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Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

Minutes

Kirkpatrick State Information Center
Secretary of State Conference Room
Jefferson City, MO

September 17, 2010

Members present: Buthod, Byerly, Carr, Darst, Fridley, Fuchs, Gage, Keeney, McCampbell, Sanders, Staines, Watts

Absent: Hancox, Mullaly-Quijas, Talboy, Wilson

Guests Attending: Donna Bacon, Interim Executive Director, MOBIUS
Natasha Angell, MOREnet

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Katina Jones, Maria Hines, Annie Moots, Debbie Musselman

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Council members and guests were introduced.

Donna Bacon, Interim Executive Director of MOBIUS announced MOBIUS has received both federal and state non-profit status and is now an independent, membership organization.

Legislative/Budget update – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

Senator Jane Cunningham introduced Senate Bill 735 requiring that libraries have policies placing restrictions on materials deemed pornographic to minors, with various related provisions. As in 2009, the bill passed out of committee but was not placed on the Senate calendar.

Also in 2009, Senator Rob Mayer had introduced a bill to give voters the option to levy a sales tax for public library support. Although re-introduced in 2010, it again did not pass.

The Secretary of State's Office received a request for a 5% budget cut in FY10, and an additional 5% cut for FY11. State aid to public libraries was cut 10% for FY11, and income from the Athletes and Entertainers Tax was not appropriated. The Remote Electronic Access for Libraries (REAL) Program retained full funding; however the Governor zeroed out the funding for MOREnet in House Bill 3.

MOREnet/REAL program update – Natasha Angell, MOREnet Director of Member Services, Margaret Conroy

Angell said funding from HB 3 was approximately 40% of MOREnet's entire budget. The loss of this funding for FY11 means that members will now be responsible for the full costs of their connectivity and access to the dedicated backbone network.

MOREnet is currently revising the membership model for FY12, and is considering options such as non-connected membership for services only, or a connection-only membership.

Conroy spoke to changes with the REAL program fees. Until this year, library fees were based on income and there was no separate connectivity fee. Connectivity fees will now be a component of all member fees.

New Library Formation Efforts – Maria Hines, Library Administration Consultant

The most recent county expressing an interest in establishing a library district is Marion County. There is a city-funded library in Palmyra, and part of the Hannibal Free Public Library lies in Marion County. Currently there is no discussion of a possible merger.

Taneyhills Community Library in Taney County is a foundation-funded library. The board is interested in converting to a tax-supported library; the original interest was for countywide service, but there is now a lean towards a sub-district operation.

Lincoln County continues to work on establishing a library tax levy. The first vote failed in April 2009; they are planning to try again in April 2011.

Hines visited Caldwell County in April to review county library formation. The library first decided to pursue countywide service in January of 2007, but the then-director resigned. The new board is looking at setting up a library in any community that wants one.

Clinton County continues to strive to pass a library tax levy, after a library district was originally established by the County Commission in 2004. The initial levy attempt failed, and the five year establishment window ended in 2009, requiring starting over with a new district.

Christian County Library has also recently attempted to increase its tax levy, which has been rolled back from the 20 cents voted levy to 8 cents. Due to significant population growth, the library needs to expand outlets. As the April ballot issue failed, the library will try again.

Missouri State Agency Database Wiki – Annie Moots, Government Documents Librarian

Moots presented a poster about the state agency database wiki, sponsored by the Government Documents Round Table of the American Library Association (ALA.) Moots gave a basic overview of the different departments, divisions and database names the state of Missouri produces. The databases are all freely available online; Missouri's page is the highest accessed on the Wiki.

Statewide projects discussion – Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Library Development Director

Conroy said the state library would like to move some LSTA funding from the competitive grant program to statewide projects. One aim is to leverage the significant investment the state library has made in getting libraries' bibliographic holdings into OCLC. Now that the courier service is established, the state library would like to institute a way for Missourians to be able to move seamlessly from discovery, to request, to delivery. One option would be to build or support a consortial library automation system, similar to MOBIUS, for public libraries. Another would be to invest in a "discovery" product that would seamlessly search disparate automation systems. Still another option would be using OCLC's new Web Management Services product to replace the locally hosted automation systems.

Does the State Library use all the funding to help a group of libraries develop a consortium on their own which would then be open to others, does the State Library use the funding to work directly with MOBIUS to help develop a product that would bring in libraries, or just build on the OCLC investment and help libraries migrate to OCLC new product – Web Management Services (WMS).

The state library is considering convening a committee to determine which option would be the best way to proceed. Conroy will update the Council in December.

State Aid Per Capita and Equalization Payment Discussion – Margaret Conroy

Conroy said she would like Council input on which of the two state aid programs bears the brunt of the funding cut or if the \$400,000 loss should be evenly distributed between the per capita and equalization programs.

Statutorily, the state library is required to expend at least half of the state aid appropriation in per capita payments to public libraries. In recent years, somewhat less than 50% of the appropriation has been distributed in equalization payments to qualifying libraries.

The options are:

1. Split the cut 50/50 between the two programs
2. Cut the entire amount from Equalization, preserving the \$0.55 per capita payment
3. Pick an arbitrary reduction in per capita in order to preserve some of the equalization funding – two scenarios of this were distributed to the Council

The Council's consensus was to proceed with option #3.

Continuing Education Committee Membership – Barbara Reading

The State Library has had a CE Advisory Committee in place for six years to advise the State Library and to assist in coordinating training efforts around the state. The committee consists of

representatives of seven different types of libraries and seven standing committee positions which include the State Library, MLNC, MASL, MOBIUS, SISLT, and MOREnet.

There are several positions whose term on the committee will be expiring in December and Reading asked the Council for suggestions of people to serve on the committee. Mary Fridley suggested Dr. Margaret Newbold from the Fort Zumwalt School District. Another name suggested was Michelle Schmidt from the Ladue School District. Reading asked the Council to please send her an e-mail if there were any additional suggestions. Her e-mail is barbara.reading@sos.mo.gov.

LSTA Update – Debbie Musselman, LSTA Grant Coordinator

Musselman addressed the unspent LSTA funds that were discussed at the March meeting and how the funds were dispensed. The State Library held a special grant call for a new summer literacy initiative grant, a collection development grant, and technology mini grants.

Musselman also reviewed the scholarship program. 13 students are currently taking classes, two graduates are seeking employment, one graduate was unable to find employment and will be returning funds, and 11 graduates are currently fulfilling their work requirements. Also within the last year, eight graduates have fulfilled all their program requirements. Conroy said there would be no application round next spring while the program is assessed by staff.

Public Library Service Trends – Katina Jones, Statistical Research Analyst

Jones gave a presentation on public library service trends, using data from the annual public library statistical report. She described why library statistical data is collected, the types of data collected and how the data is used. The annual report is published on the State Library's website.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

No additions to the report as it was presented in the meeting packets. She distributed the new Wolfner Library brochures to the Council.

Approval of minutes from March 19, 2010, Council meeting

Carr asked for additions and/or corrections to the March 19, 2010 meeting minutes. Staines said the software name on page four, first paragraph should read "INN-Reach." It is in the minutes as "Enreach." Minutes of the meeting were adopted as submitted with the stated correction made.

Next Meeting Date: December 10, 2010

Adjournment: Carr adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.