reported that a committee will hold hearings on the bill to change the confidentiality of minor's library records.

#### **LITAC Report**

Bob Bocher responded to concerns about the fee structure of the new WISCAT. The group discussed the relationship between WISCAT and linked systems.

#### **LSTA Update**

Larry Nix called for suggestions from SRLAAW for more categories to include in LSTA grant application. He said the next 5-year plan for LSTA is due July 1, and needs input from all parties.

At this point, a motion was made and seconded to recommend that SRLAAW request LSTA funding to review mandatory minimum standards for Wisconsin public libraries, but that the 4 recommendations in the Draft Report to SRLAAW on Library Standards in Wisconsin be tabled. Motion failed.

A substitute motion was made and seconded to recommend that LSTA funds be used to establish mandatory minimum standards for Wisconsin public libraries. Motion failed.

Chair Barbara Dimick requested that the mandatory minimum standards issue appear on the agenda for the next SRLAAW meeting.

**Communication to WiscNet Board on sharing TEACH data lines with other municipalities**

Bob Bocher read his letter regarding the sharing of TEACH lines. A motion was made and seconded that SRLAAW endorse the letter. Motion passed.

The next meeting of SRLAAW will be held from 10:00AM to 3:00PM, May 21, 2002, at the WLA offices.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10PM.

Recorded by Jim Zwadlo.