

**Minutes of the System and Resource Library Administrators Association of  
Wisconsin  
August 11, 2006  
Marathon County Public Library - Wausau**

1. Call to Order –  
Upon determining a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President, Jim Trojanowski at 10:02 a.m.
2. Quorum Determination –  
Present: Barb Kelly, Appleton PL; Rick Krumwiede, OWLS; Tom Hennen, WCFLS; Ruth Ann Montgomery, ALS; Alan Zimmerman, DLTCL; Phyllis Davis, SCLS; Mark Arend, WLS; Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Oshkosh PL/WLS; Sandy Robbers, IFLS; Jim Trojanowski, NWLS; David Polodna, WRLS; Bernie Bellin, LLS; Jessica MacPhail, Racine PL; Sharon Winkle, Mead PL; Mike Cross, DLTCL; David Weinhold, ESLS; Bob Hafeman, MCLS; Heather Eldred, WVLS; Mary Bethke, MCPL; Janet Jennings, Superior PL; Mark Merrifield, NFLS; John Stoneberg, L.E. Phillips Memorial PL; Walter Burkhalter, MWFLS. Also present, Bruce Smith, SCLS.
3. Introductions –  
Members and guests introduced themselves. Trojanowski stated the SRLAAW archives needed a new home. Hennen “volunteered”. Eldred was thanked for her hospitality.
4. Agenda –  
The agenda was accepted.
5. Minutes of May 3, 2006 meeting –  
**It was moved by Polodna, seconded by Bellin to approve the minutes as printed. Motion carried.**
6. Treasurer’s Report–  
David Polodna, SRLAAW Treasurer, reported a balance of \$1,232.46 in the account.  
  
**It was moved by Hafeman, seconded by Eldred to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.**
7. System involvement in Annual Report Process-  
Zimmerman stated that systems should verify the accuracy of information they have access to. He also stated that there would be some changes to next years report. Polodna asked if reports would be coming out sooner next year. Zimmerman hoped that they would be posted on the Division

website the first week of January. Hennen asked about library board control of funds issue in light of the recent Washburn decision. Zimmerman replied that the form could be changed to reflect that systems confirm what libraries have checked off rather than systems verifying the accuracy of the statement. Some discussion ensued regarding carry over and how it should be treated. Zimmerman stated that it is the Divisions position that this information is self reported and neither the systems nor the Division is in a position to police the matter. Burkhalter asked Zimmerman to sum up the role of the system in the annual report process. Zimmerman stated that DLTCCL appreciates that the systems review the information provided by the libraries and would like them to continue.

Discussion returned to annual report forms.

**It was moved by Weinhold, seconded by Arend that SRLAAW recommends the Division eliminate the statement regarding library compliance (section VII of system annual report). Motion failed.**

DLTCCL will draft new language regarding this section and e-mail it to the systems.

8. Rent charges to libraries by municipalities-

Zimmerman discussed a situation in Rib Lake. He stated in-kind contributions should not be reported on the annual report. Rent should be reported separately. Discussion ensued regarding maintenance of effort and rent paid to municipalities. Municipalities can not use rent as a means of lowering the MOE.

9. ILL product selection and costing-

Cross reported that in about a week DPI will issue a letter of intent to the highest rated vendor. Other vendors are given time to appeal then DPI will negotiate with the first vendor.

10. Delivery cost split-

Davis discussed that Jim Gingery (MCFLS) was concerned about the amount his system was paying for delivery. Since no proposal was made at the last delivery advisory meeting there will be no changes in 2007. Bruce Smith (SCLS) will be attending a multi-state conference that will look at different delivery models. Weinhold explained how the current formula for cost was determined and why MCFLS might have objections to it. He felt changes should come from SRLAAW. MacPhail questioned if SRLAAW has gone on record stating delivery is a statewide concern. Weinhold stated it had but not recently. Discussion of how delivery is funded at the system level. SCLS pays 75% of delivery costs for their members. WVLS pays for 2 days of delivery the V-Cat consortium pays for one day. IFLS pays for 3 days of delivery. Several systems pay for

five days per week. Trojanowski questioned if delivery should be a separate item in the state budget. Several felt this was a reasonable concept and others were concerned it would merely take away from some other area such as contracts or system aids.

11. County payments to libraries under Act 420-

Hennen questioned whether the only recourse for libraries that do not receive payments from counties was to take them to court. Cross stated that it was. Since it is not tied to system membership there is little or no recourse. The Division does not plan on playing an active role in the process but will answer questions regarding it. Hennen stated he would like to see cooperation among systems. Since this is not a requirement the Division will not instruct systems on their level of involvement. Polodna stated that Act 420 is not significantly different from Act 150 and believes systems will handle them in a similar manner.

After a break for lunch the group reconvened and returned to the issue of delivery.

Trojanowski questioned whether there should be a delivery subcommittee of SRLAAW. Weinhold felt this would be a good idea and suggested that Jim Gingery be included on this committee.

**Motion by Hennen, second by Weinhold, for SRLAAW to form a delivery subcommittee (chaired by Weinhold) to examine the cost structure of statewide delivery to consist of 5 to 7 members. Motion carried.**

Bruce Smith will work with the committee.

12. Removal of county library levy from tax caps-

Hennen stated that Waukesha County would like to see this change.

**Motion by Hennen, second by Bellin, that SRLAAW recommend that WLA's LD&L Committee seek legislation that the county library tax levy be counted separately. Motion carried.**

13. DLTCL penalties to systems for failure to enforce compliance issues-

Winkle asked how the process worked. Zimmerman explained that as long as a system is moving toward bringing a library back into compliance the Division will not penalize it.

14. Legislative update-

Hennen remarked that it had been a good legislative session for library issues. MacPhail stated that the legislative agenda had been passed by the LD&L Committee and was being sent to the WLA Board. System aids is

a number one priority. The committee is looking at having a relationship team leader in each system area for contacting legislators. There is an advocacy group that is against library systems being funded with the Universal Services Fund.

15. WLA ALF Fund-

Hennen spoke about ALF which is a conduit for making contributions to political candidates.

16. OverDrive-

Gilderson-Duwe and Davis spoke about issues regarding access. The participating members are also looking to increase the number of titles. Several systems are offering donations to increase funds available for this purpose.

17. DPI Reports-

Cross reported on the situation regarding the SLP “bendables”. Bandwidth issues with the new Badgernet are currently being discussed with DOA. No promises are being made but they have stated they will do what they can. The WLA Foundation met with Libby Burmaster. DPI is working on the next budget request. Polodna questioned why the new Badgernet is not what was promised. Cross believes there was a breakdown in communication at some level regarding the amount of bandwidth libraries actually need.

18. Set date and location for next meeting-

The next meeting will be October 31, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dells.

19. Adjournment-

The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Burkhalter, Secretary of the Day