

SRLAAW meeting May 11, 2011  
Portage Public Library, Portage, Wisconsin

David Weinhold called the meeting to order 1:13 P.M.

SRLAAW members present: David Weinhold, Kirsten Anderson, Jim Trojanowski, Jessica MacPhail, Ralph Illick, Jim Gingery, Lin Swartz-Truesdell, Kelly Krieg-Sigman, Martha Van Pelt, Joshua Klingbeil, Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Mark Arend, Kristen Hewitt, Cherilyn Stewart, Lynn Stainbrook, Becky Petersen, Doug Baker, Ruth Ann Montgomery

Online: Colleen Rortvedt, John Thompson, Krista Ross, Mark Merrifield, Rick Krumwiede, Walter Burkhalter

Guests: Stef Morrill, Sara Gold, WiLS; Bruce Smith, SCLS; Mike Cross; Terrie Howe, Bob Bocher, Martha Berninger David Sleasman, DLTCL; Steve Platteter, Steve Ohs, Lake Shores

Approval of minutes date change to March 21, 2011 instead of February 15, 2010. Kromer instead of Cromer. Held at Madison Public. Steven Platteter instead of Platteb. As corrected. Jim Trojanowski. and seconded by Joshua Klingbeil. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report. No change, except a report of \$.72 interest.

Statewide delivery service. Bruce Smith, South Central Library System, stated that the work group created the chart of Statewide Delivery Options and developed several scenarios. South Central remains the main provider of delivery service. The work group did not think there were advantages to changing vendors. Bruce Smith priced out 4 day and 3 day delivery charges. Cost sheets were provided for each system. The work group expected fuel increases in 2012. Most other costs remain flat for the next year. With 3 or 4 day delivery items may not be sorted for next day delivery. There will be some reduced staff costs with a 4-day delivery. The recommendation of the work group was to go to 4-day delivery. It achieves most of the cost reduction. Lynn Stainbrook asked about the impact of reducing the number of delivery days. Bruce said, they now have larger trucks and can maintain the deliveries as they did for 5-day delivery. Daily volume does not fluctuate much. Public library interlibrary loan has been flat for the last few years. These factors were considered in deciding to maintain the route structures that have been in place for 5-day delivery. Madison campus delivery will continue as in the past. The day without delivery will probably be in the middle of the week, rather than Monday or Friday. The decision will be made by Bruce's work group by the end of the month. Jeff Gilderson-Duwe moved that SRLAAW support the work group's recommendation. Jim Trojanowski seconded. Discussion followed on the influence that UW will have on the delivery decision. Motion carried unanimously. On behalf of SRLAAW, David Weinhold thanked the work group for their hard work.

2011-2013 proposed state budget items. David Weinhold introduced the public library system aids with a 10% reduction in 2012 and 2013 from 2011. The reduction creates concerns about how shared systems will provide services with the cuts. The following were possible responses to the cuts: elimination of grants to member libraries; elimination of data base subscriptions; reduction in state-

wide delivery service and system delivery systems; shift costs of electronic resources to system libraries; staff reductions; reduction in system resource library contracts. Mike Cross stated that the Joint Finance Committee voted to restore Badgerlink funding to base level. WLA strategy is to thank them for restoring Badgerlink to base level. There was a motion made at the Joint Finance Committee meeting to restore all cuts but the motion failed on a 5-10 vote. David Sleasman reported that Learning Express was funded by LSTA and that will end July 1 and additional funds have been declined. DPI staff are now talking to vendors. Vendors are giving some concessions, but we won't know what content will be lost until a later date and whether there will still be funding enough for Learning Express. Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) newspaper package may have a reduced cost per year. WNA does not want to be excluded from Badgerlink, so they are agreeing to a more modest pricing schedule. The Wisconsin State Historical Society wants to get out of microfilming newspapers and is willing to contribute a small amount of money for the newspaper coverage through WNA. Mike Cross suggested contacting legislators to thank them for supporting Badgerlink.

District library Legislation: Doug Baker reported that he met with Kristen Hewitt and Jessica McPhail about moving forward with district legislation. Situations in southeastern part of state make the library district legislation a desirable option. Baker suggested that the district legislation bill needs to be drafted and a legislator friendly to the bill needs to be found. Jessica said that she has talked to one local legislator and his concern is that the bill creates a new taxing authority. Lynn Stainbrook suggested a new draft of the bill. Joshua Klingbeil suggested a survey of libraries to see if there is support from the library community. David Weinhold stated that district legislation has been on several SRLAAW agendas over the years as another way of organizing a public library. It would be an option not a requirement. There is no need for change if the library is well supported by the municipality. There was some interest in Sheboygan for district legislation. It would allow the city another option for library funding through property taxes. It should not be threatening to any existing library organization. Jim Trojanowski: Asked if this would complicate reimbursement for non-resident borrowing. Martha Van Pelt: Asked about the size and boundaries of districts. Doug Baker responded that historically there have been several district library models. One is existing municipal boundaries but could also go outside county borders. The most important reason for library districts is to resolve reimbursement issues rather than complicate them. Discussion followed on whether the system boundaries could be district boundaries. David Weinhold said there could be a district within the entire system boundary. Jessica McPhail said voters would have to approve a library district. Doug and others have a rough draft of district legislation for DPI to preview and make suggestions. Mike Cross said that the current draft of the bill needs work and a strong legislator to sponsor a bill. Lynn, Kristen Hewitt, Jessica, Mike, and Doug will form a committee to develop the district legislation. Last action taken by SRLAAW on district legislation was 2004. Mark Arend made a motion that SRLAAW form a committee to develop district legislation. Jessica seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

