

**System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin
(SRLAAW)
Q4 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Time: 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Location: Madison Marriott West, WLA Conference
Recorder: Rebecca Scherer (MCLS)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Quorum Determination

Members Present – Tracy Vreeke (Chair), Karol Kennedy, Bruce Gay, John Thompson, Barb Brattin, Steve Ohs, Steve Platterer, Rebecca Scherer, Karin Adams, Steve Hesel, Riti Grover, Garrett Erickson, Sarah Sugden, Gina Rae, Sue Heskin, Bradley Shipps, Tasha Saecker, Martha Van Pelt, Dave Kranz, Jessie Lee-Jones, Kristen Anderson, Clairellyn Sommersmith, Marla Sepnafski, Leah Giordano, Colleen Rortvedt (2:00pm)

Affiliated Members/Guests – Jen Chamberlain (WiLS), Ben Miller (DPI), Steve Conway (LD&L), Beth Tomev (DPI), Kristen Whitson (Recollection WI), Melissa Aro (DPI), Jen Bernetzke (SWLS)

3. Proxy Announcements

Gina Rae (NWLS) will serve as proxy for Sherry Machones and Tasha Saecker (APL) for Colleen Rortvedt

4. Introductions/Welcome Guests (Vreeke)

5. Approval of the Agenda (Vreeke)

Ohs made a motion to approve the agenda. Grover seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

6. Approval of the Minutes from August 4, 2023 (Vreeke)

Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes. Sommersmith seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

7. Treasurer’s Report (Anderson)

Anderson provided a report regarding the status of the current budget. Kennedy made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Ohs seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

8. Legislative Report (Conway)

Library Legislative Day is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 2024.

The “Shelving of Library Book” flyer was handed out and will be finalized in time to be used as a handout at the 2024 Library Legislative Day. A similar flyer, “Life Cycle of a Book”, was created for the 2023 Library Legislative Day and can be found on the WLA website.

Conway has met with library representatives regarding recent issues/events happening in Wausau and similarly in Shawano. Conway is scheduling a future meeting with the Wisconsin Counties Association to address county appointees to public library and library system boards.

Several new bills have been proposed, but are not likely to pass through the entire legislative process. The most recent bills include:

“Emerson Bill” and “Anderson Bill” – attempt to ban book bans, but may have unintended consequences that would not be helpful for public libraries.

“Dittrich Bill” – requires that parents are notified of all items checked out to children under the age of 16 within a 24 hour time limit. The bill does not provide funding for the notification systems that would need to be implemented to make this possible.

Marathon County has been questioned about library funding that may be used to support the ALA. Similarly, a legislator has voiced concerns about the ALA, specifically in opposition to ALA President, Emily Drabinski, not the ALA as an organization.

9. LD&L Report (Gay)

The committee has two requests: 1) promote Library Legislative Day 2024 among libraries and library trustees, and 2) send information to the committee regarding how additional state aid funds to library systems will be used in fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

10. Appointment of Nomination Committee (Vreeke)

Sommersmith, Sepnafski, Grover, and Kennedy volunteered to serve on the Nomination Committee for the 2024 SRLAAW officers election.

11. Affiliated Organization Reports: Please review the written reports submitted by the following organizations:

a. Recollection Wisconsin

Whitson noted that steering committee members are being sought out from the 11 counties that do not currently participate in Recollection Wisconsin.

A/V digitization kits are available for circulation.

b. DPI

The 2023 annual report and post COVID trends will be discussed at the November 7th DPI / System Directors meeting.

An exploration of counting automatic renewals as circulation was requested by Sommersmith.

Director Boot Camp may continue to be offered twice per year, in two locations, in future years.

Dr. Williams and Beth Tomev travelled over 2,500 throughout Wisconsin visiting public libraries in September in celebration of “Library Card Sign Up Month”.

c. WILS

2023 is year five of offering Strategic Planning facilitation for small public libraries.

d. WLA

Steve Platterer was recognized as Librarian of the Year and Brown County Library/Sarah Sugden was recognized for Library of the Year award.

e. COLAND

The next meeting will take place at the Matheson Memorial Library, a member library of the Prairie Lakes Library System, on Friday, November 10th.

12. Discussion Items

- a. Standardizing definitions for circulation reporting for consumables, items that may be automatically renewed, and passes for community attractions. These items will be addressed on a future agenda.
- b. Sarah Sugden requested assistance with setting standards or guidelines for children’s story time programs in terms of best practices for building literacy skills. SRLAAW will put out a call for work group participants. DPI is interested in the continuing the discussion and pointed to two tools that currently exist for guidance: 1) Wisconsin Public Library Standards, and 2) Inclusive Services Assessment Guide for Public Libraries.

13. Member Roundtable

Northern Waters, IFLS, WVLS, and possibly WRLS will explore the creation of a shared website developer position.

14. Next Meeting: Pre-Library Legislative Day, February 5th, 2024, at the new South Central Headquarters

15. Adjournment