Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Board Meeting Agenda
June 8, 2017 1:00-3:00 PM
via GoToMeeting (Connection information below)

1. **Call to order/Welcome & Introductions**

2. **Consent agenda**

   a. Review agenda
   b. Approval of minutes from April 26, 2017
   c. Acceptance of Steering Committee minutes

3. **Updates from previous meetings/projects**

   a. Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee/Newspaper project – See Updates
      i. Question for Board: There is not a Board member on this committee, though the original plan for the committee called for one. Is anyone interested in serving on this committee?
   b. User & Non-User Survey Workgroup Recommendation – See Updates
   c. YTD budget review - See YTD Budget Review

4. **New business**

   a. Membership on email lists: discussion and possible action

      Background: There was some discussion at our annual meeting about what email lists are available for WPLC and who is on them. Included with this agenda is the list of lists. The project managers would like some clarification and direction on who should be included on the email lists, especially on those related to the Steering Committee and Board.

      Background documents: Email lists

      Questions for consideration:
      1. Should the membership on any email lists be restricted? If so, which ones and to whom?

   b. 2018 budget discussion and action
      Background: The Budget Committee has recommended a budget for 2018, which has been sent to all Board members. The group will review and take action on the budget.

      Background documents: Budget

c. Discussion of ideas from the "Decision-making" group at the annual meeting

    Background: At the annual meeting, one of the groups discussed questions related to decision-making, and reported the following:

    They felt it is the role of the Steering Committee to make recommendations to the Board and the role of the Board to decide upon those recommendations. They indicated that the Board should only vote on action items included in the agenda that is sent prior to the meeting, and that new action items should not come up during a meeting. If a recommendation item does not meet Board approval, it should be sent back to the Steering for more conversation or with a modified recommendation. In addition, the group felt there should be a lot of communication to eliminate the possibility of "surprise" decisions.

    Questions for discussion:
    1. Does the Board agree that the Board should only vote on action items, and that action items should not come up during a meeting?

    2. Does the Board agree that when a recommendation item from the Steering Committee does not meet Board approval, it should be sent back to the Steering for more conversation or with a modified recommendation?

d. Discussion of statewide Ancestry Library purchase
    Background: WiLS has been working with ProQuest on a potential statewide purchase for Ancestry Library and is interested in discussing if this would be best as a WPLC project. There is a potential for existing and new Ancestry subscribers to save money by purchasing as a statewide entity, particularly if there is one point of access. The WPLC provides an ideal framework to explore this project.

    Questions for discussion:
    1. Is there interest in exploring a statewide purchase of Ancestry Library as a WPLC project?

e. Discussion of self-published author contest
    Background: Some states, including Illinois, sponsor statewide contests for self-published authors (see http://soontobefamous.librariescreate.com/stbf for Illinois' contest).   Biblioboard, the vendor who coordinates these contests, has been in contact to see if Wisconsin is interested in having a similar contest in our state. Specifically, they wrote: "On Oct 14th this year, we will also produce (along with a number of other industry partners) the second Indie Author Day at several hundred libraries across North American and the UK. On IAD, along with Illinois, several other states will launch statewide author contests as the idea expands nationwide. There are huge network marketing effects to this cooperation in raising the profile of the Indie Author + Library relationship (mainstream media articles, etc). It would be great to have Wisconsin launching a contest this Fall with us and the other states and we will do everything we can to help."

Questions for discussion:
1. Is there enough interest in this type of contest for WiLS to gather more information for the Board to consider?

2. If so, what is the information you would like to have?

   f. Discussion of August meeting
Background: At our April meeting, we decided that we would be discussing those items for the bylaws that still need decisions. Given that these could require extensive discussion, is there interest in making our August meeting an in-person meeting?

Questions for discussion:
1. Is there interest in making our August meeting an in-person meeting?

5. **Information sharing from partners**
{Need question for discussion}

6. **Meeting evaluation**

How did the meeting go? Was everyone participating? How might we improve for our next meeting?

7. **Adjourn**

Next meeting: August 24, 2017 1:00 pm

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