

LSTA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
May 15, 2009 9 am-3:30 pm
Oregon State Library, Salem

Council Members Present: Javier Gutierrez, Anne Pearson, Anne Billeter, Nancy Brown, Ann Evensen, Karen Hill, Cathy Lindsley, Camila Gabaldon, Buzzy Nielsen, Carol Jones, Jim Hayden, Sherry Stock

OSL Staff Present: Ann Reed, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Mary Mayberry

Absent: Ed Sale, Jim Scheppke

Introductions

The Chair opened meeting with introductions around the table.

Proceedings of the last LSTA meeting:

Jim Hayden moved that the minutes of the September 12, 2008 LSTA Council meeting be approved, Carol Jones seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Brief reports by MaryKay Dahlgreen:

Budget reorganization and Overview of FFY2010 funding

MaryKay presented an overview of the LSTA budget, especially funding for the statewide projects. She reported on the changes to the budget made to conform to IMLS guidelines. MaryKay went through the list of funded statewide projects. The pool for competitive grants might be around \$1 million instead of \$800,000.

Change of administrative rules for L-net

MaryKay described the plan for cost recovery from libraries for the L-net reference service. A fee for L-net support will be added to the libraries' contributions to the Statewide Database Licensing Program. The new rule is Oregon Administrative Rule #543-060-0010. The Board has waived the fee until next year. The Council questioned charging libraries who contribute staff to L-Net and not charging schools, as school children are the primary users.

Oregon State Library Board of Trustees approves OLA request for Vision 2020 funds

MaryKay informed the Council about an emergency request for FFY2008 funds from the Oregon Library Association to develop Vision 2020. A copy of the cover letter from the project details was sent to the Council. Given the short life span of funds, the Board has approved the request without going through the Council.

OSLIS 2.0

MaryKay explained the recent history of OSLIS 2.0, and what the OSLIS portal does. The Oregon Association of School Libraries (OASL) supplies content, oversight, and software development of the portal with grant funds. The State Library provides technical support and coordination by hosting the server, and providing the time of the Technology Development Consultant and School Library Consultant. The original

project audience was school library personnel and teachers, but OSLIS 2.0 is designed to attract children. The citation maker feature is used widely and OASL is contracting for its update.

Update on OSL Board work on Benchmark 38

The Board uses Benchmark 38 to measure the availability of adequate library service to all Oregonians. Currently, 19.43% of Oregonians are unserved or underserved by public library service. This is a measure not of the state library, but of Oregon's support of library services. Benchmark 38 is reported to the Oregon Progress Board. The OSL Board of Trustees is considering revisions to Benchmark 38.

Discussion of LSTA Competitive proposals:

10-1-CLL Oregon Council of County of Law Libraries - Feasibility Study

The Council commented that public libraries handle many legal questions and accessibility would be good. This type of library has not received an LSTA grant before. How much in-kind would be available, i.e., are all county law libraries supporting this? Will libraries be accessible to anyone or just lawyers? Full proposal needs to clarify the grant fiscal agent. Is the Oregon Council of County Law Libraries eligible to be the fiscal agent under grant guidelines?

10-1-EPL Eugene Public Library - Virtually Connecting, Developing Community

A question was raised about whether city employees are an underserved population? There was concern that the project was actually two projects or a continuation of an existing program. There was also discussion of general promotion of library services as an unallowable LSTA cost.

10-1-MCL Multnomah County Library - Library Street Teams

Javier Gutierrez recused himself. Local in-kind contributions are high. The sustainability of the activity is not clear. The Council agreed that the needs assessment looked good. Consensus was that this program may bring in young people who might not otherwise be involved with the library.

10-1-PSU Portland State University Library - Oregon Latino Portal

The target audience is unclear, and 25 hours of work seems inadequate for web design of the scope proposed. There may be overlap with the Oregon Encyclopedia project. The tie to libraries is not clear. How will the project be promoted and will it have bilingual material. The Latino population is increasing, so this might be a positive program. Applicant will need to clarify cash and in-kind contributions. Why is this a two year project?

10-2-EPL Eugene Public Library – A Path to Information Literacy

There was concern that this is an existing project and that LSTA funding really wouldn't contribute to the project. The activities don't address the goal and the partnerships are weak.

