

LSTA Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2013

Oregon State Library, Meeting Room 103

250 Winter St., Salem, OR

Vice-Chair Forrester called the meeting to order at 1:02

Introductions:

Council and staff went around the room and introduced themselves.

Members in attendance: Vice-Chair, Natasha Forrester, John Russell, Sharon Smith, Linda Weight, Susan Lindauer, Beth Unverzagt, Diana Hadley, Max Macias, Christopher Rumbaugh.

Members absent: Co-Chair Jim Hayden, Carol Dinges, Bruce Kinsch and Wyma Rogers.

Staff in attendance: Ann Reed, Arlene Weible, Susan Westin and Ferol Weyand.

Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee – Arlene Weible

Weible described the Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee (SDLAC) and reported that the committee is in the final stages of finalizing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for databases. They had started the process in November 2012. Weible explained the three different proposals/packages are being solicited. She reviewed the scoring for the evaluation of the proposals. Weible also reviewed the timeline for the RFP process. The current contract with Gale ends on July 31, 2014. The LearningExpress contract goes through 2015.

Brief Reports: Overview of FFY2013 and FY2014 funding – Susan Westin

Westin reported that for FFY2010 OSL did not meet Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements, however further communication with the IMLS indicated that donations could be included. With the donations included, MOE has been met. Westin reviewed the budget for 2012 and 2013. Due to sequestration, FFY2013 money was not appropriated until late April, 2013. There was a shortfall in the budget of \$180,000. The OSL Board decided to postpone three of the FFY2013 projects to FFY2014 funding. The Council will need to put that money in the budget for FFY2014 first. The 2013 grants will be starting now and will only go until July 2014. Westin reported that by FY2014 Multnomah County Library will no longer be the fiscal agent for L-Net/Answerland.

Westin also updated the Council on the Governor's Budget. The State Library will be reorganized. OSL was given funding for one year with the stipulation of OSL coming back to the Legislature with a reorganization plan.

Proceedings from previous meetings

Council reviewed the minutes from September 13, 2012 and February 12, 2013 meetings.

Lindauer moved to approve minutes of September 13, 2012 as presented. Smith seconded. Motion passed with a majority.

Unverzagt moved to approve minutes of February 12, 2013 phone meeting. Russell seconded. Motion passed with a majority.

Update on 2012 projects approved in February – Westin

Westin updated the council on the status of the five projects to spend out the remaining \$150,000 from FFY2012. Proposal A, Sage Library System database cleanup- contract issued to Sage and Sage has issued a contract. Proposal B, Statewide Every Child Ready to Read Train the Trainers- the trainer has been identified and signing contract. Date for training has been set for September 20, 2013. Proposal C, Upgrade online directory- has not started yet, looking at late June. Proposal D, Outcome Based Evaluation training- the contract should be signed by the end of the month. Proposal E, Statewide Digitization Plan study - there are two RFPs, contractor has been selected.

Responsibilities of the LSTA Advisory Council - Reed

Reed reviewed the current representation of the LSTA Advisory Council
Reed reported that it was mentioned at the September 2012 meeting that the Council might reconsider the two school library representatives on this Council due to the small number of school librarians remaining.

Council members suggested possibly adding a technology and/or rural libraries position. Other representatives mentioned were for cultural heritage, archives, youth services and students. A social justice advocate and literacy representative was also mentioned.

Following discussion Russell moved to change one of the school library positions to an IT position. Weight seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Westin will take the recommendation to the OSL board.

The current make-up of the council is as follows:

Oregon's LSTA Advisory Council

- 13 members
- 2 academic representatives
- 2 disadvantaged person's representatives
- 3 library user representatives
- 3 public library representatives
- 2 school library representatives
- 1 special library representative

Unverzagt moved that the disadvantaged persons representative title be changed to underserved/underrepresented. Hadley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Weight moved to cut library user representatives to two and add one to the new underserved/underrepresented category. Russell seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Russell moved to recommend that the State Library Board communicate to the Governor or other state level representative to get someone on the Oregon broadband and telecommunications council. Weight seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Westin reported that the State Library Board is interested in having representation between the LSTA council and the board. Council discussed how changes would be done. The Council recommends changes to the Board and the Board will need to approve. The Council discussed the need for some sort of digital representation given the number of grants involving digitization. Smith suggested doing a challenge grant for digital innovation. When the grant guidelines are updated, that would be a good time to invite specific projects/ideas.

Russell moved to recommend that representatives from the Council meet with the Board for a broader discussion about the report from the statewide digitization consultant. Unverzagt seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Future of L-Net/Answerland recap – Caleb Tucker-Raymond

Tucker-Raymond introduced himself and thanked the Council for inviting him and Jenny Berg to present to the council. Jenny Berg is the director at McMinnville Public Library and she is also the chair of the Statewide Collaborative Reference Task Force.

Tucker-Raymond explained the conception and history of L-Net/Answerland to the Council. It has been serving patrons from 2003-2013. Multnomah County has been the fiscal agent for L-Net and starting in 2014 it will not be the fiscal agent. Multnomah County Library thinks that such a statewide project should be hosted by a statewide-based entity. The State Librarian, MaryKay Dahlgreen, formed a task force to look at patrons' needs regarding 24/7 reference service. The task force is not meant to "save" L-Net/Answerland. The purpose of the task force is really to identify the needs of the libraries and communities of the state of Oregon. Academic reference services have dropped 15%. School libraries have been really hit hard. Two thirds of the questions used to be from k12. Other models than L-net/Answerland may exist. The model of L-Net is working.

Russell will be the representative to the Board meeting on June 21, 2013 in Salem. Forrester will be the back-up, if Russell cannot attend.

Recess was called at 4:08

Action items:

Discussion for possibly recommending to the board that the council make specific types of grant towards certain things.

Tucker-Raymond will send Max Macias a more detailed accounting of the budget.