

Wisconsin Public Library Consortium
Board Meeting Agenda
August 13, 2018 1:30-3:30
via GoToMeeting (Connection information below)

1. Call to order/Welcome & Introductions

2. Consent agenda

- a. Review agenda ****MOVE JODY UP TO THE TOP****
- b. Approval of minutes from [June 18 meeting](#)

3. Updates from previous meetings/projects

a. Historical and Local Digital Collections Committee

A meeting is being scheduled for late August/early September. Some topics for discussion include an evaluation of the newspaper platform and discussion of the WPLC contribution to Recollection Wisconsin.

b. BiblioBoard update

We received over 110 submissions to the author contest! These will be first vetted by Library Journal and then reviewed by a WLA committee. We're still on track to be able to honor the winner at the WLA Conference in October.

c. YTD budget review

Document: [Year to Date Budget.xls](#)

4. New business **MOVE JODY UP TO THE TOP!!!!******

a. Discussion and action: Form Board Nominations Committee

Background: It's time for us to form the Nominations Committee that will solicit candidates to be the Board Chair, Vice-Chair, and Liaison to the Steering Committee. The positions will serve the 2019 calendar year. During the meeting, we will be asking for volunteers for the Nominations Committee and discuss the process for soliciting for the positions.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion: Would you like to serve on the 2019 Board Nominations Committee?

b. Discussion and action: Steering Committee seat apportionment

Background: Each year, the Board should be validating the Steering Committee seat apportionment by agreeing upon the percentage of Buying Pool contribution that represents a seat, and determining if the seats are allocated by the percentage. WILS is proposing the following percentages, which would allow the allocations to remain the same for 2019: 1% - 5%: 1 seat, 6% - 10%: 2 seats, >11%: 3 seats

Document: [annual steering apportionment.xlsx](#)

Questions for discussion: Do you have any questions or concerns about the Steering Committee seat apportionment?

c. Discussion and action: Steering Committee job description

Background: Each year, the Board affirms the Steering Committee job description for the following year.

Document: [WPLC Steering Position Description](#)

Questions for discussion: Do you have any questions or concerns about the Steering Committee job description?

d. Discussion and request for volunteers to review brochure

Background: WiLS has developed a draft of a brochure for the consortium. Before bringing it to the whole board for approval, they are looking for 2-3 partners who would be willing to review the brochure and offer feedback.

Documents: None

Question for discussion: Would you be interested in reviewing the WPLC brochure and offering feedback?

e. Discussion: Project manager role in responding to national issues/advocating

Background: As WiLS prepares their project management agreement for 2019, one of the roles that is not currently listed in the agreement, but that could be beneficial and is already, to some extent, taking place, is responding to national issues and advocating on behalf of WPLC. For example, while individual libraries were encouraged to respond to the recent decision by Tor to embargo titles, it may be more valuable for WPLC to respond. WiLS has, in the past, developed letters with the help of the Board chair and/or Steering chair and/or other members of the bodies, and would like to continue in that role, but wanted to discuss with the Board prior to including it in the agreement.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion: Does the process suggested for responding to national issues/advocating make sense?

f. Discussion and possible action: Forming a formula review workgroup

Background: Over the past year, there have been two changes to the Advantage program that could impact circulation data used in the formula for dividing the costs of the buying pool, Advantage Plus and the hold reduction amounts in Advantage accounts for all systems. WiLS would like to have a workgroup review these changes and discuss the impact on the formula.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion:

- Do you support forming a formula review workgroup to review the impact of changes to the Advantage program on the formula?
- Would you be interested in serving on such a workgroup if it is formed?

g. Discussion: Content areas not included in BadgerLink

Background: Two content areas, language learning and LitFinder, will not be included in BadgerLink. One of them was included in the past; the other was anticipated to be included but will not be funded. Does WPLC want to pursue a statewide purchase for either of these areas?

Documents: None

Questions for discussion:

- What is the level of interest in either language learning or LitFinder databases among the WPLC partners, knowing that funding would need to come from the partners or member libraries?
- Should we take any next steps toward pursuing either of these types of resources?

h. Presentation: How SCLS is using patron barcode information from OverDrive

Background: At the June meeting, the Board discussed and approved reports from OverDrive including barcode information. Jody Hoesly from SCLS, who made the initial request, will show what she's done with the information.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion: None

i. Discussion: Potential 2019 R&D projects

Background: This is an item that we consider each year around this time. Does anyone have ideas or know of potential projects that might be good R&D projects for WPLC?

Documents: None

Questions for discussion: Do you have ideas or know of potential projects that might be good R&D projects for WPLC?

j. Discussion: 2019 meeting schedule

Background: It's the time of year for us to set the 2019 meeting schedule. The group will discuss the current meeting schedule to determine if we want to maintain a similar schedule to the current year. The Board currently meets five times per year: February, May (in person with WAPL), June, August, and October (in person with WLA).

Documents: None

Questions for discussion: Does the Board want to maintain the same meeting schedule for 2019?

5. Old business

a. Discussion: Idea for new project for local music

Background: As WiLS has shared information about WPLC's new BiblioBoard projects and products for writers these last two months, a common question came up about similar services for Wisconsin musicians. In particular, multiple libraries have expressed that they are interested in a statewide project to collect or aggregate and provide access to music from local artists, curated by local librarians. Examples of similar projects like these on a smaller scale include the Madison-area [Yahara Music Library](#) and [least one Milwaukee radio station](#) that has done similar work making music from local bands available. [Here is an example](#) of a member of the library community, Steev Baker of Sun Prairie Public Library, hatching a project plan on Facebook. Considerations for this project could include but are not limited to platform and functionality, collection scope, money or support for artists, money or support for digitization, as well as partnerships with independent studios, arts organizations, and radio stations.

The Board began discussion at the June meeting, but felt that they wanted to get feedback from their members prior to having a more extensive discussion of the topic.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion:

- After discussing a local music project with your members, is there interest in your system in such a project?
- Based on the interest expressed, does the Board want to proceed in an investigation of a local music project?

b. Discussion: Potential Models for Buying Pool Increase

Background: The WPLC Collection Development Workgroup for 2018 recommended that the Steering Committee and Board consider developing a mechanism for a regular annual increase toward the buying pool (currently \$1,000,000) or the holds reduction amount (currently \$150,000). The Workgroup proposed that the Steering Committee and Board discuss options for a regular annual increase and prepare a recommendation for the 2019 Collection Development Workgroup to consider as part of their work. The Steering Committee discussed a document with some potential options at their May meeting, and the Board discussed the same document at their June meeting.

WiLS shared the feedback from the Board and Steering Committee with the Collection Development workgroup, and found that opinions about an increase and the type of increase vary widely. As a result, WiLS would like to propose that the Board take a portion of its in-person meeting at WLA to have a more in-depth discussion of some proposals, and invite Steering members and Collection Development Workgroup members to participate in the discussion.

Documents: None

Questions for discussion:

- Would you support a more in-depth discussion of potential models for a buying pool increase at the October in-person meeting?
- What data or information would you like to see as part of this discussion?

6. Information sharing from partners

7. Meeting evaluation

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

8. Adjourn

Next meeting: October 23, 2018: WLA in La Crosse

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