

Minutes
Of the
System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin
Appleton Public Library Meeting Room
Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Sepnafski volunteered to serve as recorder

Call to Order

Chair Mark Arend called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Ruth Montgomery (ALS); Terry Dawson (Appleton); John Stoneberg (Eau Claire); Lynn Stainbrook (Green Bay); John Thompson (IFLS); Kristen Hewitt (LLS, proxy for Racine); Jim Gingery (MCFLS, proxy for Milwaukee); Jeff Dawson (MCLS); Walter Burchalter (MWFLS); Linda Bailen (NWLS); Rick Krumwiede (OWLS); Stef Morrill and Phyllis Davis (SCLS, proxy for Madison); Janet Jennings (Superior); Krista Ross (SWLS); Susie Hafemeister and Marla Sepnafski (WVLS, proxy for Wausau); Bob Boucher, Mike Cross, John DeBacher and Terri Howe(DLTCL); and Kathy Schneider (WILS).

Quorum Determination

Arend declared a quorum present.

Introductions

Members introduced themselves and identified the library or system they represented.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

LITAC Statistics was added to the agenda.

Minutes of the August 28, 2009 Meeting

Thompson moved and Morrill seconded to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2009 meeting.
Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Davis moved and Thompson seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.
Dawson moved and Stoneberg seconded to keep the 2010 fees the same as that in 2009. Motion carried.

LITAC Statistics

Merrill mentioned that SRLAAW had previously established a committee to work on usage statistics for online resources. LITAC also discussed this issue. DeBacher said that working to gather consistent usage statistics would be a worthwhile effort since the data be used for advocacy efforts at state/federal levels. Morrill concurred and stated that even though there are not national standards yet available, we could still figure out ways to use statistics to benefit Wisconsin libraries.

Election of 2010 Chair

Arend asked for a volunteer to chair SRLAAW in 2010. There being no new nominations, a discussion about the great job Arend did in 2009 followed. Davis moved and Stoneberg seconded to elect Arend as the 2010 SRLAAW Chair and to close the nomination. Motion carried.

Update on “PCs for Libraries” Gates Grant

Bocher mentioned that participating libraries must complete the ALA Funding and Technology Access survey by November 6th. Libraries were warned that if they didn't complete the survey they would not receive PC funding.

Update on DOA BadgertNet Broadband Grant / Possible Application for the Next Round

Bocher indicated that broadband language in the ARRA grant allows States to have some input in the grant review process. As a result, the Governor received approximately 80 applications to review. While the Broadband Grant was included in the Governor's letter to the NTIA, the list of recommended projects to fund was not prioritized. Given that the grant didn't receive the Governor's endorsement, and that there were so many dollars requested (for every \$7 requested, only \$1 is available), Boucher is not optimistic that the Broadband Grant will make it through the funding process.

DOA said that if the proposal isn't funded in the first round that it should be resubmitted in the second round. However funding in the second round isn't very encouraging because universities also were encouraged to apply in the second round. More information about Broadband Grant funding should be available in late November.

Bocher announced that DOA has extra funding in the TEACH budget and encouraged libraries/systems experiencing broadband issues to apply for increased bandwidth sooner rather than later as there are a number of schools waiting for increased bandwidth/TEACH funding as well.

Also, Bocher mentioned that DLTCCL would like to use second round stimulus funds in the Public Computer Center category to increase the number of PCs and enhance Internet accessibility in public libraries. And, they were hoping to receive the 20% match required by the grant from the Gates Foundation. He expects to know whether or not the Gates Foundation will provide the 20% match by the end of the week.

DeBacher mentioned that a vendor that may be better able to handle the annual report form than the previous vendor is being investigated. DLTCCL is reviewing products that are stable and reliable, good at edit checks, hosting data, sorting data and able to do state/national comparisons.

Training on the new product will likely occur in January via webinars, online training and maybe face-to-face opportunities.

Also, DeBacher encouraged systems to be proactive in tracking MOE efforts and reminded all that catching an issue early, before the budget is passed, is much easier to resolve than learning about a MOE issue after the budget is passed.

Cross announced that Al Zimmerman is back at DLTCCL as a part-time (about 10 hours/week) employee doing financial tracking for LSTA and other federal reports.

Date and Location for Next Meeting

Those in attendance decided that the next SRLAAW meeting be held on February 15, 2010 (LLD is on February 16th), probably in the afternoon. Morrill invited SRLAAW to have the meeting at the new SCLS offices.

Brief reports from the members followed.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m. (I missed who made/seconded the motion.)

Respectfully submitted,

Marla Sepnafski
Meeting Recorder