

**SRLAAW Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2004
WLA Offices - Madison, Wisconsin**

1. Call to order

Chair Jessica MacPhail called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

2. Quorum

She determined that sufficient members attended to constitute a quorum. I counted 23 of the 31 members, plus 3 proxies, and 1 member who arrived after the meeting started. Thus 27 of the total possible 34 votes were embodied, to make this the best-attended meeting in at least 2 years.

Voting members in attendance:

System members	Resource Library members
Arrowhead Library System Ruth Ann Montgomery, Director	Hedberg Public Library Karen Krueger, Director
Eastern Shores Library System David Weinhold, Director	
Indianhead Federated Library System Maureen Welch acted as proxy for Sandra Robbers, Director	L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library Mark Morse, Director
Kenosha County Library System Douglas Baker, Director	Kenosha Public Library Douglas Baker, Director
Lakeshores Library System Bernard Bellin, Director	Racine Public Library Jessica MacPhail, Director
Manitowoc-Calumet Library System Alan Engelbert, Director	Manitowoc Public Library Alan Engelbert, Director
Mid-Wisconsin Federated Library System Walter Burkhalter, Director	West Bend Community Memorial Library Michael Tyree, Director
Milwaukee County Federated Library System Jim Gingery, Director	Milwaukee Public Library Kathleen Huston, Director
Nicolet Federated Library System Mark Merrifield, Director	Brown County Library Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Director
Northern Waters Library Service Janet Jennings acted as proxy for Jim Trojanowski, Director	Superior Public Library Janet Jennings, Director
Outagamie Waupaca Library System Rick Krumwiede, Director	Appleton Public Library Terry Dawson, Director
South Central Library System Peter Hamon, Director	Madison Public Library Barbara Dimick, Director
Southwest Wisconsin Library System James Zwadlo, Director	
Waukesha County Federated Library System Thomas J. Hennen, Director	Waukesha Public Library Tom Hennen acted as proxy for Jane Ameen, Director
Winding Rivers Library System David Polodna, Director	
Winnefox Library System John V. Nichols, Director	Oshkosh Public Library John V. Nichols, Director

Non-voting attendees:
Phyllis Davis, SCLS;
Bob Bocher, DLTCL;
Peg Branson, DLTCL;
Mike Cross, DLTCL;
Sally Drew, DLTCL;
Alan Zimmerman, DLTCL;
Rick Grobschmidt, DPI

3. Introductions

New Director of Brown County Library, Jeff Gilderson-Duwe

4. Acceptance of Agenda

No changes made or requested.

Please note that some documentation associated with the agenda items is posted online at:
<http://www.srlaaw.org/documents/mtgdocs.asp>

If you don't find any of the documentation mentioned below online, please contact the SRLAAW Chair for copies: macphail@racinelib.lib.wi.us

5. Minutes

Members made, seconded and passed the motion to approve the minutes of the August 20 2004 SRLAAW meeting. I wonder if it's worth mentioning that the typo (from "Creak" to "Creek" in the minutes' heading) received correction as part of this motion.

6. Treasurer's Report

Members made, seconded and passed the motion that each of the 17 Systems will pay \$75 in fees to SRLAAW in 2005. The fees are the same as for 2004, and mostly pay for a SRLAAW representative to go to Washington DC for the ALA Legislative Day. The attendee for 2005 will be announced at the February 7 2005 meeting.

7. State Superintendent's Budget Proposal for 2005-2007

Rick Grobschmidt said that State Superintendent Burmaster asked for increases in State funding for:

BadgerLink – an operating increase that amounts to an inflation adjustment, plus a new online encyclopedia (which one not specified).

Library Delivery Services – SCLS is requesting direct State funding for their State-wide inter-system delivery service, as any funding increase requested from their current funding sources, the library systems, may trigger defaults.

Library Service Contracts – an increase that will restore the 4 contracts to their 2003 level, when they were cut by 15%. That cut, if persistent, will prevent the 4 libraries from fulfilling their missions.

System Aid – The statutory requirement of requesting the 13% index amount will be fulfilled. I noted that the State Superintendent received an ovation when she mentioned this at the WLA Conference. Her political astuteness there was matched by the logical step of stating her opposition to TABOR.

At this point, discussion resulted in a **motion, seconded and passed, that SRLAAW opposes TABOR.**

8. Public Library District Legislation Subcommittee Report

The Subcommittee fine-tuned the language in the draft prepared by the Legislative Reference Bureau. As this work was done by a Subcommittee of the LD&L Committee, I assume it needs to go to the LD&L Committee next for their approval, so SRLAAW was not being asked to take action on this report at the moment. In any case, no action was taken.

9. WEMA legislative retreat report

Jessica MacPhail attended. Her report emphasized the recognition of common interests between WEMA and WLA, as well as the schools and public libraries they represent, in petitioning the legislature to increase their funding and restore the Wisconsin ideal in other practical ways. She documented the retreat in a 2-page summary handed out at this meeting.

10. Request for funding for SRLAAW representative to attend the ALA Legislative Day in 2005

This request proved unnecessary because the funding was already included in the SRLAAW budget for 2005, and did not require further approval. However, the naming of a representative will wait for the February 7 2005 meeting.

