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System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin
May 2, 2007 meeting
Indianhead Federated Library System, Eau Claire

1. Call to order
Chair Jim Trojanowski called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

In attendance were: Jim Trojanowski (NWLS; proxy for Superior PL); Walter Burkhalter (MWFLS); Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS); Rick Krumwiede (OWLS); Mark Arend (WLS); Kathy Schneider (WILS); John Thompson (IFLS): Terry Dawson (Appleton PL); Paul Nelson (WLA-LDL); John Nichols (COLAND); David Weinhold (ESLS); Robert Hafeman (MCLS); Mark Merrifield (NFLS); Heather Eldred (WVLS); Marla Sepnafski (WVLS); Lisa Strand (WLA); Jeff Gilderson-Duwe (Oshkosh PL); Bernie Bellin (LLS; proxy for Racine PL); Phyllis Davis (SCLS; proxy for Madison PL); Stef Morrill (SCLS); Mary Clark (DLTCL); Krista Ross (SWLS); David Polodna (WRLS); Mike Cross (DLTCL); Michael Golrick (L.E. Phillips Memorial PL)

2. Quorum Determination
Chair determined a quorum of the membership was in attendance.

3. Introductions
Members introduced themselves and identified whom they represented.

4. Changes/additions to the agenda
A discussion of collecting electronic usage data on the annual report was added to the agenda as 14d.

5. Election of Officers
Nominating Committee Chair Bellin presented the following slate of officers:
  Chair: Walter Burkhalter
  Vice-Chair: Jeff Gilderson-Duwe
  Treasurer: David Polodna
Motion by Krumwiede, second by Arend that the nominations be closed and the entire slate be accepted. Motion carried.

Chair Burkhalter conducted the meeting from this point on.

6. Approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2006, meeting
Approval of the minutes of the October 13 2006 meeting was postponed due to a lack of minutes. These minutes will be considered at the August 10, 2007 meeting.

7. Treasurer's Report
Polodna distributed a report and said we are where we expected to be. Motion by Trojanowski, second by Hafeman to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

8. Election of SRLAAW Representative to the WiLS Board for term to run from July 1, 2007, to June 30, 2010
Motion by Trojanowski, second by Arend to nominate David Weinhold as the SRLAAW Representative to the WiLS Board for term to run from July 1, 2007 to June 20, 2010. Thompson moved, second by Dawson that the nominations be closed. Motion carried. After a brief discussion, Trojanowski amended his original motion to include Bellin as an alternative representative, second by Arend. Motion carried.

9. Report of Delivery Service Public Library System Cost Formula Committee
Weinhold presented the report of the Delivery Service Public Library System Cost Formula Committee. The question the committee was dealing with was whether or not the formula used to allocate the costs for delivery to the Public Library Systems should be modified. The recommendations of the committee at this time are: 1) the existing formula for public system delivery costs be used for the next 3 years—2008 to 2010; 2) ; SRLAAW should work on getting state funding in this and the next biennial budget for public library system delivery service funding ; and 3) LSTA funding be used for existing sharing activities including delivery services, before creating categories for new resource sharing activities.

Motion by Weinhold, second by ?, to adopt the recommendations of the subcommittee as included in the committee report. Motion carried.

10. Limiting Municipal exemption from the county library tax to only the amount used by the county to reimburse libraries for serving non-libraried residents
Weinhold presented the proposed amendment (as emailed to members before the meeting). The purpose of this amendment is to propose a way to accomplish finding another funding source other than the municipality and to use the county as a vehicle to levy taxes for a county-wide project (like a shared database). There was much discussion on the wording of the proposed amendment and the original intent of the exemption from county library tax. As a part of this discussion several motions were made and withdrawn.

Motion made by Trojanowski, second by Hennen, to appoint a task force to examine this issue more closely under David Weinhold's leadership and to thank Warren Stump. Motion carried with one nay vote.

11. Successor to AB-1022: Alternative Exemption method
Weinhold presented LRB-2473, the proposed amendment to AB-1022. AB-1022 proposed an alternative method for municipalities to exempt themselves from the county library levy tax by using the average of the past three years. DLTCL opposed this language and suggested that it be amended to state that a municipal library must qualify for the exemption for three years before they could qualify to use the three year average method. This issue died in committee; however, it is likely to be re-introduced this

session. Motion by Hennen, second by Trojanowki, that SRLAAW is not supporting this, but are not opposing it as amended. Motion carried.

12. Legislative Report (Nelson)

a. 2007-2009 Biennial Budget status report

Thursday, May 2 at 10 am the Joint Finance committee will review the System aids and state contracts.

b. AJR-27 & AJR 34 Constitutional amendments prohibiting, among other things, the use of segregated funds for other purposes (USF & public library system aides)

The amendment authors want these funds to be used for the original intent, not to be raided to fill in budget gaps. Thirty percent of our funding right now comes from USF. If this did pass, it wouldn't go into effect until possibly 2011.

c. SB-1 Authorizing library boards to transfer a gift, bequest, or endowment to certain charitable organizations

SB-1 was passed by the Senate committee 5-0 and is to be scheduled for a vote by the entire Senate. It will then go to the Assembly and then the Governor.

d. Amendment to s.43.30 concerning confidentiality of library records as they pertain to video surveillance tapes

Bills are being sponsored. Nelson will let us know when a bill is ready for review.

e. Public library districts

There is not a lot of progress on this. What we need is a number of libraries/areas around the State who want to move it forward.

Nelson also reported on AB-141 which would seem to forbid libraries from using RFID technology, but the chair of the committee is not interested in moving ahead with this bill.

13. COLAND Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing Strategic Plan and Visioning Process

John Nichols, COLAND representative spoke with the group about COLAND's strategic visioning/planning initiative relating to Interlibrary Loan and Resource Sharing for Wisconsin. This process has three phases: 1) Learning: what's going on and why; 2) Visioning: what it ought to look like; and 3) Recommendation: what we should be doing. Nichols was there speaking to the group as part of the learning phase and presented the group with questions concerning the 2004 Report of the SRLAAW Interlibrary Loan Committee. After much discussion about the 2004 report, the general consensus of the members was that the 2004 report be put to bed as who and where we are in 2007 is very different from who and where we were in 2004. The SRLAAW members also agreed that SRLAAW wanted to be involved in COLAND's planning efforts.

COLAND has a second initiative, the Strategic Planning Initiative for Library Services, which will culminate in a statewide visioning conference (similar to the one held in 1999).

14. DLTCL Reports

    a. Proposed changes to county library levy limits

    Cross reported that the Governor's budget bill proposed new levy limits but exempt from inclusion is the amount to make payments to an adjacent county for library service. There are a few problems. One is technical—the term "libraries" is not included. The other is that it does not include payments made by a county to library within its borders. WLA has proposed language to exempt from county levy limits all library reimbursements.

    b. LSTA

    Cross reported on selected 2008 LSTA grant categories. Two informational teleconferences will be held—one on June 7th for digitization projects and one on June 6th for all other grant categories.

    c. Other reports

    SLD is focusing on reviewing System technology plans

    d. Electronic usage reporting for annual report

    MCFLS is interested in collecting data on electronic usage of databases. Al Zimmerman will invite members to work with him on this.

15. Set date and location for the next meeting

    The next SRLAAW meeting is August 10, 2007, 10 am at Wausau PL

16. Adjourn

    Meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

Submitted by Ross