

WPLC Board Meeting  
Minutes  
September 30, 2009

Present: Lin Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Rose Ziech (SCLS), Mellanie Mercier (WCFLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), Josh Klingbeil (WVLS), Kristen Anderson (WRLS), Noreen Fish (WRLS), John Thompson (IFLS), Evan Bend (OWLS), Mark Arend (Winnefox), Mike Sheehan (NWLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Peggy Shaffer (Lakeshores), Ruth Ann Montgomery (ALS), Steve Platteter (MWFLS), Mark Merrifield (NLS), David Sleasman (RLL), Kathy Schneider, (WiLS), Linda Miller, Project Manager.

1. Call to Order

2. Partner Reports - None

3. Budget

Phyllis Davis presented the budget update which showed that WPLC is on track with its budget of \$117,953. In addition to anticipated income, a \$5,000 gift from WCFLS and a \$100 gift from SWLS were received. The final 2010 budgeted as approved was distributed to partners via e-mail after the July meeting.

The Budget Committee recommended that the board consider offering all partners an opportunity to submit proposals for providing services to WPLC. Winnefox has provided website hosting and management services for several years, and Mark Arend offered to provide a list of all services that the system has provided. David Weinhold recommended that the board should revisit all services and service providers and requested a list of services provided by Winnefox, WiLS, SCLS, and LMA Techwork. Service providers are to provide a list of services and the staff time required to provide those services. Linda Miller will compile the information.

4. Current Project Reports

OverDrive

Responding to interest from patrons, the Selection Committee recommended that e-books be added to the WPLC OverDrive collection. The committee plans to spend \$24,000 in 2009 on e-books, including e-pub titles that are compatible with the Sony Reader. Kathy Schneider reported that costs are similar to digital audiobooks. Due to the small quantity that the budget will allow, no publicity campaign is planned. An announcement will be sent to the list when the titles are available.

The committee is also reviewing titles in Spanish for purchase.

David Weinhold asked about options for direct patron support by OverDrive and also about a list of device error messages. Linda will discuss with OverDrive.

Rose Ziech discussed SCLS's interest in using the Community Reserve option that OverDrive offers to host local history files. She also recommended that WPLC add the social networking links to promote titles that OverDrive now offers. Linda will request from OverDrive.

NetLibrary

The quote for Recorded Books was larger than the content budget of WPLC and will not be considered further.

## 5. New Projects/Proposals

### Stimulus Grant Update

A grant was submitted to the Gates Foundation for assistance in writing the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) grant and for assistance with the required 20% match. Linda Miller developed the project programs, and Bob Bocher wrote the application. The Gates Foundation expects to announce grants in October. If the Gates grant is not received, the WPLC partners will need to decide whether or not to pursue the NTIA grant on their own.

David Weinhold wants to offer virtual reference services in Spanish. Kathy will research what is happening nationally and report at the next meeting.

## 6. Future Directions Discussion

Linda reported that there was just one issue in the planning report's recommendations that differed with the WPLC bylaws. The report recommended that a recording secretary be selected from persons at the meeting to take minutes while the bylaws stated that the recording secretary shall be elected at the first meeting of the calendar year. Those present at the meeting agreed that it was unlikely that someone would want to serve as secretary for an entire year but rather that different individuals may be willing to take minutes from time to time.

David Weinhold offered to draft an amendment to the bylaws to allow for the alternative approach for a recording secretary and also an amendment that allows greater flexibility in amending the bylaws.

A Nominating Committee will be appointed and is to report at the next meeting.

## 7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, at 10:00 AM at the new SCLS office at 4610 South Biltmore Lane, across the street from the current office.