

System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW) Q1 2022 Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, February 7, 2022

Time: 1:00 PM

Location: Virtual

Recorder: Kristen Anderson

1. **Call to Order:** Vreeke called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. **Attendance**

Present: Tracy Vreeke, Chair (NFLS), Karol Kennedy (Bridges), John Thompson (IFLS), Barbara Brattain (Kenosha), Jeffery Gilderson-Duwe (Winnefox), Clairellyn Sommersmith (Winnefox), Rebecca Scherer (MCLS), Steve Hesar (MCFLS), Sherry Machones (NWLS), Bradley Shipps (OWLS), Martha Van Pelt (SCLS), David Kranz (SWLS), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), and Marla Sepnafski (WVLS), Angela Zimmermann (Racine PL), Joan Johnson (Milwaukee PL), Garrett Erickson (Sheboygan PL), Collen Rortvedt (Appleton PL), Jessie Lee-Jones (Platteville PL), Sue Heskin (Superior PL).

Absent: Riti Grover (Monarch), Shanneon Grant (La Crosse PL), Bruce Gay (Waukesha PL), Greg Mickells (Madison PL), Leah Giordano (Marathon County Library)

Affiliated Organizations/Guests - Mark Jochem (SCLS/LAWDS), Sara Gold (WiLS), Laura Sauser (WLA), Ben Miller (DPI), Martha Berninger (DPI), Scott Brouwer (Recollect Wisconsin)

3. **Proxy Designations:** Tracy Vreeke for Sarah Sugden (Brown County Library), Charles Teval for Steve Platterer (ALS) and Bryan McCormack (Janesville PL), David Dowling for Steve Ohs (LLS)
4. **Introduction/Welcome Guests** (Vreeke)
5. **Approval of the Agenda** (Vreeke)
 - Motion to approve the agenda
 - 1 – John Thompson
 - 2 – Joan Johnson
 - Motion carried.
6. **Approval of the Minutes** from November 16, 2021 (Vreeke)
 - Motion to approve the minutes
 - 1 – John Thompson
 - 2 – Carol Kennedy
 - Motion carried.

7. **Nominations for SRLAAW Officers** (Vreeke)
Rebecca Sherer from the Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of officers:
President: Tracy Vreeke
Vice President: Steve Hesel
Treasurer: Kristen Anderson
8. **Vote for Officers** (Vreeke)
Motion to close the nominations and elect the slate as presented.
1 – Sherry Machones
2 – Jeff Gilderson-Duwe
Motion carried.
9. **Treasurer’s Report** (Anderson): 2021 interest income of \$3.84 and December 31, 2021 account balance of \$6607.63.
Motion to approve the treasurer’s report
1 – Carol Kennedy
2 – Colleen Rortvedt
Motion carried.
10. **LD&L Report** (Gay): Getting ready for Library Legislative Day tomorrow. Some legislators are not taking in-person meetings.
11. **Libraries Activating Workforce Development Skills (LAWDS) Project** (Berninger/Jochem): The new LAWDS website is live. It is full of great resources including marketing tips and ideas for getting involved in workforce development. Systems should send any workforce development training materials to Martha Berninger for inclusion on the site. 11X17” posters are available - contact Beth Tomas. Digital ad campaign started on January 10, continuing through February 7. There is still \$15,000 in travel funds available, but will be used for marketing, if not needed for travel. A partnership with the Society of Human Resources Management may result in volunteers able to assist job seekers, starting in April, at the earliest.
12. **Affiliated Organization Reports:**
 - a. Recollection Wisconsin (Brower): Recollection Wisconsin has become a key source of primary source material, since the pandemic. Reminder that logos and web buttons are available.
 - b. DPI (Miller): Badgerlink has new members and is working on procuring three new newspapers. Recently held WISE grant training and so will be moving away from paper grant management for LSTA 2021. Now changing gears and working on the 2022 LSTA budget – will share with stakeholders in March 2022. Look for LSTA guidelines in May but expect few competitive grants. Working on a new five year plan, with a draft expected in April or May 2022. PLSR final report expected in late summer 2022. Funding study is in the analysis period, expected initial draft in March.
 - c. WiLS (Gold): Kanopy group hit the threshold for subscription, so as of April 1, any subscribers will receive 5% discount. PLA coming up March 22-25 – Sara is attending and will be sending out survey regarding needs and interests she should explore.

Membership meeting coming up – will be recorded. Computers in Libraries conference will be virtual this year – WILS members receive a discount.

- d. WPLC: Over 7 million checkouts in 2021! eMagazines expired over the weekend and were repurchased this morning. eMagazine cost came in at \$80,000, though WPLC had budgeted \$100,000.
 - e. WLA: Two interviews on WPR last week. AARP reached out to Laura and invited Nyama on their online radio program. WAAL conference later this week. WAPL is coming up in May. Would like to visit systems, so send Laura invites! Send content for Bulletin.
 - f. COLAND: See emailed report.
13. **Evaluation of Lobbyist** (Machones): LD&L starts the review process, then sends questions to SRLAAW. Sherry Machones will send questionnaire to SRLAAW.
14. **Impact of Book Challenges on Libraries:** Many incidents in schools right now. Devastating impact on school staff. Groups not following policies. DPI staff time is being taken up dealing with many of these issues. Sara Gold reports they are hearing issues related to shared statewide eBooks. More resources are coming to the WPLC website. SWLS is providing information on intellectual freedom to the CESA administrators group for continuing education. Lots of turnover in libraries, with less experienced directors dealing with these challenges.
15. **Member Roundtable**
- OWLS: Move is going well and expect to be in new location early March. They will be “by the Fleet Farm!”
 - Appleton: Working on final stages of design for new building, closing in mid-April. Moving into an old Best Buy temporarily for about 18 months.
 - SWLS: WAPL conference coming up in May, in Pewaukee, and the call for program proposals just went out.
 - Winnefox: Asked for updates on ARPA projects. Milwaukee working on Library Now project to reach more students via AmeriCorps workers and is in the process of hiring and training coordinators, so they’ll be ready to be in schools in September. NFLS is working on a plan for community partnerships and library space needs for telehealth, charging stations, and job training. Milwaukee County is working with Bridges to install material pick-up lockers and is planning a field trip to see another library’s installation. Ben reported that ARPA project results will provide direction for future LSTA projects.
 - OWLS: Bradley reports Evan Bend is retiring February 25.
16. **Next Meeting:** May 11/12 at WAPL, Ingleside Hotel in Pewaukee, WI.
17. Adjournment by Consensus at 2:23pm.