10-2-WES Willamette Education Service District - Statewide K-12 Information Literacy Development Curriculum

Does this meet the LSTA guidelines of benefiting libraries? The proposal would have been improved with the involvement of OASL. The Council considered this a good project but thought that it was more a project for the Department of Education than LSTA.

10-2-WOU Western Oregon University - Cooperative Information Literacy Project 2
Camila Gabaldon recused herself. There was a question about Project 1 and whether this was a continuation. Members noted that last year's project might have needed to be a two-year project.

10-3-MCL Multnomah County Library - Kindergarten Readiness: Reaching out to Latino and African American Families

Javier Gutierrez recused himself. One councilor said the two groups targeted should be separate because those groups have different needs. There was concern expressed about the objectives really being activities. Applicant needs to justify the need for this being a two-year project.

10-3-PCM Portland Children's Museum - Traveling Trunks

There was concern that this project only involved libraries peripherally. Concerns were voiced about cooperation with libraries, buy-in from local libraries for this project and strain on inadequately staffed libraries. What happens to the trunks once they arrive at the library? Are they for schools or libraries or school libraries?

10-3-SPL Salem Public Library - Teen Services Improvement Planning

Planning for construction is an unallowable expense with LSTA funds.

10-3-WES Willamette Education Service District - Reading for All! Early Childhood Initiative

There was some discussion of duplication with Reach Out And Read and First Book. There was significant concern that the grant application did not indicate public library involvement.

10-4-PCC Portland Community College - Expanding Library Continuing Education Opportunities for All of Oregon

The council wondered what is already available and why have regional consultants if the NW Central portal is web-based? No travel funds were mentioned. The Council thought that classes should be spread over several community colleges. Researching other funding sources is an unallowable cost. One Councilor mentioned that BCR teleconferences are already available to all throughout the state, although there is great value to in-person training.

10-4-TPL Tualatin Public Library - Creating Civic Engagement through Volunteerism

There were questions and concerns about the design of the project, is this 'train the trainer'? There needs to be a clarification of staff time usage as it relates to allowable costs.

10-5-LCL Lewis and Clark College - Oregon Poetry Voices: A Digital Library of Oregon Recorded Poetry

The Council is concerned that copyright issues were not addressed and noted that copyright clearance could be the most time-consuming part of this process. A question was raised about the form the material is currently in. The need for two years of funding should be justified.

10-5-OCO Oregon College of Oriental Medicine - Healing Through Collaboration: Completing Health Information Access in Oregon

This is a reasonable request to share unique materials.

10-5-OSU Oregon State University - Oregon Digital Library Project

The Council was very interested in the possibility of making a variety of collections available and exploring digitization guidelines. Are plans included for preservation of the digitized materials? Is the second year necessary?

10-5-PSU Portland State University - Improving and Expanding Oregonians' Access to the PSU Historical Images (PHI) Collection

Are there enough specialists to staff this project? Several Council members could not find the current website. The applicant should provide a URL for referenced online items. Applicant needs to check the difference between cash and in-kind contributions.

10-5-SOU Southern Oregon University - Images and Education: A Southern Oregon Perspective

Clarify the project scope; there was concern that it is two projects. Delineate the boundaries of the project.

10-5-WCH Washington County Historical Society - Washington County Digital Archive: Better Service through Access

This seems to be an archive project, rather than a library project.

10-6-JCL Jackson County Library - Job Source at Jackson County Library Services

At this time, the Medford headquarters of the Jackson County Library is open 24 hours a week. Comment was made that one thing that would help job seekers immediately would be to add library hours. Unemployment is very high in Jackson County. Other councilors felt this project was a duplication of effort of the community college, the county, etc. Another concern was that there is not enough time for proposed number of patrons to use the computers during library's limited hours. OSL questions the sustainability of this project.

10-6-OCT Oregon Council of Teachers of English - Oregon Community Project: Libraries as Community Research Centers

In the interest of full disclosure, MaryKay mentioned that Jim Scheppke is on the Board of the Oregon Encyclopedia Project. A concern is the limited areas outlined in the proposal. It was pointed out that those areas have high Hispanic and Native American populations but Council members wanted some specifics about targeting the particular groups mentioned.

