

Attachment E

Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

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

April 8, 2011

Members present: Buthod, Byerly, Carr, Darst, Fridley, Fuchs, Keeney, Sanders
Absent: DePriest, Gage, Hancox, McCampbell, Mullaly-Quijas, Staines, Talboy, Watts, Wilke
Guests Attending: Jean Sullivan, MOREnet
Staff present: Conroy, Lair, Musselman, Reading, Rice, Wingo, Smith, Junkin

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Council members and guests were introduced.

Smith introduced Natalie Junkin, the new Special Services Librarian for Wolfner Library.

Conroy said Donna Bacon is being interviewed by the MOBIUS search committee for the position of Executive Director. She has been serving as the interim director.

Byerly said the MLNC Board announced that the organization's name is no longer an acronym and now the sole name of MLNC. Membership dues are now \$125 across the board. Bylaws will be changed in the fall regarding membership.

State and Federal Budget Updates – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

LSTA grant payments are being held until the possible shutdown of the federal government is resolved and the FY2011 federal budget is determined.

The state budget has been passed out of the House and Senate budget committees and sent to the Senate floor. In HB 12, the funding lines for state aid, the REAL Program and LIFT are at the same amounts as last year. The Secretary of State's Office has received a 5% budget decrease. A&E funding was eliminated by the House Budget Committee.

House Bill 3 (higher education) started with \$0 for MOREnet. The House Budget Committee restored \$50,000 in for MOREnet, which if approved by the Governor will retain a budget line for MOREnet for possible future increases.

Public Library Automation Task Force Update – Carl Wingo, Library Consultant

As a result of the automation summit held in November, a task force was formed of 8 public library directors. Chaired by Carl Wingo, the task force was charged to investigate options for consortial integrated library systems, look at hosts for a shared ILS, and propose an administrative structure for a consortium of public libraries.

Out of 148 libraries surveyed in January, a group of 25-35 is very interested in a consortial ILS. The task force also interviewed MLNC, MOREnet and MOBIUS to determine the services each could provide to such a library consortium if one were formed.

The task force is hoping to present a recommendation to the state librarian in June.

LSTA Planning Cycle – Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development and Debra Musselman, LSTA Grants Officer

IMLS has given guidelines to states regarding the evaluation of the 5 year plan. Reading and Musselman recently attended an IMLS training session which covered the changes. The evaluation is due by March 30, 2012; the next 5 year plan is due on June 30, 2012.

This cycle, the evaluation must be done by an independent evaluator or a department within a state library's parent agency that is removed from the state library. The Missouri State Library will hire an outside contractor for the evaluation process.

Reading reported that LSTA re-authorization was passed in December with changes to the program. States are now encouraged to collaborate with each other and develop partnerships at the federal level.

Musselman said the purposes of IMLS have been expanded from four to nine, and are to:

- Promote literacy, education, and lifelong learning
- Enhance the skills of current library workforce, recruit future professionals to the field
- Ensure the preservation of knowledge and library collections in all formats-disaster preparedness
- Enhance role of libraries within the information infrastructure to support research, education, and innovation
- Promote library services that provide users with access to information through national, state, local, regional and international collaborations and networks

Conroy added that public libraries are now considered eligible as essential community services for receipt of FEMA funds in community disaster recovery efforts.

Reading said based on the new LSTA changes, the state library can now address training for library trustees. The Act is in effect now and the state library has filed an amendment to its current plan to allow for expanded training; if approved it will be effective October 1, 2011.

Musselman said the four general themes that the priorities fall into for the new plan are:

Building and sustaining information resources
Targeting library and information services
Strengthening the library workforce
Integrating services

Legislative Update – Randy Scherr, MLA Legislative Advocate

Scherr distributed a handout with updated status on some of the current bills being tracked by the Missouri Library Association (MLA). Currently MLA is tracking 45-50 bills.

HB 145 by Representative Schoeller covers lobbyists of entities receiving state funds. The public hearing on this bill has been completed.

HB 416 by Representative Richardson and SB 223 by Senator Mayer allow citizens in Senator Mayer's district to authorize a sales tax for libraries. MLA would prefer this ability be statewide. The bills were voted "do pass" from their respective House committees.

The Athlete and Entertainers Tax statute is set to expire, and there are attempts to extend the sunset and expand the entities entitled to a share of the funds.

SB 51, filed by Senator Cunningham, requires public libraries to adopt written policies addressing handling materials considered pornographic for minors or prominently display a sign stating that the library may contain such material. The bill has been referred to the Senate Committee on General Laws.

Scholarship Program and Other Grant Changes – Debra Mussleman

Musselman said the following changes are being implemented to the competitive grant program starting with the summer and fall grant calls in light of anticipated funding cuts to the LSTA allotment.

- Digital Imaging – maximum award now \$75,000 and limited to one application per entity per round (formerly no maximum or limit).
- Website Makeover -- maximum award amount of \$10,000 (formerly no maximum). To be reviewed for potential elimination in 2012 following response to the 2011 grant call.
- Technology Ladder -- maximum award amount of \$35,000 (formerly no maximum). The amount for a single item requiring a 50% local match has been reduced to \$10,000 from \$15,000.
- Technology Mini Grant – maximum award amount reduced to \$15,000 from \$19,500 to provide a greater distinction between the Technology Ladder and Technology Mini Grants.

Musselman said the State Library recommends the scholarship program be discontinued. The the job market is making it difficult for students to meet their work commitments, and the risk of student default is too great for the Secretary of State's office to bear, as funds must be returned

immediately to IMLS from non-state or federal sources. The last student currently enrolled should finish in November of 2013.

Conroy asked for an endorsement from the Council to discontinue the scholarship program. Darst moved to endorse the recommendation to discontinue the scholarship program. Butthod seconded the endorsement. The Council voiced approval for the endorsement.

Open Discussion: Libraries and ebooks – Margaret Conroy

Conroy led a discussion regarding ebooks in libraries. Because of the popularity of e-readers such as the Kindle and Nook, there has been a huge upsurge in consumer demand for e-books from public libraries. Libraries face a number of issues on how to acquire, pay for, manage and deliver e-books to patrons.

Fuchs said it would be good to have workshop on e-libraries and e-books. All librarians would find such a workshop beneficial.

Byerly announced that the St. Louis Regional Library Network is hosting an e-book expo on April 13. She is serving as their CE Chair. There will be a panel of 4 librarians in the morning and 3-4 vendors in the afternoon. Carr said libraries should adopt new collection development policies to include e-books.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

Conroy said a new database contract is being negotiated for online resources through MOREnet, which restores EBSCO as the provider of the general periodical index.

Learning Express Library is funded separately through MOREnet e-rate rebates and is up for renewal in September. Margaret will have MOREnet contact Learning Express for new price quotes.

Approval of minutes from Council Meeting of December 10, 2010:

Carr asked for any corrections or additions to the minutes. Carr called for a motion to approve the minutes. Darst so moved. Fridley seconded. Motion carried.

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

2011 Meeting Dates: July 8, 2011 (Date may change)