
System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW)

Second Quarter, 2018 Meeting
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.
WAPL Conference, Country Springs Hotel & Conference Center
Pewaukee, WI

Attending: Mark Arend (Winnefox), Kristen Anderson (Winding Rivers), Amy B. Birtell (Monarch), Barb Brattin (Kenosha Public Library), Bruce Gay (Waukesha Public Library), Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Winnefox/Oshkosh Public Library), Steve Hesel (Milwaukee County), David Kranz (Southwest), Sherry Machones (Northern Waters), Connie Meyer (Bridges), Steve Ohs (Lakeshores Library System), Steve Platteter (Arrowhead), Bradley Shipps (OWLS), John Thompson (Indianhead), Martha Van Pelt (South Central), Tracy Vreeke (Nicolet)

Online Callers: Susan Heskin (Superior Public Library), Garrett Erickson (Mead Public Library), Jessie Lee-Jones (Platteville Public Library), Rebecca Peterson (Manitowoc-Calumet), Pamela Westby (L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library), Ralph Illick (Marathon County Public Library), Marla Sepnafski (Wisconsin Valley Library Service)

Absent (excused): Paula Kiely (Milwaukee Public), Susan Lee (Madison Public Library), Jessica MacPhail (Racine Public Library), Colleen Rortvedt (Appleton Public Library)

Guests Present: Kent Barnard (Patterson Library), Corey Baumann (South Central), Martha Berninger (DPI/RL&LL), John DeBacher (DPI/DLT), Plumer Lovelace (WLA), Vicki Teal Lovely (South Central), Bruce Smith (WiLS)

1. Call to Order: 10:05 pm
2. Quorum Determination: Quorum met
3. Proxy Announcements:
 - Bradley Shipps for Colleen Rortvedt
 - Sherry Machones for Marla Sepnafski
 - Steve Ohs for Jessica MacPhail
4. Introductions were made
5. Meeting Agenda approved (*Van Pelt/Ohs)
6. Minutes: Q1 2018 approved (Arend/Gay)
7. Treasurer's Report

Anderson reported a balance of \$1423.70, noted that all membership fees have been paid. Van Pelt raised the question of increasing dues. Anderson reiterated that SRLAAW spends more on Library Legislative Day than we collect in dues each year; suggests an increase from \$50 to \$75 would be sufficient. Meyer, as co-chair of LD&L supports the increase; feels it's

important to send a representative to federal library legislative day. Anderson will write a formal proposal for the August meeting. The increase would go into effect in 2019. Treasurer's report approved (Gilderson-Duwe/Ohs).

8. 2019 Delivery Fees and Challenges

Baumann reported that SCLS anticipates an increase of 1% for statewide delivery fees in 2019 (about \$4,000) due to increases in costs, such as fuel, staff, and insurance. This is the first increase since 2015. SCLS will still need to work with the UW. Gilderson-Duwe voiced support for a 1% increase as reasonable and minimal; will the UW get a similar increase? Baumann shared that UW is hoping PLSR recommendations will yield a significant cost savings long term, maybe 25%. Unsure of their expectations for 2019. Meyer asked what portion of the overall cost is paid by UW? Baumann reported that UW's portion is in the mid-\$800,000s. SCLS and other systems add up to approximately \$322,000. Baumann noted that changing the fee formula to use a 3-year average for volume has succeeded in making annual fees less volatile. Late last year, an issue arose around DPI paying for the WI portion of the Minitex connection (~\$5,200/year). Minitex pays the other half. This amount may be removed from Northern Waters' grant. Van Pelt asked if the \$75,000 from LSTA is secure for 2019. DeBacher reported that 2018 is secured. It's too soon to say for 2019. If the UW gets a 25% reduction, how does that affect systems? Baumann says those savings are not possible in the short term. It should not effect what this group pays. In the new model, savings would bring costs down for all. Thompson asked if there have been conversations with UW about incremental reductions. Baumann imagines it would have to be phased in. Van Pelt noted that in the PLSR delivery model, SCLS might not hold a single contract for UW delivery. There could be multiple regional contracts. Baumann noted that the UW would prefer a single contract. Gilderson-Duwe suggested a general contractor/subcontractor model. Arend asked if the contract includes the 2-year campuses (yes) and the Tech schools (independent). Meyer thanked SCLS and Baumann for consistently high quality delivery service. Van Pelt noted that they have a budget line for damaged items. 99% is paid out for damage done by private vendors. Baumann noted that Waltco contracts for northern service increased 3% for 2018 after first proposing a 5% increase. Berninger suggested carefully reviewing Waltco invoices and statements about route maps. DeBacher indicated that a statewide, coordinated effort may help evaluate service. Machones asked who will decide about the reallocation of LSTA funds to Northern Waters for the Minitex connection. LSTA Advisory committee? DeBacher noted that the funds were intended for the Wausau-Ashland route, but there was no contract for that. Instead they were being used to offset delivery costs; various ways to redirect and reconcile were proposed. The sparsity adjustment in the formula can be applied to delivery; encourages collaboration. This year will likely be a wash and then it will be adjusted over time.