10-6-OIT Oregon Institute of Technology - Seniors to Seniors: Creating Local History

One Councilor thought this was a clever way to get the public involved in a digitization project.

10-6-SPL – Springfield Public Library - Downtown is Open

Some on the council felt that this was more of a business project than a library project. They wondered if the applicant was asking for replacement funding, as well as adding library hours.

Others felt that this project was good as it would work with community leaders. Applicant needs to justify the need for a two-year grant as well as outlining plan for sustainability.

10-6-TPL – Tigard Public Library - Bridging the Gap: Gaming of All Ages through the Public Library

These programs have a track record of success and the proposal is modest. Some discussion ensued regarding gaming in the library.

Presentation of Ranked Project Proposals:

The Council examined a table of proposals sorted by score. A suggestion was made to take out the four projects that had the highest “do not invite” scores and look at what was left.

There was some discussion around changes potential grantees might make between now and the fall meeting.

Decision-making about Project Proposals to Invite to Submit Full Proposals:

Javier Gutierrez moved that all grants from one to 23 (top 22 scorers) be accepted; Anne Billeter seconded; all in favor, no nays, no abstentions.

FFY2010 LSTA Proposals Recommended to Invite for Full Grant Proposal					
Proposal Number	Applicant	Proposal Title	FFY 2010 Funds requested	Average score*	Total Do Not Invite
Returning Projects					
10-5-UOL	University of Oregon Libraries	Oregon Digital Newspaper Project yr 2	\$92,108		
10-1-MCK	Multnomah County Library	Kaboom! Knowledgeable and Active Boomers yr 2	\$52,335		
10-5-EOU	Eastern Oregon University of behalf of Sage Library System	Test and Implement an Open Source Integrated Library System yr 2	\$90,100		
10-1-DES	Deschutes Public Library Dist.	Library Linx; Bringing the Public Library to Schools, yr 2	\$35,675		
New Projects					
10-5-OSU	Oregon State University Libraries	Oregon Digital Library Project	\$60,250	22.25	0

10-5-OCO	Oregon College of Oriental Medicine	Healing Through Collaboration: Completing health information access in Oregon	\$54,526	18.83	0
10-1-MCL	Multnomah County Library	"Library Street Teams"	\$61,498	18.18	0
10-6-TPL	Tigard Public Library	Bridging the Gap: Gaming for All Ages through the Public Library	\$4,925	17.91	0
10-4-TPL	Tualatin Public Library	Creating Civic Engagement Through Volunteerism	\$20,220	17.42	0
10-2-WOU	Western Oregon University	Cooperative Information Literacy Project 2	\$80,850	16.36	0
10-1-CLL	Oregon Council of Law Libraries	Oregon County Law Libraries -- Feasibility Study	\$64,000	16.17	1
10-5-SOU	Southern Oregon University	Images and Education: A Southern Oregon Perspective	\$72,000	16.09	1
10-5-LCL	Lewis and Clark College	Oregon Poetry Voices: A Digital Library of Oregon Recorded Poetry	\$28,500	15.33	0
10-6-OIT	Shaw Historical Library and OIT Library	Seniors to Seniors: Creating Local History	\$32,894	14.45	1
10-5-PSU	Portland State University Library	Improving and Expanding Oregonians' Access to the PSU Historical Images (PHI) Collection	\$66,760	14.18	0
10-2-EPL	Eugene Public Library	A Path to Information Literacy	\$65,400	13.25	2

New Projects continued

10-3-MCL	Multnomah County Library	Kindergarten Readiness: Reaching out to Latino and African American Families	\$67,559	13.18	2
10-6-OCT	Oregon Council of Teachers of English	Oregon Community Project: Libraries as Community Research Centers	\$71,579	13.09	3
10-4-PCC	Portland Community College	Expanding Library Continuing Education Opportunities for All of Oregon	\$64,395	12.67	3
10-6-SPL	Springfield Public Library	Downtown is Open	\$20,342	12.45	2
10-5-WCH	Washington County Historical Society (dba Washington County Museum)	Washington County Digital Archive: Better Service through Access	\$66,144	11.27	3

