

**System and Resource Library Administrators Association of Wisconsin (SRLAAW)
Q3 2024 Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 2, 2024
Recorder: Riti Grover, Monarch Library System

1. Call to Order

Vreeke called the meeting to order at 09:30 a.m.

2. Quorum Determination

Members Present - Tracy Vreeke, Chair (NFLS), Steve Hesel, Vice Chair (MCFLS), Karin Adams (Manitowoc PL), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), Sherry Anderson (NWLS), Nick Demske (Racine PL), Garrett Erickson (Sheboygan PL), Bruce Gay (Waukesha PL), Leah Giordano (Marathon County PL), Riti Grover (Monarch), Sue Heskin (Superior PL), Joan Johnson (Milwaukee), Karol Kennedy (Bridges), Angela Noel (SWLS), Jessie Lee-Jones (Platteville PL), Steve Platteter (PLLS), Collen Rortvedt (Appleton PL), Becky Scherer (MCLS), Shannon Schultz (SCLS), Marla Sepnafski (WVLS), Clairellyn Sommersmith (Winnefox), John Thompson (IFLS), Tana Elias (Madison PL)

Affiliated Members/Guests – Ben Miller (DPI), Beth Tomev (DPI), Laura Sauser (WLA), Steve Conway (LD&L), Kristen Whitson (Recollection WI), Ellen Kupfer (COLAND)

3. Proxy Announcements

Tracy Vreeke will serve as proxy for Sarah Sugden, Colleen Rortvedt will serve as proxy for Bradley Shipp.

4. Introductions/Welcome Guests (Vreeke)

5. Approval of the Agenda (Vreeke)

Marla Sepnafski made a motion to approve the agenda. Leah Giordano seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

6. Approval of the Minutes from May 1, 2024 (Vreeke)

Angela Noel made a motion to approve the minutes. Shannon Schultz seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

7. LIFT WI Presentation (Erica Nelson)

- LIFT Wisconsin offers the Legal Tune Up tool to allow access to justice.
- Wisconsin libraries are a perfect institution to partner up and bring the tool to the people of Wisconsin.

- According to LIFT Wisconsin's Executive Director, Civil Legal Aid Access is a family issue, a workforce development issue, an economic issue and a moral one – Wisconsinites should not be denied justice because they cannot afford it!
- LEGAL training options are available to you at your local public library to learn the Legal Tune Up tool and improve access to justice in your community.
- Legal Tune Up is designed to help Wisconsinites identify and clear civil legal problems on their own or with help from trusted professionals. As a mobile first web-based application, it uses four state agency data - driver's license, criminal, eviction, court, and child support records, to help people identify and address legal needs.
- The training options include:
 - L: Library staff training
 - E: Expert training
 - G: Group training
 - A: All in training
 - L: Library programming
- Lesson plans, training materials, and evaluation forms will be provided.

8. Treasurer's Report (K. Anderson)

Treasurer's Report was presented by Kristen Anderson who reported a balance of \$7157.95 as of June 30, 2024. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report made by Marla Sepnafski and seconded by John Thompson. Motion passed unanimously.

9. LD&L Report (Gay)

- Gay Reported LD&L met on July 26th at South Central Library System.
- LD&L is working on the State Biennial Budget proposal with a \$6 million dollar increase in the state aid and additional category of \$5.5 million for Statewide delivery service. Vreeke and Gay cautioned that the environment is unsettled as the makeup of the legislature is shifting with the implementation of new maps. It is early in the process. They will reach out to the Systems regarding network and cybersecurity costs as this may be a potential area of focus.

10. ALA Councilor Report (S. Anderson)

Anderson informed that detailed report on ALA is included in the packet. She added that ALA Executive Director is being hired and decision will be taken soon; however there is overall discontent across the association.

