

**System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin  
(SRLAAW)  
Q1 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** Monday, February 6, 2023  
**Time:** 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Madison Public Library (Central), 201 W Mifflin Street, Madison, WI 53703  
**Room 301 (3rd Floor)**

**Recorder:** John Thompson, IFLS

1. Call to Order Meeting called ordered by the Chair at 1:04 pm
2. Quorum Determination - Quorum established  
Members Present—Barb Brattin, Steve Platteter, Rebecca Scherer, Steve Hesel, Riti Grover, Tracy Vreeke, Sherry Machones, Bradley Shipps, Martha Van Pelt, Dave Kranz, Karol Kennedy, Kristen Anderson, Jeff Gilderson-Duwe, Marla Sepnafski, Angela Zimmerman, Karin Adams, Joan Johnson, Sarah Sugden, Sue Heskin, Colleen Rortvedt, Jessie Lee-Jones, Bruce Gay, Shanneon Grant, Clairellyn Sommersmith, Hannah Good Zima, Rob Nunex, L. Noyce  
  
Affiliated Organization Members Present—Mark Jochem (SCLS/Library Workforce), Laura Sauser (WLA), Bruce Smith (DPI), Andi Coffin and Melissa McLimans (WiLS), Steve Conway (WLA)
3. Proxy Announcements Proxies—Marla Sepnafski for Leah Giordano; Riti Grover for Garrett Erickson
4. Introductions/Welcome Guests (Vreeke)
5. Approval of the Agenda (Vreeke) – Motion by Rebecca Scherer 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Van Pelt
6. Approval of the Minutes from January 17, 2023 (Vreeke) Motion by Steve Platteter 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Van Pelt
7. Advocacy Update (Conway) – The team has been meeting with Senate Leadership on the budget. Building on the years of trust. Library Legislative Day is Tuesday. Jim Ramsey did a great job with scheduling for the day. Encouraged attendees to invite legislators to their libraries to see what we are doing.  
  
Joint Finance Hearings—Dates and Locations to be announced.  
  
Working on advocacy regarding the Tittl bill. Send anything you see on this bill or other bills to Laura Sauser and Steve Conway.  
  
Jeff Gilderson-Duwe commented on how fortunate to have Steve Conway representing us. It was our lucky day. Group consensus on his statement.
8. Nominations for SRLAAW Officers (Kranz) Dave presented the officers Vreeke, Char, Steve Hesel, Vice-Chair, Kristen—Treasurer

9. Election of Officers (Vreeke) (Note: Secret Ballot if Multiple Nominees) Move by Jeff Gilderson-Duwe 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Van Pelt Motion passes
  
10. Treasurer's Report (Anderson) –  
Current Balance -- **\$6713.60** \$106 in interest.
  
11. LD&L Report (Gay) – Thank Madison Public for the use of their space for Library Legislative Day. Legislative Day team includes Jim Ramsey, Laura Sauser, Bradley Shipps, Pete Loeffel, and Kris Adams Wendt.
  
12. Library Workforce Connection Report (Formerly LAWDS) (Berninger, Jochem) Written Report
  - a. Statewide workforce development partnerships and efforts continue. The LAWDS Project is called the **Library Workforce Connection**. This group continues the partnerships with the workforce development community (Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development and the Workforce Development Board liaisons), that were formed during the LAWDS Project.
  - b. Workgroup will organize learning opportunities for libraries to become more informed and comfortable with workforce development activities
  - c. The workgroup will continue to consist of library system staff and liaisons from the workforce development boards.
  - d. Monthly meetings will feature regularly scheduled speakers to present on library and workforce development topics.
  - e. Goals discussed for 2023:
    - i. Continue to create connections between libraries and workforce development
    - ii. Sustain on-going participation in the group and encourage library staff to join
    - iii. Create a collaboration toolkit containing tools and templates
    - iv. Collecting data and looking at analytics and data in decision-making
    - v. A workforce development resource training and networking opportunity is scheduled on March 10th from 9:30 – 2:30 PM at Portage Public Library. Lunch provided. This is an in-person opportunity for library staff to become acquainted or reintroduced to workforce development resources and meet local library volunteers from WiSHRM (Wisconsin Society for Human Resource Managers). It is the first of five regional training and networking opportunities planned for 2023.
    - vi. The partnership with WiSHRM library volunteers continues with approximately 95 volunteers.
    - vii. Workforce development promotional materials were sent out to library systems. Please send questions and requests to Jennifer S. Robertson (Jennifer.robertson@dpi.wi.org)
    - viii. All LAWDS-related statewide trainings, workforce development resources, marketing materials, and other helpful information are available at: Library Staff Resources to Assist Wisconsin's Workforce
  
13. Compensation Study Workgroup Report (Heser)—Thanked the team—Riti, Sue, Becky and Emily Rogers for their hard work on study. Remainder the survey closes March 17<sup>th</sup>. There will be follow up opportunities for systems with their member libraries to obtain as much feedback as possible.

14. Affiliated Organization Reports:

- a. Recollection Wisconsin—Written Report Andi – Year in Review published.
- b. DPI—Dr. Darryl Williams will be at Library Legislative Day to meet and greet attendees. He is a passionate leader for children and families. System standards work will begin shortly. Ben made bread for staff potluck.
- c. WiLS—Written Report. Highlights-- Member meeting February 24<sup>th</sup>. Melissa M. Tracy asked about Data Dashboard. Ready for inquiries on pricing. A few folks with questions already.
- d. WPLC— **Save the Date: WPLC Annual Member Meeting** -- WPLC will hold its annual member meeting this year at the WAPL Conference on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm in the Lynch/LeFevre rooms at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh, WI. All are welcome to attend. Steve Hesel new chair. Feb 18 Overdrive app sunseting. Libby App is the mobile presence. New request a title feature will be introduced. Report emailed to group on 2/6/23 following the meeting.
- e. WLA—Written Report. Laura mentioned to use Mifflin entrance for library legislative day.
- f. COLAND – No report

15. Discussion Items – Tracy Vreeke inquired about following up with member libraries on the Tittl bill or similar legislation. Many have sent it out as an FYI and letting member libraries know WLA is working on the bill. Some shared with directors at the recent meetings.

16. Member Roundtable

17. Next Meeting: WAPL, April 26, 2022, Oshkosh, WI

18. Adjournment Moved by Joan Johnson 2<sup>nd</sup> Marty Van Pelt to adjourn

Note: All items on the agenda are considered action items, regardless of action taken.