Total Requested \$1,172,060

*possible total of 25 points

Withdrawn by Applicant					
10-1-PSU	Portland State University Library	Oregon Latino Portal	\$37,961	12.09	2

Recommended to not invite for full application					
10-2-WES	Willamette Education Service District	Statewide K-12 Information Literacy Development Curriculum	\$74,923	10.25	6
10-3-SPL	Salem Public Library	Teen Services Improvement Planning	\$20,000	9.92	11
10-3-WES	Willamette Education Service District	Reading for All!: Early Childhood Initiative	\$71,537	9.33	8

10-1-EPL	Eugene Public Library	Virtually Connecting, Developing Community	\$93,060	6.83	11
10-3-PCM	Portland Children's Museum	Traveling Trunks	\$20,000	9.75	4
10-6-JCL	Jackson County Library Services	JobSource at Jackson County Library Services	\$38,160	9.45	4

Open Forum:

Nancy Brown showed kit materials for “Ready, Set, Zoom”, an LSTA-funded project in Hermiston. She recounted experiences with service.

Election of SDLAC representatives –

Position #4

Linda Malone received votes from Nancy Brown, Ann Evensen, Karen Hill, Camila Gabaldon, Javier Gutierrez, Anne Billeter, Buzzy Nielsen, Anne Pearson, Sherry Stock

Liz Paulus received votes from Jim Hayden, Cathy Lindsley, and Carol Jones.

Position #10 – Chris Tanner was elected unanimously

Position #5

Tony Greiner received votes from Javier Gutierrez, Buzzy Nielsen, Sherry Stock, Anne Pearson, Anne Billeter, and Carol Jones.

Theresa Yancey received votes from Camila Gabaldon, Cathy Lindsley, Jim Hayden, Karen Hill, Ann Evensen and Nancy Brown.

Tie for Position #5 on SDLAC:

The by-laws were consulted regarding a tie for a position on the SDLAC and a re-vote was cast. Tony Greiner received votes from Javier Gutierrez, Anne Pearson, Anne Billeter, Sherry Stock, Nancy Brown and Carol Jones

Theresa Yancey received votes from Ann Evensen, Karen Hill, Cathy Lindsley, Camila Gabaldon, and Jim Hayden.
(Buzzy Nielsen abstained.)

Comments on continuing projects:

One councilor commented that “Library Linx” did not elaborate on their statistics. Javier Gutierrez reported on some of the activities of “Kaboom”.

Statewide Database Licensing Project RFP:

Mary Finnegan, SDLAC Chair, reported on the procurement work of the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee. She provided background on the RFP and reviewed the scoring process. The process included drafting a list of desirables and finding external reviewers. She said the scores of different vendors were close. The State Procurement Office added in the pricing scores and Gale received the highest score and is the apparent successful proposer. The Council's recommendation to proceed with the procurement process will be sent to the State Library Board at their June 19, 2009 meeting. After their approval, the Procurement Office will complete the Intent to Award process. MaryKay and Mary Finnegan answered questions from the committee regarding the process used by the SDLAC.

Review of statewide projects:

Sage – Postage rates have gone up. Sage covers several counties in Eastern Oregon.

OLA – MLS scholarship – Questions were raised about budget, staffing, and OLA fundraising. The Council asked if there was a sort of sunset clause to the scholarship funding and when this program would be self-sustaining. The value of the program was questioned by several Councilors as there is not a shortage of MLS job seekers in Oregon.

OSLIS – The amount of the funding request has not changed but some of the activities have.

L-Net – They are asking for an additional \$15,000 of funding for 2009 (OSL Staff is recommending that FFY 2008 funding be used since the funds should be spent by end of September 2009).

Recommendations to State Library Board of Trustees:

Regarding extra funding for L-Net; Sherry Stock moved that the Council approve funding for L-Net; Nancy Brown seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Regarding the recommendation from the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee:

Buzzy Nielsen moved that the council approve the recommendation from the SDLAC; Jim Hayden seconded the motion, and all votes were in favor, with no abstentions.

Council Presentation to the State Library Board:

Camila Gabaldon agreed to take the council's recommendations to the State Library Board. The next LSTA Advisory Council meeting will be Friday, Sept. 11, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30.