11. Affiliated Organization Reports:

- a. DPI (Ben Miller reported):
 - Teresa Schmidt joined the Library Services Team on Monday, July 15 as the new Public Library Administration Consultant.
 - Library Services recently completed its required site visit from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Wisconsin's program officer, Dennis Nangle, visited Wisconsin for site visits that are required every 5 years as a condition of continued LSTA Grants to States funding. The visit is two-fold: a collection

and review of paperwork and assurances related to the LSTA program and an in-person visit to see the effects of LSTA funding firsthand.

- The Department of Public Instruction is involved as a partner in three discretionary IMLS grants: “Empowering & Innovating Games-based Library Services: National Best Practices for Gaming Collections & Programming” and “You Belong Scholar Program: Retaining a Diverse Library Workforce” and “Equipping Librarians to Navigate Privacy Issues Involving Preteens and Technology”
 - The BadgerLink procurements are awarded to vendors and DPI is finalizing contracts, after which they'll release complete details including selected resources. Auto Repair Source and LearningExpress Library are no longer available as of July 1, 2024.
 - Beth Tomev reported: Chris Baker & Beth Tomev helped lead a Workforce Development Collaboration Workshop at the Brown County Library on Friday, May 24.
 - September is National Library Card Sign-up Month. Dr. Williams will once again take to the road to help libraries and schools celebrate. Scheduling is currently in progress
- b. Recollection Wisconsin:
- Report is included in the packet.
 - The first Recollection Wisconsin Digitization Initiative cohort will be starting in September 2024.
 - Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and Recollection Wisconsin will choose a new institutional home for the Digital Public Library of America.
- c. WiLS:
- The Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort is Full! Record-breaking interest has been generated for the Small Library Strategic Planning Cohort for 2024/25
 - Data Classroom Enrollment is Open The second six-month cohort of Data Classroom will be offered beginning in October 2024. Visit WiLS website for details.
- d. WPLC:
- Scherer brought attention to report in the packet
 - The WPLC Data Dashboard Pilot is coming soon! The WPLC's statewide public library data dashboard pilot will run from September to December 2024.
 - This spring, the WPLC began working to develop foundation elements (a mission and vision statement), conduct information gathering and stakeholder engagement, and create a three-year strategic plan. Progress has been made but more work needs to be done to finalize the vision statement.
- e. WLA:
- Sauser announced that Pam Beam has been hired as the new WLA Membership Coordinator.

- Nomination forms for WLA Awards & Honors, for the Wisconsin Library Hall of Fame, and for the WLA/WEMTA Intellectual Freedom Award are now open and will close September 6.
- Leaders from the LD&L committee will host a panel discussion at the WLA fall conference titled, "Between the Stacks and the Statehouse: Libraries and the State Biennial Budget." A panel including Steve Conway will provide updates on the Wisconsin state legislature and a preview of the upcoming state 2025-2027 biennial budget.
- She looks forward to seeing all at the WLA Annual Conference November 5 – 8, KI Center in Green Bay

f. COLAND

Ellen Kupfer Talked about Games Lab Training held in July as reported Ben Miller in his report. She mentioned their focus and current efforts are targeted to tell communities as to who is COLAND and what it does.

12. Discussion Items:

a. ChatGPT in libraries:

Misinformation and unfounded fears are present in groups and communities. This Discussion Item was tabled to the next meeting. The DPI AI guidelines were just released and directors would like to review them prior to holding this discussion.

b. SRLAAW Fees Discussion:

Systems paid (until COVID) a fee of approx. \$100/year. Resource Libraries never paid an annual fee. The funding was used to send a representative (Sherry Anderson) to the National Legislative day. National Legislative Day has not been held since COVID. Vreeke said we have been budgeting funds to sponsor people to ALA Legislative Day to be ready if it is reinstated.

13. Member Roundtable

- Joan Johnson welcomed Kristina Gomez back to MPL
- Leah Giordano informed about the open position of services manager at Marathon Public Library.
- Shannon Shultz said SCLS Board has extended the current strategic plan.
- Tracy Vreeke informed NFLS is working on grant received from DWD to Bay Area Workforce Board and NFLS.

14. Next Meeting: November 2024 in Green Bay, WI (WLA Annual Conference)

15. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.