

System Governance Task Force
September 13, 2013
Minutes

Present: John Stoneberg (L.E. Phillips (Eau Claire) Memorial Library), Colleen Rortvedt (Appleton Public Library), Jessica MacPhail (Racine Public Library), Cherilyn Stewart (Manitowoc Public Library), Marla Sepnafski (Wisconsin Valley Library Service), Mark Arend (Winnefox Library System), Jon Pribbenow (Rio Community Library), Becca Berger (Door County Library), Krista Ross (Southwest Wisconsin Library System).

Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

Krista Ross volunteered to take the minutes and John Stoneberg agreed to be the Chair of the task force.

The following was discussed:

There was a question as to why this task force was created. Jessica explained that the SRLAAW subcommittee that created the recommendations was guided by the comments from the library community. Colleen shared that some libraries felt that their voice didn't matter and that it was hard to have their issues brought forward at the system level. System board could be making decisions that aren't of benefit to the member libraries. Cherilyn added that there is a lack of checks and balances over how system funds are spent.

The task force discussed ways to move forward. Mark suggested that each committee member be assigned to other states to investigate how their systems work and then report on the information at the next meeting. A standard list of questions would be used to make sure that the information was gathered in a consistent manner. Mark offered to share the list of questions that he had.

John S. felt that we needed a strategy for finding out what's already out there. Perhaps ALA or another group has already looked at this issue.

After more discussion, the consensus of the group was that we needed more direction and information in order to proceed.

Mark will speak with John DeBacher to see if there are any resources available for us to use.

John S. will speak with John Thompson about who was responsible for gathering the data on what states have library systems.

Colleen will speak with Rick Krumwiede and Stef Morrill to get more context on how this recommendation evolved.

Next meeting: John will look into the possibility of setting up another phone meeting in the first or second week in October. It may be possible for the task force to have an in-person meeting sometime during WLA, but that will be decided at a later date.