

MINUTES
System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin
October 25, 2005
LaCrosse Public Library

1. Call to Order –

Chair Jessica MacPhail called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

In attendance were:

Jessica MacPhail (Racine); Jim Gingery (MCFLS); Walter Burkhalter (MWFLS); Heather Eldred (WVLS); Bernie Bellin (LLS); Rick Krumwiede (OWLS); Tom Hennen (WCFLS); Janet Jennings (Superior); Jim Trojanowski (NWLS); Alan Engelbert (Manitowoc/MCLS); Larry Nix (SWLS); Peter Hamon (SCLS); Robert Hafeman (MCLS); David Weinhold (ESLS); Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Brown County); Sandy Robbers (IFLS); David Polodna (WRLS); Phyllis Davis (SCLS); John DeBacher (DLTCL); Terry Dawson (Appleton); Mark Beatty (WiLS); Sally Drew (DLTCL); Peg Branson (DLTCL); Mike Cross (DLTCL).

2. Quorum determination

Chair determined a quorum of the membership was in attendance.

3. Introductions

Members introduced themselves and identified whom they represented.

4. Changes/Additions to the Agenda

Request to discuss District Library Status and ILL contracts.

Janet Jennings was asked to be the recorder for the meeting.

5. Approval of the minutes from August 5 meeting

Motion by Eldred, second by Hennen to approve the August 5 minutes. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report – Polodna

Polodna distributed a written Treasurer's report. It included a recommendation to have meeting fees be set at \$50 for 2006 and \$50 for 2007. Motion by Polodna, second by Hamon to approve the treasurer's report, including the meeting fees. Motion carried.

7. Statistical Report – Hennen

Hennen's "report" was a tribute to Pete Hamon, who is retiring as director of SCLS. Hennen presented to Hamon a gift and a cake. The group took a break to eat cake and congratulate him. Hamon thanked the group. He has been a Wisconsin librarian for 34 years, including 24 years as a system director. He will continue his involvement with the WLA legislative committee and with WiLS.

8. Federal Legislation – MacPhail

MacPhail reported on the status of federal legislation. She emphasized to the group about how important it is to contact legislators when she sends out e-mails.

9. State Legislation – Hennen and Cross

Hennen reported on various things pending on a state level. He noted that the video bill is languishing and the MOE bill is stalled. He seconded what MacPhail had said, that it is important to contact legislators. Those contacts do make a difference. It is also important to give money to WLA to be used to send people to fundraisers for candidates. WLA will target key people and give them a check that is from WLA.

Cross passed out a listing of MOE requirements for other states. He also noted that there are two bills pending that would exempt local governments from paying state gasoline tax. The current bills do not exempt library systems, however.

10. DPI Reports

Ill Work Group

(Wait for Drew, not here yet.)

Attorney General Opinion

Cross reported on the ongoing discussion regarding the Brown County Library. He handed out the DPI response to the issue. Gilderson-Duwe reported that this disagreement was getting mixed up with the budget request. Cross gives Gilderson-Duwe and his board president credit for standing up to the County on this issue.

Library task force bills (SB 272 and SB 273)

These are in committee. A hearing has been held and there was favorable testimony, as well as some opposition from Milwaukee against enforcing reciprocal borrowing. The committee may pull out parts of the bill facing opposition in order to get the rest of it passed. We should urge people on the committee to move these bills along.

LSTA

Branson reported that the next meeting of the LSTA committee will be held on Nov. 29-30, with a public hearing included. There were no grant requests for the library card sign-up category. Branson said they are contemplating whether it is better to have more

individual or more system categories. LSTA could get a cut in funding and may not know in time for the November meeting. Cross reported that Al Zimmerman is working on how to improve data collection. His recommendations are almost ready and will go out for comments before final decisions are made. Weinhold suggested that any extra funds go in the “delivery” category, due to rising costs of fuel.

ILL Work Group

Drew reported that this group met 5 times and had 15-16 people. Their goal was to revise the ILL Guidelines, which were last reviewed in 1996. Drew handed out the recommended changes from the group. Deb Johnson was the facilitator and put together the ILL Work Group Summary. Drew will take the draft to COLAND. Get suggestions of changes to Drew before November 9. The group didn't address shared system ILL protocols. These would be on top of local agreements and after local resources are used first.

ILL Contracts

Drew reported that \$12,500 was added to the contract for the Wisconsin Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, but cuts were made to CCBC and WiLS. The contract with Milwaukee was not cut, but also did not meet their cost increases for staff, so was less than requested and cuts in service will be made accordingly.

Other

Burkhalter and Bellin reported on their exploration of linking automation between their two systems. It would be more cost effective than Lake Shores going with Sirsi on their own. If successful, they would have 45 libraries in 2 systems up on one automation system. They would have direct delivery between their systems, rather than using the state-wide system. They are looking at governance issues and being able to share OCLC costs.

11. Nominating Committee for 2006 SRLAAW Chair/Vice-Chair

The nominating committee of Bellin and Krumwiede, presented the candidates. These were Trojanowski for Chair and Burkhalter for Vice-Chair. Motion by Bellin, second by Eldred, to accept this slate. Motion passed.

12. ALA Legislative Day update – Jennings, MacPhail

Jennings gave a report of her experiences attending ALA Legislative Day for the first time, comparing it to WLA Legislative Day. She reported it was a valuable experience and encouraged others to do it if they had the opportunity. MacPhail reported that ALA Legislative Day will be held on May 1-2 next year.

13. Virtual Reference Consortia – Beatty

Beatty reported that the LSTA grant was written broadly enough to cover what they are looking at for 24/7 reference. It defines “library” loosely enough so it could be a library

system or a campus. Each library pays a fee to belong, and the LSTA grant covers additional fees for any library of any type in Wisconsin. It starts in January 2006, with the potential to renew for 3 years. 14 of the 17 public library systems will join in. Most of the tech colleges and a few of the UW's and private academics will join as well. For a single library the maximum cost is \$750 per year and for a system the maximum cost is \$1500 per year. This includes membership in a consortium of other states and countries. No library is actually required to dedicate staff, but the suggested amount is two 2-hour shifts per week for reference. This program is piggybacking under "Ask Wisconsin Librarians," which covers some of those hours. SCLS is already doing 24/7 reference. Hamon suggested encouraging patrons to use local reference first and use 24/7 when the local library is not open. If your library is not a member, there is still access on Badgerlink to "Ask Wisconsin Librarians." The training dates are set in November. There has been no name chosen yet for this new service.

14. Set date and location of the next meeting-

Incoming chair Trojanowski suggested having the next meeting on the day before WLA Legislative day, to save on travel time and costs. The group agreed, and the next meeting will be on Monday, January 30 at 1 p.m.

15. Other

Weinhold reported about a proposal from a legislator about paying fees to borrow items from another system.

Hennen reported Waukesha County is studying governance issues that may change them to a consolidated system, rather than a federated one.

DeBacher urged people to look at the draft records retention policy for comments. After it is approved, he recommended librarians adopt their own plan, as well.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned when there were no more items people wished to report on.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Jennings,
Recorder