

MINUTES

System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin May 3, 2006 Meeting McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids

1. Call to Order

Chair Jim Trojanowski called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

In attendance were: Jim Trojanowski (NWLS); Phyllis Davis (SCLS; proxy for Madison Public); Sandy Robbers (IFLS); Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Oshkosh PL); Bernie Bellin (LLS); Tom Hennen (WCFLS; proxy for Waukesha PL); David Weinhold (ESLS); Walter Burkhalter (MWFLS); Mike Cross (DLTCL); Bob Bocher (DLTCL); Alan Engelbert (MCLS and Manitowoc PL); Robert Hafeman (MCLS); Sally Drew (DTLCL); Terry Dawson (Appleton); Rick Krumweide (OWLS); David Polodna (WRLS); Heather Eldred (WVLS); Michael Tyree (West Bend PL); Krista Ross (SWLS); Kathy Schneider (WILS); Al Zimmerman (DLTCL); Janet Jennings (Superior PL); Peg Branson (DLTCL); Mark Merrifield (NFLS); and Mark Arend (WLS). Ron McCabe (McMillan Memorial Library, Wisconsin Rapids) attended the beginning of the meeting. Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS) arrived at 1:40 pm.

2. Quorum determination

Chair determined a quorum of the membership was in attendance.

3. Introductions

Members introduced themselves. Ron McCabe welcomed the group to Wisconsin Rapids, WAPL and McMillan Library and encouraged everyone to enjoy the library, the coffee shop and the Thursday evening reception.

4. Changes to the agenda

These items were added to the agenda before the DPI Reports: Advocacy Network, "Stand Up for Libraries," WiLS announcements, Implications of FOWL vote.

5. Approval of the minutes for the January 30, 2006 meeting

Motion by Polodna, second by Merrifield to approve the minutes of the January 30, 2006 meeting. Clarification requested from Bellin that the Gingery statement about library directors and library advocacy network referred to library directors in MCFLS. There was general agreement that that was how it was understood. Motion to approve minutes carried.

6. Treasurer's report

Polodna distributed a report and said we are where we expected to be. Motion by Eldred, second by Bellin to approve the Treasurer's report; carried.

7. ALA National Legislative Day

Weinhold reported that seven citizens representing Wisconsin Libraries visited with the aides of the eight Representatives and the two Senators of Wisconsin. The seven: Jessica MacPhail, Racine PL; Robert Hafeman, Manitowoc Calumet Library System; David Weinhold, Wisconsin Library Association; Francis Cherney, South Central Library System Trustee; Vonna Pitel, retired Cedarburg School Media Director; Mary Lou Zuege, retired Menomonee Falls School Media Director, and Richard Grobschmidt, DLTCCL Assistant Superintendent.

The issues presented were:

Support of President's request for LSTA funding at \$220.8 million. Restore the \$2.5 million for the Environmental Protection Agency libraries. Support legislation to exempt e-rate for the Anti-Deficiency Act requirements.

Support legislation which would assure equal access to the Internet for any and all content providers (net neutrality).

Support legislation that would allow fair use of works without reasonably attainable copyright clearance (orphan works).

Preserve fair use of news and public affairs programming by digital television providers and fair use of digital works that are technologically locked.

Support legislation that would improve Freedom of Information requests and replies.

Potential legislation on mandatory labeling of digital content and required data retention on Internet use was also mentioned.

8. Legislative Update

Cross reported that SB 272 passed both houses and was sent to the Governor. SB273 is now Act 226. Three other bills that are dead for this session are SB258 (video ratings for minors), AB 483 (MOE) and AB 1022 (exemption from county library tax). TPA/TABOR is still in play and would have major effects. DLTCCL is concerned about Section 5, turning back the clock on segregated funds, would create a general crunch of GPR funds for everything. There was a discussion of the process and timeline needed for a constitutional amendment.

Cross reported that the State Superintendent will be working on her budget request until fall. The Governor's version should be introduced in early 2007 and the target date for it to pass is July 1st, 2007.

