

## Secretary's Council on Library Development

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State Library Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Plus Webinar for Council Members  
Jefferson City, MO

February 6, 2017

**Members present**: Beth Calderallo, Regina Cooper, James Diel, Karla Geerlings, Rita Gulstad, Rebecca Marcum Parker, Mary Beth Revels, Katrina Stierholz

**Absent**: Sen. Jamilah Nasheed, Buddy Pennington, Rep. Tommie Pierson, Sen. Jeanie Riddle, Rep. Kathryn Swan, Beverly Price, Donna Bacon, Scotty Walker, Melissa Hopkins, Christie Lundy

**Staff present**: Andrea Dennis, Debbie Musselman, Jennifer Thompson, Becky Wilson, Shay Young, Terry Blauvelt, Barbara Reading,

A webinar meeting of the Secretary's Council was held on Monday, February 6, 2017. Geerlings served as meeting chair. The meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM.

Barbara Reading called roll.

### **Secretary Ashcroft's Administration and Transition**

Reading gave a brief overview of the new staff members that came on board with Secretary Ashcroft and their various roles. She mentioned the transition was going smoothly.

### **Council Appointments**

Reading stated that two council members would be leaving, Beverley Price and James Diel. As of now, the new administration has given no notice on who would be handling the new appointments for the council. Members whose term expired at the end on 2016 are still waiting for reappointment or a determination if new council members would need to be appointed.

### **Findings from LSTA FY2018-2022 Plan Discussions**

Debbie Musselman discussed the information that was collected from different groups and discussion panels for the LSTA FY2018-2022 Plan. Insight was gathered from 204 individuals that attended the panels and discussion groups, the majority of these individuals were from public libraries. Musselman reviewed the questions that were asked at each of the discussions and the variety of answers that were received.

No questions were asked.

Musselman then provided more detail about the dot exercise that was completed with the groups to determine priorities for the next plan. She went over the information that was most important and least important to the participants. She also listed items that public librarians, school librarians, and other organizations would like to see in the FY2018-2022 plan.

No questions were asked.

### **Review of preliminary data QualityMetrics Web Survey**

Shay Young presented on the survey that was conducted by QualityMetrics as part of the LSTA five-year evaluation. The survey was designed to understand what changes and improvements needed to be made to the LSTA program. Young stated that there were 135 respondents to the survey. The survey covered 4 areas; Racing to Read, Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library, Technology Grants Program and Show Me the World Resource Sharing.

She reported the high praise for the Racing to Read and Wolfner Library programs from the participants of the survey. Respondents also indicated that they did not have the staff needed to participate in the technology grants programs. Finally, each part of the Show Me the World Resource Sharing was rated important or very important by the respondents.

No questions were asked.

### **LSTA FY2018-2022 Plan Goals Discussion**

Musselman asked the Council about the goals of the next LSTA plan and what changes needed to be made. How should the goals be established to meet the requirements of the LSTA program? Could the current goals continue on to the next plan?

Diel asked if the new goals being discussed were created around the survey responses. Musselman responded that they were using the current goals and wanted to know what improvements or changes needed to be made to them in order to fit the next plan. Reading mentioned that the responses from the survey were still incorporated into the goals because the goals are broad and open.

Stierholz stated that the goals made sense, it just seemed as if a good deal of hard choices have to be made. Reading said some of the issue is the availability of funds and State Library staff to implement the programs.

Council members agreed that the wording and the order were appropriate. A straw poll vote was taken and none opposed.

### **FY18 Budget Recommendations for Library Appropriations**

Reading discussed library appropriations and the governor's recommendations. The governor's recommendations were lower than expected. Reading shared that Secretary Ashcroft would provide information to the House and Senate budget committees to request an increase to the governor's recommendations for library appropriations. She also mentioned the State Library had sent out a survey and received several stories to pass along to the governor about the importance of libraries. Reading went over events that would take place at Advocacy Day on February 7<sup>th</sup> hosted by MLA.

No questions were asked.

