

**System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin
(SRLAAW)
Q3 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 20, 2021

Time: 9:00

Location: Virtual

Recorder: M. Van Pelt, SCLS

Present:

X	Tracy Vreeke, Chair - Nicolet	X	Rebecca Scherer – Manitowoc-Calumet	X	Colleen Rortvedt – Appleton PL
X	Steve Platteter - Arrowhead	O	Kristin Stoeger – Manitowoc PL	X	Martha Van Pelt – SCLS
O	Bryan McCormick – Hedberg PL	X	Steve Hesel – Milwaukee	O	Greg Mickells – Madison PL
X	Karol Kennedy - Bridges	O	Joan Johnson – Milwaukee PL	O	Dave Kranz – SWLS
O	Bruce Gay – Waukesha PL	O	Vacant - Monarch	X	Jessie Lee-Jones – Platteville PL
O	John Thompson – IFLS	X	Garrett Erickson – Mead PL	O	Kristen Anderson - WRLS
X	Pamela Westby – LEPMPL	X	Sarah Sugden, Brown County	X	Shanneon Grant – La Crosse PL
X	Barbara Brattain – Kenosha System & PL	X	Sherry Machones – NWLS	X	Jeffery Gilderson-Duwe – Winnefox
O	Steve Ohs – Lakeshores	X	Susan Heskin – Superior PL	X	Marla Sepnafski – WI Valley
O	Angela Zimmermann – Racine PL	X	Bradley Shipps – OWLS	O	Leah Giordano (Interim)– Marathon PL
X	Clairellyn Sommersmith-Winnefox				

X = present O = absent

Proxy: None

Affiliated Organizations/Guests:

Emily Pfothner- Recollection WI; Martha Berninger-DPI; Jennifer Chamberlain– WILS; Laura Sauser- WLA; Jaime Healy-Plotkin - COLAND

1. Call to Order 9:00

2. Quorum Determination - verified
3. Proxy Announcements
4. Introductions/Welcome Guests (Vreeke)
 - a. New WLA Executive Director Laura Sauser was introduced
5. Approval of the Agenda (Vreeke)
 - a. Motion to approve made by M. Sepnafski
 - b. Motion seconded by B. Shipps
 - c. Approved
6. Approval of the Minutes from Q2 2021 (June 16, 2021) (Vreeke)
 - a. Motion to approve made by M. Van Pelt
 - b. Motion seconded by S. Sugden
 - c. Approved
7. Treasurer's Report Submitted separately
Reminder that 1/10 of 1% of state aid is charged to each system for advocacy work and will be affected by the recent state aid increase
 - a. Motion to approve report made by P. Westby
 - b. Motion seconded by K. Kennedy
 - c. Approved
8. LD&L Report Submitted separately
9. LAWDS Project (Berninger) Submitted separately
 - a. Beth Tomev will be taking over Cindy Fesemyer's role within LAWDS
 - b. LAWDS is talking with HR personnel across the state to volunteer as consultants in libraries.
10. Affiliated Organization Reports:
 - a. Recollection Wisconsin Submitted separately
 - b. DPI Submitted separately
 - c. WiLS Submitted separately
City Library Collective members (2020/21)
 1. Appleton Public Library
 2. Beloit Public Library
 3. Fond du Lac Public Library
 4. Kenosha Public Library
 5. L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library
 6. La Crosse Public Library
 7. Manitowoc Public Library
 8. Mead Public Library
 9. Oshkosh Public Library
 10. Racine Public Library
 11. Superior Public Library

- d. WPLC Submitted separately
- e. WLA (Sausser) Today is her 10th day on the job. WLA Annual Conference is coming up.
- f. COLAND (Healy Plotkin) Submitted separately with Biennial Report

11. Impact of COVID-19 on Libraries

- a. Kenosha stepping back on protocols - masks back in place for staff
- b. Oshkosh masks back in place for staff
- c. Madison/Dane Co. Health Dept mandated masks for everyone inside
- d. Presque Isle has upsetting situation with an anti-mask person threatening staff and wanting to close the library in retaliation
- e. DPI has hybrid work policy- won't be required to return to work at office until 11/1
- f. Westby asked about state requirement about directors being on site for 10 hours a week <https://docs.legis.wisconsin.gov/statutes/statutes/43/15/4/c/6>. Schultz of DPI said statute talks about working when library is open to the public. DPI will not hold anyone to an unreasonable standard/situation – COVID pandemic. Can't hire someone just for 10 hours and have them work 100% remotely to circumvent requirement.
- g. Johnson shared that the City of MKE never lifted their mask mandate. Below 50% of population is vaccinated.
- h. La Crosse has a large demand for meeting room use. Still doing outside programming and some hybrid.
- i. Platteville questioned about how to handle leave time for staff. Colleen at Appleton will share their policy with the group.
- j. Kennedy asked about enforcement of health/mask mandates. Does any library/municipality have any enforcement? Oshkosh & MKE put their COVID protocols into their behavior guidelines and follow those protocols. Final line is to call police who support them whether it is noisy folks or unmasked folks. A violation of their code of behavior.

12. Member Roundtable

- a. MKE asked about ARPA money – did anyone get it? They got money for IT. Recommends joining Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband Coalition
- b. Kenosha said window to apply has closed. May have a 2nd chance in future
- c. DPI has not released ARPA money yet.
- d. Rock County has used money for small business start-ups and included all Arrowhead libraries.
- e. MKE got broadband money and worked with Bob Bocher to set up a click through electronic form for the registration and record keeping for the identified patrons of need.
- f. Brown County Library applied for ECF funds for circulating devices (including hotspots) and Wi-Fi hotspot devices for library vehicles. Will be meeting with the County Exec in coming weeks regarding the County's distribution of ARPA funds. Made a pitch to get funding for a new bookmobile, AMHs, and new HVAC for our Central Library.
- g. Kenosha uses WI Humanities Council grant money to bring in national building designer to talk about and present about space planning – in relation to COVID. David Vinjamuri David@brandtrainers.com ThirdWay Brand Trainers <https://brandtrainers.com/>
- h. Eau Claire will have an automated handling system with RFID, ionization air filter for HVAC, geothermal for heating and cooling, drive up for pickup and return, also an electric recharge station for vehicles

- i. DPI CE grant amounts (tentative): Professional Learning funds
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/145OcvdVVlmyeyHz91C9Ix6dXKfsYEIj7TYJBRpFGPSE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - j. Bradley Shipps reported that the new Meeting Owls camera/audio units do not work when speakers are wearing masks.
13. Next Meeting Announcement: November at WLA Annual Conference hopefully in person but with a hybrid option
14. Adjournment 10:32a.m.
- a. Motion to adjourn made by S.Platterer
 - b. Motion seconded by S. Sugden
 - c. Approved