9. TEACH Grant plans

Birtell asked what people are planning with the training and infrastructure grants. Vreeke reports that NFLS offered members three options. Tech Days is required for Funding 1. WEMTA or Ed2Go are options for Funding 2. The short timeline was limiting. Birtell, will we get more notice in 2019? DeBacher, the training grants continue every year. Anderson shared that the infrastructure grants will re-open with a November deadline. The percent

reimbursements for rural libraries were not great. TEACH will consider moving the whole list to 100%. DeBacher said they were unable to open applications before the bill was signed. Leah at IFLS sent a message to the LIBCERTCE list noting the Ed2Go and Tech Days options. Anderson reports that WRLS will request funding for Tech Days, three large group workshops, and 2 small group trainings. Currently only submitting infrastructure grants for funds already spent since July 2017; will wait for the 100% reimbursement for new projects. Teal Lovely noted that SCLS bills member libraries for all qualified services. The grant requires that the invoice go to the library and the library must pay directly. Hoping this will change.

10. LD&L Report

Meyer reported that AB 572 passed, but as just discussed, the TEACH funding is problematic. Hopefully the WISE (Data and Dash) funding opportunity will be more fruitful. TEACH was originally structured for schools and we are just tagged on. In the future we will try to take a bigger perspective and optimize funding. Conversations are beginning about the next biennial budget. Please complete the survey that was sent to the SRLAAW listserv. The prior increase was temporary, not a permanent increase to the base. DPI is no longer required to request a 13% increase, so this is a first opportunity to ask for what we really need. LD&L has a meeting scheduled with DPI in a couple of weeks. The survey deadline is a week from Friday (May 11). LD&L is seeking ideas, strategies, and innovative thoughts to make a case based on the value received. Survey data will be used to develop themes for the next budget request. Van Pelt shared appreciation that systems' investment in lobbying has paid off. LD&L is on fire. Meyer gave credit to Steve Conway for much of the recent success. Thanks to our strong network, LD&L was able to set up the bill signing in Florence on short notice. Thanks to Vreeke for quick work coordinating. County issues have also cropped up recently. Arend is on the cross-county committee that manages those conversations. We now have a good relationship with the Counties Association. Arend noted that the relationship-building led to the libraries feature in the county and municipality magazines. Meyer says the last budget included \$875,000 for IT education from Microsoft, and 16 public libraries are included though specifics are not yet determined but resources will support student learning, probably in partnership with schools. LD&L registered against Senate Bill 713 because of the risk to the common fund for school libraries. The bill did not pass but will probably crop up again. WEMTA took the lead on this issue. Planning has begun for Legislative Day next February. Ohs will attend National Library Legislative Day next week. Machones is the federal relations coordinator. Please pay attention and advocate. There was some discussion of moving Library Legislative Day out of February to avoid weather problems. LD&L will look into reasons why it has always been February. Hesper commended LD&L for good work. Meyer thanked Lovelace and WLA for supporting the lobbyist contract.

