

System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin

Minutes of the meeting held on April 30, 2008, Stevens Point, Wisconsin, Portage County Public Library, Pinery Room

Those present by way of a sign up sheet were: Patty Wanniger (Manitowoc Public/MCLS), Bernie Bellin (LLS) (recording secretary), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS) (with proxy from Bryan McCormick), Michael Golrick (L.E. Phillips/IFLS), Phyllis Crhistenson (Marathon County PL—who had the neatest handwriting, by the way), Jim Gingery (MCFLS), Terry Dawson (Appleton PL/OWLS), Jim Trojanowski (Northern Waters LS), Mark Arend (Winnefox LS), Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Oshkosh PL/Winnefox), Lynn Stainbrook (Brown County Lib/NFLS), Janet Jennings (Superior PL), David Polodna (WRLS), Walter Burkhalter (Chair)(MWFLS), Al Zimmerman (DLTCL), Bob Bocher (DLTCL), Terri Howe (DLTCL), John DeBacher (DLTCL), Mike Cross (DLTCL), Mark Merrified (NFLS), Steph Morrill (SCLS)(with proxy from Barb Dimick—Madison Public), Paula Kiely (MPL—who participated by teleconference connection), John Thompson (IFLS), Rick Krumwiede (OWLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Ed Van Gemert (WU-Madison, guest), Kathy Schneider (WiLS), Jessica MacPhail (Racine Public/LLS).

- I. Call to order: Chair Walter Burkhalter called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m.
- II. Quorum determination: The Chair announced that a quorum was present. In addition, Paula Keily (Milwaukee) participated via telephone.
- III. All introduced themselves to the new members present. The introductions began with D. Polodna who reported that ‘divisiveness is my specialty’.
- IV. The only addition to the Agenda was Delivery to be added just before the DLTCL Reports. M. Golrick moved to approve the agenda, second by P. Wanniger. Motion carried
- V. A motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2008 SRLAAW meeting was made by M. Golrick, second by D. Poladna. Motion carried.
- VI. The Treasurer’s Report, as presented by D. Polodna, was approved on a motion by J. Trojanowski, second by M. Golrick. Motion carried.

VII. K. Schneider introduced E. Van Gemert, President of the OCLC Board, who explained the changes being proposed by OCLC, and their implications for WiLS and WiLS members. It could lead to a disassociation of the partnership between WiLS and OCLC that could occur as early as July 1, 2009. All felt that the timing of this was not good because of the changes being proposed in the midst of a budget year. This will be an agenda item at the August meeting in Wausau.

VIII. K. Ross, Chair of P2C2 (WAPL's Personnel and Professional Concerns Committee), introduced a very emotional discussion regarding the P2C2 Salary and Fringe Benefit Survey and publication. The question, for discussion, was whether to continue the survey or discontinue collecting and publishing the survey because it is not used. Sales are down and that is an indicator that it is not used. P2C2 was asking SRLAAW's input on the discussion. D. Polodna 'hates to repeat himself' (but he did) felt that the salary portion of the survey is very useful, the 'benefits' portion, not so much. A quick show of hands indicated that the majority wanted the survey to continue—3 indicated that it should cease to be published. After more discussion, it was thought that the salary information is useful, but leave off the benefits and there were suggestions to improve and/or change the soft ware used to report the survey. It will be on the August agenda.

As part of this discussion there was interest by some members to do a Compensation Study. Prior to the meeting, System directors were asked to bring their Organizational Charts to the meeting to share with others. A few conscientious, over-achievers remembered to bring copies of their Charts with them to share. Discussion ensued, but with no results because disparity was recognized as too 'chaosmic'. It made global warming easily understood.

IX. Delivery: B. Bellin removed Delivery from the agenda.

X. DONM: Because many members had to leave for another meeting, the date of the next meeting was set for August 8, 2008 in Wausau. As is traditionally done, we will meet at John and Heather Eldred's home the evening before for the actual SRLAAW meeting. Just kidding, it is a chance to reminisce and network at the garage level.

XI. DLTCL Reports:

Best Practices – M. Cross reported that the 'Best Practices' study by the Legislative Audit Bureau is finished and published. There were many references to the standards and to statistics related to the standards (no one in the report bothered to mention that the standards are voluntary). While the report is a thorough report, the intent and/or use was obscure and lost to those in attendance. We are aware that much of this information is 'new' to legislators and those who report to and/or work for legislators and we hope it will be of use to them. We feel libraries and library systems came across as being very cooperative and good at developing partnerships with each other and other organizations.

Budget Repair Bill:::: In the proposed Budget Repair bill proposed by the Governor, system aids would come entirely from the Universal Service Fund. According to the current law, the telcos are not allowed to pass the added cost on to their local customers. The Universal Service Fund would need to be increased by 20% to fund library systems at 100% from the USF. An agreement may be reached by the first week of May on the Budget Repair Bill.

Economic Impact Study:::: J. DeBacher displayed (at a distance) the executive summary of the Economic Impact Study done by NorthStar Consultants—David Ward. The results were presented at the WAPL conference the next day as part of the keynote address. Some LSTA funds were used to fund this study. The WLA Foundation has accepted the responsibility of disseminating the results to the public and the libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 3:55PM on a motion M. Merrifield, second by D. Polodna.

Bernard Bellin, Recorder