11. SRLAAW Interlibrary Loan Committee Report

This report was preceded by 3 topics from Sally Drew:

1. The mediated-patron-initiated ILL service that some libraries tested as a pilot project for the DLTCL will continue with the existing participants, but more libraries can sign up for the project after January 1 2005.
2. The Reference & Loan Library's ILL Survey results will be presented no sooner than January 2005.
3. Copies handed out of the 14-page State Superintendent's Report on Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing, presented at the last COLAND meeting. This report is mandated by State statute, every two years. The report includes work done and plans for the future by 8 governmental organizations and committees, involving 23 programs and projects.

The ILL Committee report, based on 2 years of work, concluded with 6 recommendations to guide the choice of future ILL services from the available alternatives.

At this point, a ***motion, seconded, that SRLAAW endorse the ILL Committee's report.*** Discussion:

SRLAAW members expressed their appreciation of the difficulties faced by the ILL Committee. ILL is complex, expensive, and essential. Current ILL services are a mixture of shared automation systems used by individual library systems (sometimes two systems) for intra-system ILL, and the inter-system ILL service, WISCAT (also used by the school libraries). Many libraries and library systems buy cataloging from the OCLC, but OCLC also can be used for ILL, at almost any level, from the library, to the library system, to the State, to the country.

The ILL Committee's report appears shortly after a major defection from WISCAT: Madison Public Library chose to use OCLC to request items from outside the SCLS, starting November 1.

The recent decision by MPL may have deflected some over-reaction to the ILL Committee's recommendations, by presenting the accomplished fact that OCLC is an alternative to WISCAT. During the discussion of the Committee's recommendations, the objection to OCLC as a State-wide vendor for ILL (possible legal problems with a one-vendor procurement process) was immediately answered by the suggestion that each library system could contract independently with OCLC, which would not involve a State-wide procurement process. This could have the added political benefit of continuing to provide a source of cataloging to the school libraries, which had been given shorter shrift in the ILL Committee's recommendations. The fact that shared automation systems are not as easy to link as had been thought previously also enhances the appeal of the OCLC alternative.

The vote on the motion was interrupted by a lunch break. When SRLAAW reconvened, ***the motion was passed that SRLAAW endorse the ILL Committee's report.***

12. Wisconsin Counties Association County Supervisor's Handbook

This publication is available from the Wisconsin Counties Association. I understood that it is free, on request.

13. MCFLS Listening Session

Five Milwaukee legislators came to listen, to 60-70 library supporters.

14. County enforcement of crossover borrowing in the reform bill

Item prefaced by statement that SRLAAW members should make private, individual campaign contributions to the WLA "conduit", to support library-friendly legislators.

Motion made and seconded that SRLAAW request the language regarding county enforcement of cross-over borrowing payments be restored to the current reform bill being presented to the legislature.

Discussion:

Conjectured that if a Library A is obliged to pay Library B for Library B's service to Library A's patrons, but fails to do so, under the current reform bill language, enforcement of the payment is the responsibility of the library system. This should be changed so that the County does the enforcement, because Library A may find losing system membership acceptable, but the County could withdraw Library A's municipality's county library tax exemption, which Library A would not like at all.

Discussion did not include the possibility that Library A, being broke, would refuse service to Library B's patrons, rather than incur an expense it could not meet, and be embarrassed by. I will point out here, that this motion's author, in another role as principal of the Hennen American Public Library Report, presented 26 of the 27 Southwest Wisconsin Library System libraries as ranking no higher than the 63 percentile, and completely ignored the fact that these same libraries have, for the past three years in a row, more than DOUBLED the State-wide average circulation increases.

Vote was taken and ***the motion was passed that SRLAAW request the language regarding county enforcement of cross-over borrowing payments be restored to the current reform bill being presented to the legislature.***

15. Milwaukee's request for funding for reference use

The State Superintendent said no. Is Waukesha next on the list to be asked? No.

16. DPI Reports

Mike Cross – drafts of the new Director's Handbook, and the 4th edition of the Standards ready for comment, changes. Copies of Chapter PI 6 handed out, which include the new language regarding certification.

Bob Bocher – Deadline for Gates Training Grant invoices is December 31. Next year's Gates grant will be announced around first week of December. Contract negotiations in progress for the new BadgerNet, migration will occur in 2005. Cost to libraries will be \$100/month for current 1.5 Mbs lines, \$250/month for anything faster. E-rate payments are held up by legal technicalities that could result in a one-year delay in payments.

Peg Branson – an additional \$59,000 in LSTA funds will be distributed in the Technology block grants. The LSTA program administrators in Washington are considering grant distribution based on community size.

17. Election of SRLAAW representatives to WiLS

Peter Hamon was elected to serve as the member, and Bernie Bellin was elected to serve as the alternate.

18. Election of SRLAAW Officers for 2005

Motion made, seconded and passed to re-elect the current officers:

Jessica MacPhail – Chair

Sandra Robbers – Vice-Chair

David Polodna – Treasurer

19. Date for next SRLAAW meeting

February 7 2005 – WLA Headquarters

20. Other

New editions of DDC now available. Also, WebDewey.

Charter Schools catch libraries by surprise; should they be required to plan with the libraries? No, they are exempt from such requirements; ask for cooperation.

21. Adjournment

2:05 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Jim Zwadlo

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