

**Minutes of the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin  
August 20, 2004  
Cedar Creak Mall Center Court Meeting Room – Wausau, Wisconsin**

A quorum was determined and the meeting was called to order by President, Jessica MacPhail at 10:04 a.m.

Present: Jessica MacPhail, Racine PL; Peter Hamon, South Central; Kathy Schneider, WILS; Sandy Robbers, IFLS; Jim Trojanowski, NWLS; David Weinhold, ESLS; Heather Eldred, WVLS; Tom Hennen, Waukesha LS; Mike Cross, DLTCL; Sally Drew, DLTCL; Janet Jennings, Superior, PL; Rick Krumwiede, OWLS; Bernie Bellin, Lakeshores LS; Mark Morse, L. E. Phillips Library; Mark Arend, Winnefox; David Polodna, WRLS; Walter Burkhalter, MWFLS; Michael Tyree, West Bend; and Ruth Ann Montgomery, ALS.

Proxies for the meeting are: Ruth Ann Montgomery for Karen Krueger; Rick Krumwiede for Terry Dawson; Mark Arend for John Nichols; and Peter Hamon for Barbara Dimick.

Members introduced themselves.

Changes to the agenda included the additions of an update on ILL by Sally Drew and an update on Superior Public library MOE by Mike Cross.

**Minutes**

Approval of the minutes of the June 18, 2004 meeting were moved by David Polodna and seconded by Peter Hamon. Motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was presented by David Polodna. A fund balance of \$1,033.78 was reported. Jim Trojanowski moved approval and Rick Krumwiede seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**System Aids in the next budget cycle**

System Aids in the next budget cycle was discussed. The letter from the Milwaukee County Library System to Governor Doyle was reviewed and a chart of Public Library System Aid was presented by Mike Cross. The estimates on the System Aid charts for the next biennium are based on different index level targets. Al Zimmerman will refine the numbers as they become more definite. Systems are currently receiving an 8% index. To increase Governor Doyle's interest in submitting an increase to system aids, several systems have sent letters requesting increases. Tom Hennen said we need votes from the legislature in order to get the increases and mentioned the WLA conduit fund and asked for contributions. He suggested that increasing our visibility at fundraisers for political candidates was an excellent way to increase their awareness of the need to increase system aids. Peter Hamon moved that every system write a letter to the Governor with a copy to Elizabeth Burmaster to ask for a 10% index for system aids. Resource sharing should be highlighted as one of the best benefits offered by library systems in Wisconsin. Heather Eldred seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Other suggestions for lobbying for system aid increases included meeting with the Governor and having individual libraries send letters in support of system funding level increases. Citizen letters of support were also suggested. Listening sessions for candidates was suggested as another way to get the word out.

The Chair of SRLAAW will write a letter to say this was passed unanimously. The letters will be sent to the Governor, Superintendent of Schools, Joint Finance and Education Committees of the Wisconsin legislature.

The subcommittee on OCLC and ILL has looked at the Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin models for ILL and by September 7 will get a statement together about problems and solutions that committee members have discovered. They will come back to SRLAAW with a report.

### **OCLC - ILL**

Pete Hamon reported that South Central will change to World Cat for ILL as soon as possible. He estimates that it costs \$100,000 to do ILL currently. OCLC is not being used by most systems for ILL. Most academics are using OCLC. South Central gets about 40,000 requests from WISCAT. Lakeshores libraries are also considering using World Cat and OCLC for ILL and some of their librarians believe that WISCAT takes too long. Some of the Lakeshores libraries were willing to pay for World Cat in 2005-2006. Wisconsin Valley reported that only 2 of their libraries have OCLC and their libraries would not be willing to pay for ILL. Heather said she does not want the Wisconsin ILL system to dissolve. Mark Morse said that he does not want to wreck the Wisconsin system of ILL. Sally Drew will meet with Peter Hamon about the South Central situation on ILL. Kathy Schneider said that all systems could use OCLC for ILL as a borrower, but few are suppliers on OCLC.

### **DPI Reports**

#### **Update on ILL**

Sally Drew gave an update on the ILL survey. It is being tested and will go to a sample of school and public libraries by e-mail. The 2006 bid process will choose a vendor for the next ILL contract. LITAC is looking at various technology scenarios. A major upgrade of the Fretwell/Downing software will be complete by the end of November. The upgrade will have brokering function for clearinghouses, electronic document delivery; Z39.50 libraries will be able to screen requests for availability; screen for type of material; and various other feature enhancements.

#### **Gates Grants**

Bob Bocher submitted a Gates grant. The Division will use \$30,000 of the grant for statewide staff training for Badgerlink and WISCAT.

The library directory is being sent to libraries in paper form. There is an electronic version on the DLTCL website.

**Superior PL MOE problem**

Mike Cross spoke about the Maintenance of Effort problem. The Superior Public library has had their budget cut by the City of Superior and below the Maintenance of Effort level, making them out of compliance. Northern Waters has started the process to notify Superior that they are out of compliance. Mike Cross said the Division is looking at penalties for non-compliance. The Division cannot penalize a library directly, except that they would not be eligible for LSTA funds. The goal of the Division is to get the library into compliance so there are no penalties.

**Nominating committee**

Bernie Bellin will chair the nomination committee for officers for SRLAAW for 2005.

**Meeting date**

The next meeting of SLAAW will be December 3, place to be announced.

Respectfully submitted  
Ruth Ann Montgomery  
Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.