

System and Resource Library Administrators' Association of Wisconsin

Minutes

August 28, 2009

Marathon County Public Library, Wausau

Trojanowski volunteered to serve as recorder.

Call to order

Arend called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

Quorum determination

Arend declared a quorum present.

Members Present: Mark Arend (Winnefox), Walter Burkhalter (MWFLS), Phyllis Christensen (MCPL), Inese Christman (WVLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Oshkosh), Paula Kiely (Milwaukee), Rick Krumwiede (OWLS), Jessica MacPhail (Racine), RuthAnn Montgomery (ALS), Stef Morrill (SCLS), David Polodna (WRLS), Marla Sepnafski (WVLS), Cherilyn Stewart (Manitowoc), John Thompson (IFLS), Jim Trojanowski (NWLS), David Weinhold (ESLS). Also attending: Susan Burleigh (Wisconsin Emergency Management), Mike Cross (DLTCL), Kathy Schneider (WILS).

Minutes of the May 5, 2009, meeting

Polodna moved, Gilderson-Duwe seconded to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2009, SRLAAW meeting despite the flippant remarks made by the recorder, David Weinhold; motion carried.

Changes/additions to the agenda

Davis asked to have to have discussion of a Delivery Best Practices Meeting added to the agenda. Kiely asked to have a discussion of H1N1 planning added to the agenda.

Presentation on Ready Wisconsin – Citizen Preparedness Project

Susan Burleigh from Wisconsin Emergency Management gave a presentation on how libraries can help promote public preparedness for emergencies through the Ready Wisconsin program.

H1N1 planning

Milwaukee has begun planning for an H1N1 emergency. Kiely asked what other cities are doing to prepare.

Racine has done extensive planning for an emergency. MacPhail outlined plans and agreed to share details with the group via the SRLAAW list. Oshkosh and Marathon County have also begun planning, but not so completely as Racine. Payroll is commonly a high priority.

South Central and Wisconsin Valley have also been planning. Among questions they are considering are whether to allow patrons to place holds if delivery must be shut down and where/how to store redundant copies of important data offsite.

Downloadable media

Davis noted that there is growing interest among directors in SCLS to begin counting new ways in which libraries are now serving patrons as old measures have begun to account for a smaller portion of what we do. For example, use of electronic resources, downloadable media, and wireless Internet are not counted and reported to the state. Among discussion points were:

- Whether and how to make new service methods reimbursable under Act 420.
- Whether we should wait for a federal definition of various measures or take a leadership role (consensus appeared to be that we should take a leadership role).
- The need to justify continued funding by quantifying the new types of work we are doing.
- The need to consider that many libraries are more actively getting staff involved in seeking out patrons to help rather than waiting behind a desk (ie Knowledge Sharing Transactions at Oshkosh).

Following discussion, Jeff Gilderson-Duwe moved, John Thompson seconded to appoint a SRLAAW group to outline the issue of developing methods for county new ways in which libraries are serving patrons. The group will define the issues and develop a structure for exploring this topic, then issue a call for people within the state library community to participate on a task force. Arend appointed Jeff Gilderson-Duwe to lead the SRLAAW group and Stef Morrill, John Thompson, Cherilyn Stewart, Kathy Schneider, and Jessica MacPhail to participate as members.

WILS report

WILS members have said they want more direct and personal contact with WILS through phone calls and on-site visits. WILS will be contacting system directors and asking how to make this happen.

There will be a joint interlibrary loan meeting between WILS and Reference and Loan Library staff.

Delivery best practices meeting

Davis asked if there is interest in holding a meeting of delivery practitioners similar to the technology services meeting held in Stevens Point. Consensus is that such a meeting would be welcome.

LSTA grant competition between libraries and systems

Gilderson-Duwe received a letter from a public library director asking him, as a member of the LSTA Advisory Committee, to ask the committee to address the problem of member libraries competing against systems for grants. He asked whether SRLAAW members believe this is a problem. Consensus was that it is not.

Library system marketing

Burkhalter asked what systems are doing to market themselves. Systems with their own delivery are using their trucks as marketing tools. Some systems are content to operate in the background. Most systems are most closely identified with their shared ILSs. There was some discussion of the difference between advocacy and marketing.

District library legislation update

MacPhail said work is still being done on draft legislation. Currently, there is interest in adding a sales tax carve-out to the bill. LD&L continues to work on this project.

DLTCL

Cross asked if there are any anticipated efforts to eliminate the MOE or concerns about the ability of a library to meet the MOE in 2010. Discussion entailed on the usefulness of the MOE and whether or not it should be reexamined. Consensus was that the MOE should be left as it is.

Cross presented the recommendations of the Public Library Certification Workshop and asked for an endorsement from SRLAAW. Following discussion, Gilderson-Duwe moved, MacPhail seconded to recommend changing language to require at least 10 contact hours of technology-related continuing education rather than strongly recommending it. Motion passed 17-0 with Kiely abstaining.

Polodna moved, Weinhold seconded to recommend a change to the recommendations of the committee to permit all training on an ILS to be eligible rather than just training for upgrades and new modules, but with the understanding that repetition of the same training is not eligible. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Thompson, second by Trojanowski to endorse with recommendations of the committee with the SRLAAW recommendations included. Motion passed unanimously.

A request for funding for broadband access has been submitted and a decision is expected in mid November.

An advisory committee to define the guidelines for a voluntary statewide library access program will be appointed soon. Cross said anyone interested in serving on the committee should let him know.

Other business

Heather Eldred has asked that SRLAAW again meet in Wausau next summer and invited the group to another evening at her home.

The next meeting of SRLAAW will be held on Tuesday, October 20, in Appleton.

Adjourn

Phyllis Davis moved, John Thompson seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Trojanowski