

# THE STATE LIBRARY



## Library Council of Washington

May 31, 2007

Three Creeks Library, Vancouver

### Meeting Notes

#### LCW PRESENT

Kevin Comerford, Information Technology  
Eve Datisman, School Libraries  
Tim Fuhrman, Academic 2-Year  
Lisa A. Oberg, Special Libraries  
Lillian Heytvelt, Rural Libraries  
Deborah L. Reck, Disadvantaged

Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under 100,000  
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity  
Kevin Stevens, Information and Technology  
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL  
Bruce Ziegman, Public Libraries Over 100,000

#### WSL PRESENT

Rand Simmons, Library Development  
Program Manager  
Jeff Martin, LSTA Administrator  
Karen Goettling, Consultant  
Anne Yarbrough, Secretary Administrative

#### Special Guests

Gwen Scott-Miller, Community Librarian,  
Three Creeks Branch

#### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Eve Datisman, Chair, welcomed Council and called the meeting to order.

#### REVIEW MEETING AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed; the Seattle Times Digitization project was added to the agenda under the FY2008 Ideas portion of the meeting.

#### APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2007 MEETING NOTES

After a minor correction was made, Tim moved the minutes be approved. Bruce seconded the motion; the March 1, 2007 meeting notes were approved.

#### STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Jan Walsh provided an update to Council on:

- Legislative issues such the Heritage Building (funded), WTBBL (\$72,000 increase; over \$900,000 requested), the library at the new Coyote Ridge correctional facility (partially funded), request for adding back services to state employees (not funded), electronic state publications (funded but within DIS

budget), digital archives enhancements (funded but within DIS budget), and the study bill for two-year college library electronic services package (funded but within DIS budget).

- Ben Boyle, a Level II (middle school age) winner of the Letters about Literature, was also one of the five national runner-ups.
- WSL's Public Service and Summer Reading Blogs are getting national acclaim.

Rand added that he, Jan, and four Washington librarians participated in the National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC, meeting with Senator Patti Murray at her constituents' office, and later with Senator Marie Cantwell and Representative Adam Smith in their offices.

Council recognized Jan for her recent receipt of the WLA's Presidents Award.

### **FINAL STATEWIDE PLAN**

Jeff Martin provided an overview of the Statewide Plan which grew out of the Future Search Conferences. The plan prepared by Consensus includes trends affecting libraries, common values, and eight visions, and the goals to bring those visions to reality. This plan is developed by WSL on behalf of all libraries. When finalized, the plan will be distributed to the library directors.

### **DRAFT LSTA FIVE-YEAR PLAN**

Rand led Council in a review of the Goals and Strategies section of the draft LSTA Five-Year Plan. The plan will be posted for review and comment by the library community as soon as the Council's recommended revisions are made.

We try to be broad enough to cover new projects, but IMLS does allow the plan to be revised once per year, in April, with revisions becoming effective the following October 1.

### **FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO KAREN GOETTLING**

Eve led Council in recognition of Karen for her great support of the library community and her years of service participating with Council.

### **TOUR OF HOST FACILITY**

Gwen Scott-Miller provided Council with a tour of the Three Creeks Library.

### **REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES FOR FFY08**

The FFY07 Council Priorities were reviewed for use in FFY08. Most of the priorities will remain the same, with further discussion on the "Advocate and Market for Washington Libraries" priority scheduled for the next meeting in September. Meanwhile, it was requested that WSL staff provide the original draft priorities and principles that were discussed several years ago.

### **FY2008 GATHERING IDEAS FOR FUTURE STATEWIDE PROJECTS**

Bruce brought up the Seattle Times Digitization project and suggested that it be included as a potential FY2008 project. After discussion, it was tabled awaiting further developments.

Jeff gave an overview of the five ideas received in February. After a brief discussion, the ideas were ranked in the following order:

- 07-GI-001 Downloadable audiobooks
- 07-GI-005 Teens and libraries (broader than submitted proposal)
- 07-GI-003 Washington Preservation Phase II
- 07-GI-004 Generation B: Services for Boomers

07-GI-002, Teaching Teachers about Research will be referred to the Promoting Student Success advisory committee to be examined for possible integration into that project.

After Jan obtains approval from Secretary of State or designee, the projects will be incorporated into the Library Development workplan, based on ranking order, as funding and staffing permits.

### **VACANT SCHOOL LIBRARIES POSITION**

Eve led a discussion about filling the vacant school libraries Council position, as well as her school libraries position term which ends in December. The decision was to advertise both positions together, with the vacant position being filled by September's Council meeting and the other position to begin in January. The nominating committee (Sherry Ann, Lisa, and Kevin C.) will make their recommendation for the vacant position in July or August.

### **INFORMATION SHARING AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council was referred to the following information in the agenda packet:

- Revised IMLS Guidance Letter: Allowable Costs for Marketing and Promotion dated April 27, 2007
- Library Development summary report
- Statewide Congressional District Factsheet
- IMLS Primary Source Newsletter

### **TOUR OF HOST FACILITIES**

It was suggested that the host tours should include information on the results of any LSTA grants the host libraries have received. This information, including best practices, could then be offered in video clips to other libraries. Kevin C. offered to bring his video camera and compressor to tape future tours.

### **WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Further discussion on the FFY08 council priorities.
- The next meeting will be Friday, September 21, 2007 at the Museum of History and Industry in Seattle.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne Yarbrough*