9. MOE Issues Round Robin

Weinhold reported that Mead Library is concerned about the mayor's plans that could put them \$20,000 under the MOE requirement in 2007. There has been talk of Mead withdrawing from the system before being penalized. In IFLS, Robbers reported that there is talk of keeping the library at the same budget level, but adding additional duties such as scheduling the softball fields, etc. Or, the library board is expected to become the cable board as well. If this comes to pass, Zimmerman suggests IFLS ask DLTCCL for a decision about whether these things would be considered library services.

9.a Stand Up for Libraries

Davis mentioned that Mark Ibach, SCLS, spoke about the Stand Up for Libraries Network at the recent FOWL meeting. Attendees were very enthusiastic and wanted to know how to get started. Other systems were urged to build their networks in preparation for the next budget cycle. SCLS can share electronic copies of the materials with other systems. Polodna reported they have started in WRLS. Arend reported WLS will implement over the summer. Hennen, speaking for LD&L, urged libraries and systems to set up local legislative days, get candidates to come to the library, host candidate forums, etc.

Some concerns were voiced that the Stand Up for Libraries Network push may conflict or confuse in relation to the Campaign for Public Libraries. The two projects were seen by most to be separate in that one is political and the other is not, though the possibility exists for confusion.

9b. WiLS Announcements

Schneider reported WHO will go live on July 1st. It is a portal to some digital content and Wisconsin themed DM sites. Wisconsin Heritage host server will be offered on a cost recovery basis for small libraries that do not want to do it themselves. In UW Madison news, Ken Frasier will be Interim Director of DOIT (6 to 12 months) and Ed van Gemert will be taking over as Director of UW Madison Libraries during that time.

9c. FOWL Vote

Dawson reported that FOWL voted to dissolve and will become part of WLTA. A discussion of how to identify all the friends groups in the state followed. Eldred said that WVLS puts a list of friends groups in their system on the web page. She also announced the 2nd Northwoods Conference for friends on September 30, 2006. Polodna said it was not inappropriate for systems or WLTA to gather this information.

10. DPI Reports

a. BadgerNet migration – Bocher reports that about 40% of BadgerNet circuits are complete and 3 to 4 libraries are being installed per day. This phase should be finished in mid-August. If there are any problems, library system people should call Bocher or the BadgerNet staff.

b. Implementation of SB 272, 273 – The 70% reimbursement across county borders should be received by March 1st 2008 for library service provided in 2006 and reported to county clerks by 2007. Circulation has to be coded correctly – only people who do not live in a library community. Want to be sure? Ask Zimmerman. This is for adjacent counties only. There is no requirement about who is responsible for generating the bill. By statute, it is the library, but it will be helpful for someone like a system or county board to coordinate. This is just an expansion of 43.12. The rest of the section of the statute stays the same.

County board reciprocal borrowing plan is permissive. DLTC files, but does not review. For new system creation, etc., the most recent census estimate would be used. To streamline the merger of public library systems, no plans are needed in 43.24 (6). There are three new requirements for libraries to be in a system. The \$2,500 for materials is from all sources, not necessarily municipal. There are also changes to requirements for joint libraries.

c. Attorney General's opinions for Brown County, Washburn – The Brown County opinion reiterated the powers of the library board – no surprises. The Washburn opinion addressed the authority of the library board to delegate some duties to another body – administrative or executive powers. There was some discussion about how it is verified. One concern with the opinion is that it includes “operating” of the library. Cross promised a “delicately worded memo” with further information on this topic.

d. 2007 LSTA Program – Branson reported on the April 11-12 LSTA Advisory Committee meeting and distributed a document with grant category and preliminary budget recommendations for 2007. It will be a difficult year with less money due to the MOE penalty and the timing of the selection process for the next resource sharing product. A waiver was requested of IMLS that, if granted, might mean an additional \$110,000. The WI LSTA program for the last five years needs to be evaluated and planning begun for the next 5 years.

e. Delivery Services Budget - Drew distributed handouts “Public Library System Statewide Delivery Cost 2007” and “Best Practices.” She said that Delivery Service Advisory Council would meet May 23. Systems will likely see an average net delivery cost increase of 5%.

f. RFP process for Wisconsin resource-sharing – Drew distributed a document outlining the process and a schedule for the RFP responses. Several questions were raised about the process, cost-sharing scenarios and contract negotiations.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on August 11 in Wassau. Eldred invited us all to the traditional festivities at her home the evening of the 10th.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at about 3:45 pm.

Submitted by

Davis