11. Affiliated Organization Reports

PLSR – Thompson submitted a written report via email. Email the Steering Committee with questions or comments. Steering Committee members are available to attend system-wide meetings this summer. Get your requests in ASAP. Will be presenting to COLAND next Friday.

DPI – DeBacher submitted a written report via email. The Laura Bush 21st Century Library Grant proposal will include development of four training modules for WI public library staff and related staffing. The grant may run up to 3 years. Regardless of whether funding is received, DPI will collaborate more closely with Department of Workforce Development. Systems are encouraged to facilitate contacts between libraries and regional workforce development boards, and DWD is also encouraging job centers to reach out to libraries. Van Pelt reported that SCLS now has a full-time workforce development librarian on staff. Birtell met with her regional workforce development center last week. Now is the time to seek training. They are not busy and have designated an employee to do outreach to libraries; will provide a series of courses for Monarch directors. During this time of low unemployment, they are preparing for the next wave of unemployment. Anderson reported that WRLS staff met with DWD and confirms now is a good time to reach out. DeBacher reports that state aid payments were sent on Monday. He expects that the state data coordinator position will soon be filled. Hesper asked for an update on BadgerLink contracts. Berninger reports that she is still responding to questions from DoA and won't have information to share until contracts are signed. Still hoping to go live on July 1 with new resources. There are two open positions on the BadgerLink team. Filling one now to cover tech support and training.

WiLS – Smith reported Peer Council technical services conference is June 4. Registration is open for WiLS World; keynote by Sarah T. Roberts. There will be a WiLS World Short on Tableau June 15. Recollection Wisconsin has received a grant from the NEH to digitize veteran oral histories. Biblioboard is a new vendor sponsored by DPI, hosting the WI author contest which is underway. WiLS has launched a new mini-grant program called Ideas to Action, application deadline is May 14. Brattin asked which components of Biblioboard were purchased. DeBacher says their publishers, the local publishing and authoring tool, and the search overlay were all included in a 2-year contract.

WPLC – Arend reported the WPLC annual meeting will be held later today followed by a board meeting.

WLA – Lovelace submitted a written report via email. The Leadership Development Institute application opens today. Registration is \$300 and includes course materials and meals for 3 days; one dinner is on your own. When we decided to support the lobbyist contract, we agreed to evaluate every two years, so evaluating Dewitt performance this year. The one-day support staff conference will be May 24 at UW Baraboo. Library Legislative Day is scheduled for February 12, 2019. Meyer asked if LDI application process is selective? Lovelace says the curriculum can only accommodate about 40 people, so if demand reaches that level, it may become competitive. Currently, those who apply and pay are in. Lovelace is currently soliciting funds for scholarships.

COLAND – Van Pelt reports that they have formed a nominating committee for new officers. The next meeting will be in Egg Harbor. COLAND will be reviewing strategic plan and goals.

12. Member Roundtable:

Heser reported that he has hired his replacement as system admin. Machones reports that NWLS is hiring an ILS Admin, currently conducting interviews. Teal Lovely reported that SCLS has selected Biblioovation, the next version of Koha, as their new ILS. Some reasons for the selection include the integrated discovery layer and the fact that it is 100% web based. Will share their report. Kranz has just started at SWLS; met with directors; thanks WRLS for help with TEACH grants. Meyer reports that a retiring library director found a WLA newsletter from 1971. Will scan and share. Party at Pewaukee library tonight, Waukesha tomorrow. Van Pelt reported that the SCLS Foundation has a few new non-SCLS library members. Contact her for more info. Meyer reported that Bridges is updating their strategic plan. Reminds all of the importance of connecting libraries with WLA and supporting WLA which needs more members. Sepnafski reports that WVLS offered scholarships to attend WAPL and paid memberships. NWLS pays for all directors' WLA memberships.

13. Next Meeting will be in Wausau in August. Machones will send a Doodle pool.

14. Motion to adjourn the meeting passed on a voice vote. (Meyer, Platteter)

Respectfully submitted,

Bradley Shipps, recorder for the day

*The first person listed indicates the person who made the motion and the second person listed indicates the person who seconded the motion