

Attachment D

Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

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

December 10, 2010

Members present: Buthod, Byerly, Carr, Darst, Fridley, Fuchs, Hancox, McCampbell, Mullaly-Quijas, Sanders, Staines, and Watts

Absent: Gage, Keeney, Talboy, Wilke

Guests Attending: Donna Bacon, Interim Executive Director, MOBIUS
John Gillispie, Executive Director, MOREnet

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Debra Musselman, Susan Morrisroe, Sharla Lair, Jean Morrison, Katina Jones, Maria Hines, Annie Moots, Tom Leimkuehler

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Council members and guests were introduced.

Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development introduced Sharla Lair. Sharla is the new Continuing Education Consultant in the State Library and started her position on Dec. 1, 2010.

MOREnet Update – John Gillispie, Executive Director, MOREnet

Gillispie briefed the Council on the current status of MOREnet given the recent loss of appropriation in HB3. On July 1, MOREnet sent out member invoices for FY11 services. Fee increases for K-12 ranged from 38% to 414%. Increases for MERC members (public and private colleges and universities) ranged from 0% to 220%. REAL Program fees also increased.

MOREnet is promoting very high bandwidth connections to colleges and universities. Members who currently have over a 100MB connection are being offered FY12 rates for three years when signing a three year contract with MOREnet for at least 250MB of service. MOREnet is also offering new membership options in FY12, including basic, full, and one or three-year rates.

Gillispie stated that MOREnet currently operates under an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the Secretary of State's Office, Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), Department of Higher Education (DHE) and the University of Missouri-Columbia. MOREnet is an affiliate of the University of Missouri system.

A major part of the MOU discusses state appropriations and the oversight the MOREnet Council has over those appropriations. Due to the loss of direct appropriations to MOREnet, there are currently discussions on how the Council should look in the future. The basic concept is to create a balanced Council which is more representative of the membership and gives more ability for self governance.

State Library Budget Requests – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

The Secretary of State's Office requested REAL Program funds of \$3.1 million for the FY12 state budget, which matches the FY11 appropriation. State Aid was requested in the amount of \$3,604,001, reflecting the 10% cut received in FY11. The LIFT appropriation request was also unchanged at \$69,400. Athletes and Entertainers income tax funding was requested at the full authorized amount.

Another 5% cut is anticipated for SOS Office's FY12 operating budget, possibly higher.

Automation Planning Update – Margaret Conroy

In November, public library directors were invited to attend an automation summit to discuss interest in forming an automation consortium. Thirty directors representing a range of libraries attended and participated in a lively discussion of the pros and cons of establishing a consortium or consortia to enhance statewide resource sharing.

At the summit, a group of nine volunteers agreed to work on a task force to investigate the feasibility of an automation consortium. The task force will report to the State Library in four to six months with a recommended plan of action.

LSTA Plan for 2012 – Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development, Debra Musselman, LSTA Grants Coordinator

Conroy gave a brief overview of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and how funds are used. LSTA is due for re-authorization, and a proposed revision to the Act would broaden the scope of how states can apply the funds. The re-authorization has passed the Senate and is currently on the House floor.

Musselman presented the annual plan for the state FY12 year. Reading said the State Library seeks the Council's endorsement and/or comments on the plan, but the final approval of the plan rests with the Secretary of State. The plan shifts some funding from competitive grants to statewide programs.

Carr called for a motion to endorse the LSTA plan for FY12. Darst so moved. Staines seconded. Motion carried.

MOSL Public Library Card – Susan Morrisroe, Director of Reference Services

Morrisroe gave a brief overview on the services provided to state government and state employees by the Reference Services division of the State Library. She then reported on a new service her division developed for public libraries. The Missouri State Library Card is issued to public library directors and branch managers and can be used to directly request items from the Missouri State Library collection.

Review of State Aid Requirements – Margaret Conroy

Conroy gave a brief overview of the mandate in the Missouri Constitution, i.e. Article 9, Section 10 which states an obligation to support public libraries, but does not state how or set a monetary amount. The RSMO Chapter 181 details how a library qualifies for state aid, and also includes the basic minimum distribution amount of any appropriation made.

Fifty percent of the appropriation has to be distributed to the public libraries in the form of per capita state aid. The current distribution is 60% per capita and the remainder is distributed through equalization payments to libraries with greater economic need.

Missouri's Public Library Standards are currently advisory. Developed by Missouri Library Association and handed off to the State Library, the Standards are considered to be a policy of best practice. Conroy asked whether revisions should be made of the Standards and/or with the qualifications for state aid. The current standards are 14 years old. She asked Council members if they were comfortable with keeping the standards as advisory, or if it is worth examining the statute or rules to see if there was any way to tighten things up. Mullaly-Quijas said updating the standards and using them as training tool would be beneficial since they contain very good information and guidelines.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

Conroy announced Maria Hines' retirement from the State Library. Marge Kudrna has also retired. A replacement for Marge Kudrna will be starting in later in the month. The Special Services Librarian position in Wolfner Library has been filled.

Approval of minutes from Council Meeting of Sept. 17, 2010:

Carr asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Steinman said Annie Moots' name needed to be added to the staff attending portion of the minutes. Carr called for a motion to approve the minutes with the correction noted. McCampbell so moved. Mullaly-Quijas seconded. Motion carried.

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

2011 Meeting Dates: To be determined at a later date. An e-mail will be sent to the Council members when the dates have been determined. Meetings will be posted on the State Library website.