E-Book Summit: Bob Bocher gave a report on the E-Book Summit that took place a week ago (Wednesday, May 4, 2011.) The participants looked at issues such as applying more pressure to publishers; expanding access to e-books; lending e-book devices; same service issue; purchasing power of all types of libraries; working with ALA to call together publishers, other providers and others

interested in e-book and book issues. Participants suggested a state mandate for local support for e-books by using a small part of library materials budgets for state-wide access to e-books. It was also suggested that library systems need to stop supporting library resource libraries. Other suggestions were that the 10% budget cut for systems created a need to look at all system requirements and marketing e-books so the patron knows what we have; work with local businesses who sell e-book devices to promote library collections. There is a need for more input from the library community about e-book issues. Jim Gingery asked about options for libraries that want to move ahead with subscriptions from Recorded Books with unlimited access. Mike Cross indicated this was not yet approved by DPI. Lynn Stainbrook said that member libraries are interested in having more e-books, but cannot get statistics from Overdrive to support the need. Systems and libraries need better statistics to take to boards and other funding bodies. Terrie Howe asked if WPLC is looking at other vendors. Jim Trojanowski said that WPLC agreed that we would not limit ourselves to Overdrive or one form of digital media. Stef Morrill said WPLC has looked at various vendors and the cost of Recorded books is prohibitive at a state-wide level. Bob Bocher said there is currently a State Librarians meeting in Washington D. C. and they are discussing e-books. Several states besides Wisconsin have state-wide e-book purchasing and vendors actions and costs are big issues. David Weinhold said that Amazon is cooperating with Overdrive. Joshua Klingbeil agreed that Amazon-Overdrive cooperation is not going to take place until the end of the year and was not discussed much at the e-book summit.

David Weinhold reported that an alternate county library tax exemption proposal may come up again in legislation later this year. David will keep us informed.

Revision of SRLAAW bylaws: Jim Trojanowski agreed to look at By-Laws and make revisions: Article IV # 5 and Article VII #5 were eliminated. Minutes will be on the SRLAAW website rather than in an archive. Motion to approve the changes was made by Lynn Stainbrook and seconded by Mark Arend; Rick Krumwiede asked for a Point of Order because the revised ByLaws had not reached SRLAAW members within the time allowed for a vote. Mark Arend moved to suspend the rules of the organization in order to take up the By-laws change: Kelly Krieg-Sigman seconded. Motion carried with one "nay." Motion was put back on the table and carried unanimously.

Mark Ahrend reported that not all of the SRLAAW archives were lost in the fire. Mark has a box of eight to ten years of minutes and reports, and odds and ends. This will be offered to the Wisconsin State Historical Society.

David Weinhold reported that user/nonuser surveys were done 2003 and 2007 and WPLC wants to repeat the survey in 2011. The survey would include library use; attitudes toward libraries; changes needed to make people aware of library services; and dealing with politicians. WPLC has partnered with WLA Foundation for a new survey but more funds are needed to do the survey. Seven of 17 WPLC partners have supported the survey. Need \$6000 to meet the goal to do the survey. WPLC may go to library vendors to see if they can help fund the survey. Jessica asked if we could spend some SRLAAW funds on this. Jessica moved that we spend a \$1000 on the project. Josh seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Stef Morrill reported on the WILS fee structure that will be decided this month. Level 1 will be decreased. Stef issued an invitation to WILS World in July. Stef described some new services that are under consideration including, a database for renovation and building projects; architect costs and photographs. She asked for input on coordinated CE and it was suggested that she bring this up at the October meeting of CE coordinators. Lynn asked about group purchases of Mango through WILS. Sara Gold said that WILS already has an established cooperative purchasing agreement with MANGO. WILS will help with trials and cooperative purchases of products. WILS has a new website.

Mike Cross reported that the 10% cut in system aids remains in place. There was an e-book summit recommendation that libraries contribute to e-book purchases. This is a good time to look at the statutory system service requirements including consolidation of systems and other issues; Krista; Rick; Walter; Becky, Mark, Kristen and Cherilyn agreed to serve on a committee for looking at system requirements and consolidation of systems. There is a 7% cut in 2011 LSTA funds this year. DPI will absorb the cuts so that LSTA grants will fully awarded as soon as DPI gets the awards. Mike reported that David Sleasman will be leaving to go to a private library in Pennsylvania.

Bob Bocher reported that 3-M announced a new e-book service today. Gates foundation sent funding for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of PCs grants. The Badgernet contract is still not settled. There is a meeting with AT&T today and DOA. The key sticking point AT & T wants libraries and schools to sign a 3 year contract. Routers will no longer be paid for with grants. TEACH only received 1% decrease in the Governor's budget.

Martha Berninger reported that DPI is starting to revise the interlibrary loan guidelines. They will be doing surveys and make conference presentations about revisions. Starting May 16 Ref and Loan will no longer manually handle out-of-state requests for high demand, recently published, and av.

Terrie Howe said that the 2012 LSTA grant categories will be released next week.

Next meeting August 12 at Wausau and will include a get-together at Heather Eldred's home on the evening before.

Adjourned 3:10 p.m.