

WPLC Board Meeting
Minutes
December 2, 2009

Present: Lin Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Mellanie Mercier (WCFLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), Josh Klingbeil (WVLS), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), Noreen Fish (WRLS), Inese Christman (WVLS), Steve Hesar (MCFLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), John Thompson (IFLS), Mark Arend (Winnefox), Joy Schwarz (Winnefox), Stef Morrill (SCLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Kristen Hewitt (Lakeshores), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), Steve Platteter (MWFLS), David Sleasman (RLL), Kathy Schneider, (WiLS), Linda Miller, Project Manager.

1. Call to Order

2. Partner Reports

David Sleasman reported that HeritageQuest is available through BadgerLink.

3. Budget

Budget Update

Stef Morrill distributed the year-to-date budget report. Kathy Schneider stated that all funds for content will be spent.

Service Providers

The report of services provided by those serving WPLC was discussed. David Weinhold asked if any WPLC partner was interested in providing any of the current services. Some stated that they did not have staff to consider assuming responsibility for the services, and others stated that they were satisfied with the current services. No one expressed interest in providing the services.

4. Current Project Reports

OverDrive

Regarding support services, OverDrive responded that it does not work directly with patrons but is glad to assist library staffs who submit questions via e-mail.

Use of the collection continues strong with circulation already 23% higher than all of 2008.

The new features, including the ability to share titles via social networking, are in place.

The board again discussed the new program offered by OverDrive to allow an individual member of a consortium to develop its own collection within the consortium catalog. Stef thought that Madison PL might have been interested, but SCLS discussed the matter with its libraries, stating that patrons would be better served if the funds were contributed to the consortium's collection development fund. Phyllis Davis stated that OverDrive's new program undercut the consortium, and David Weinhold stated that the issue was similar to libraries that have titles in a shared ILS that they won't lend to other libraries. Kristen Anderson stated that the company needed to understand WPLC's position. Stef would like patrons to be able to donate to the consortium's collection development fund, perhaps purchasing a title and being first in line to get it. Linda will draft a letter from the board to be sent to OverDrive.

A second new program that OverDrive is introducing is "Buy It Now" at LibraryBIN.com. Patrons would be able to purchase a personal copy of a title. A portion of the profit would go to a library. WPLC partners are interested in knowing if WPLC can be listed as the only choice for WPLC patrons and want to suggest an enhancement that would allow a patron to purchase a title for the consortium but be the first to get the title. Linda will contact the company.

NetLibrary

Kathy reported that there is no group discount if multiple libraries purchase the same title. Individual libraries can purchase titles that only their patrons can see. Kathy suggested that it might be better to use WPLC's limited funds for more ebooks through OverDrive rather than distributing the funds over two vendors. She will again request a quote for the consortium and report at the next meeting. If it is unfavorable, the topic will be removed from future agendas.

New Technology Gadgets

New gadgets have been added, and library systems are reserving the packages.

5. New Projects/Proposals

Stimulus Grant Update

The grant request to the Gates Foundation for assistance in writing the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) grant was not funded. At this time, no further action is planned. The state's round one grant request to NTIA for increased bandwidth has advanced to a second hearing.

Survey

Stef offered to share results of a survey which SCLS conducted on how patrons ask questions.

6. Future Directions Discussion

Chair and Recording Secretary

John Thompson, Ruth Ann Montgomery, and Steve Platteter served as the Nominating Committee. John reported that the committee had solicited volunteers for the positions of recording secretary and chair. No one came forward for the recording secretary. Stef Morrill offered to be on the ballot for the chair. The committee is accepting volunteers prior to the vote at the next meeting.

Bylaws Amendments

David Weinhold discussed the proposed amendments to the bylaws. The first amendment would provide an alternative to an elected recording secretary and would read as follows:

Article 4 - WPLC 5. d. If a candidate is not found for a Recording Secretary, then one of the WPLC partners present at any meeting of the WPLC shall volunteer to record the minutes of the meeting and prepare them for distribution to the WPLC partners.

The second would revise the bylaws amendment process, replacing Article 7 - Amendments 1. and would read as follows:

Article 1 - Amendments 1. These Bylaws, except as otherwise specified in this document, may be amended at any meeting of the WPLC Board where a quorum is present by a two-third vote of the members present, providing a copy of the proposed amendment was distributed to the WPLC partners and Board at least two weeks prior to the next scheduled Board meeting. These Bylaws shall be reviewed every four years, beginning in the year 2003.

David moved to suspend the rules, and John seconded. Motion carried.

David moved to adopt the proposed amendments. Kristen seconded.

Motion carried.

WPLC Project Manager

Linda Miller informed the board that she was leaving the position of Project Manager. David Weinhold offered to form a search committee.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 27, at 10:00 AM at SCLS.