

SRLAAW 4TH QUARTER MEETING

POTAWATOMI HOTEL AND CASINO - OCTOBER 25, 2016

Chairman Lynch called the meeting to order in the Prosperity Room of the Potawatomi Hotel and Casino at 9:04 am. He noted that a quorum was present. The first order of business was to have an introduction of those present: Steve Platteter, ALS; Steve Ohs, LLS; Bruce Gay, MCFLS; Lin Swartz-Truesdell, KCLS; Brian Simons, Brown County Library; Ralph Illick, Marathon County Library; Grant Lynch, Waukesha Library; Bruce Smith, WILS; Garrett Erickson, Sheboygan Library; John Thompson, IFLS; Pamela Westby; L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library, Eau Claire; Sherry Machones, NWLS; Gerri Moeller, OWLS; Mark Arend, WLS; John DeBacher, DPI-PLD; Stef Morrill, WILS; Martha Berninger, DPI-RL&LL; Amy Birtell, ESLS; Martha Van Pelt, SCLS; Krista Ross, SWLS; Connie Meyer, Bridges LS; Kristen Anderson, WRLS; Jessica McPhail, Racine Library; Alli Chase, Eagle Library; Terri Howe, DPI; Plummer Lovelace, WLA; Rebecca Peterson, MCLS; and Michael Gelhausen, MWFLS. Attending via teleconference were Mark Merrifield, Jessica Lee Jones, Sue Heskin and Marla Sepnafski. Please excuse me for any misspellings or if someone was missed. Amend the minutes as necessary.

AGENDA: A motion was made by Mr. Thompson to accept the agenda as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Ohs, and passed on a voice vote.

MINUTES: Mr. Thompson moved that the minutes of the 3rd Quarter Meeting of SRLAAW be approved as submitted. This was seconded by Mr. Illick, and passed on a voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The report was distributed prior to the meeting. Ms. Moeller moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. This was seconded by Mr. Thompson, and passed on a voice vote.

WLA REPORT: Ms. Westby had provided a report in advance of the meeting covering WLA activities during 2016. She reported that an E-Newsletter for members has been restarted, primarily to keep people informed of legislative activities. She indicated that the Association would offer another New Directors Bootcamp, and is seeking more partnerships within Wisconsin to promote libraries of all types. She then announced that a WLA Leadership Award was being presented to Krista Ross for her dedication to WLA and libraries. A well-deserved round of applause echoed throughout the room. Finally, WLA and SRLAAW have reached an agreement for the support of lobbying services and activities for 2017 and beyond.

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

PLSR: Steering Committee Chair John Thompson submitted a report prior to the meeting. He emphasized the various PLSR activities being conducted at the conference, and reminded people the Committee would be gathering soon after this meeting to start moving into Phase 3 of the study. There will be a large display of various work group proposals in the Exhibit Hall, and everyone is asked to look them over and make comments. Systems were encouraged to remind member librarians to stay attentive to PLSR communications and participate in listening sessions.

DPI-PLD: John DeBacher stressed the DPI support for the PLSR work. He wants all systems to push out the information being released to member libraries' staff and trustees. He hopes that System Boards are also being kept aware of PLSR activities. Please encourage frequent access to the PLSR website: plsrprojects@wils.org. DPI has liaisons working with the PLSR Committee, but it is up to the library community in general to ask questions, indicate concerns and make recommendations. Mr. DeBacher had sent a report in advance also. LSTA grants are ready for competitive review. System Plans might need more clarification this year in advance of the Universal Service Fund audit, especially how the document was developed and the role of member libraries. He reminded people that a webinar on the annual report was forthcoming for new system directors.

Ms. Berninger announced that WISCAT services have been renewed but for a 12 month period only. People seeking jobs for other employment options on both local and national level are encouraged to check out the DPI website. The BadgerLink request for bids has a shorter time frame than in the past due to changing vender products.

WILS: Ms. Morrill set out her report in advance of the meeting. She discussed the WILS Strategic Initiatives for 2017 and encouraged participation. Various "Partnership" themes are developing throughout the state and WILS wants to share the tools or items that help these become a reality. Mr. Lynch stated that Waukesha's Library is working with the school district on a jointly funded Shared Liaison program that is of interest to both entities. Ms. Westby reported on a Maker Space project in Middleton that brought school teachers and employees along with several teens to the library. Ms. McPhail talked about an effort in Racine to have the school district and the public library merge school records and ILS records for cards. There were several questions pertaining to student rights, and the confidentiality statute 43.30, but most people thought this was a great idea to pursue. Mr. Simons moved that SRLAAW forward the concept of sharing student information between schools and libraries to WLA's LD&L Committee and the WLA Lobbyist for consideration. This was seconded by Mr. Ohs and passed on a voice vote.

WPLC: The group will be meeting this afternoon, and several work groups within WPLC are studying various topics. Everyone was reminded that there will be a new E-content website being released that will have a vastly different look, but will work noticeably faster.

WLA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: Mr. Lovelace reviewed the annual reports highlights and the organizations initiatives in 2016. He called attention to the new E-Newsletter, and asked people to share news and activities occurring around the state. He also thanks SRLAAW for finalized the lobbying support contract with the Association, and indicated that WLA staff was working on a plan for some of the specific billing questions that had be asked.

COLAND: There was no specific report from COLAND, but the November meeting was taking place at the DeForest School District and there would be a focus on school media and licensing issues.

MEMBER ISSUES AND ANNOUCEMENTS: The Manitowoc Public Library has just finished the search for a new director. Ms. Birtell and Mr. Gelhausen announced the creation of the Monarch Library System with the merger of ESLS and MWFLS. The formal reveal of this new system will take place at 10:30 am in the Exhibit Hall on Wednesday morning. Mr. Platteter indicated that ALS is in the process of looking for its next generation of ILS platform.

NEXT MEETING: The 1st Quarter's Meeting of SRLAAW in 2017 will occur in Madison on Monday, February 20 in advance of Library Legislative Day. Time and location TBA by Mr. Lynch.

ADJOURMENT: Mr. Illick moved that this meeting of SRLAAW be adjourned. The motion was quickly seconded by Mr. Ohs. With voice vote approval, this meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael J. Gelhausen
Final Director - MWFLS