

## THE STATE LIBRARY



# Library Council of Washington

December 1, 2005

Conference Call, 10:15–11.45 a.m.

### LCW PARTICIPANTS

Allyson Carlyle, Ex-Officio, iSchool  
Kevin Comerford, Information Technology  
Eve Datisman, School Libraries  
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries  
Lisa A. Oberg, Special Libraries  
Linda Pierce, Academic 4-Year  
Lethene Parks, Rural Libraries

Deborah L. Reck, Disadvantaged  
Chris Skaugset, Public Libraries Under100,000  
Rayette Sterling, Cultural Diversity  
Kevin Stevens, Information and Technology  
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL  
Jan Weber, School Libraries

### WSL PARTICIPANTS

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

### Welcome and Introductions

Today's originally scheduled meeting at the Pierce County Library Headquarters in Tacoma was canceled due to weather conditions; the meeting was conducted by conference call instead. Eve Datisman, Chair, called the meeting to order and gave an overview of the shortened agenda.

### 4-Year Academic Library Representative

Three applications were received to represent Four-Year Academic Libraries on the Library Council of Washington:

- 1) Kelly Jenks, Librarian at Foley Library, Gonzaga University, Spokane, WA.
- 2) Elizabeth Knight, Librarian at Collins Memorial Library, University of Puget Sound, Tacoma, WA
- 3) Tami Evachavarria Robinson, Librarian at Harriet Cheney Cowles Memorial Library, Whitworth College, Spokane, WA

All three applicants for the position were highly qualified so it was a difficult choice. Lisa announced that the nominations committee (Kevin C., Linda, and Lisa) recommended Elizabeth Knight, in part because she is a recent graduate and can bring a fresh perspective to the Council. Lethene moved that the committee's recommendation be approved, Sherry Ann seconded the nomination, and Council unanimously voted to recommend Elizabeth.

Her term will be from January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2008, with a possible appointment to a second 3-year term.

### **Chair / Vice-Chair**

Lisa announced that the nomination committee received recommendations for Eve to serve a second term as Chair, and Lisa to serve as Vice-Chair. Lisa asked if anyone had any additional nominations; no one did. Lethene moved that the nominations committee recommendation be approved; Sherry Ann seconded the motion; after a brief discussion the Council voted unanimously to approve Eve as Chair and Lisa as Vice-Chair.

### **Certificate of Appreciation Presentation**

Jan Walsh "presented" a certificate of appreciation to Linda for her six years of service on Council and told her she would be sorely, sorely missed for all that she does. Eve thanked Linda for the mentorship she provided her.

### **2007 Gathering Ideas Process: What Works, What Doesn't**

2006 was the first year the new gathering ideas process was used. Jeff led a discussion on how this process worked and whether or not it should be continued. There was consensus that this process worked well and should continue. Jeff said he would like to start the 2007 process in January, leaving the month of December for the State Library's report activity. Rand pointed out that the Library Development staff would be discussing 2007 ideas at their annual retreat December 6-7.

Eve asked if there were any additional areas that Council could play a significant part or help in a different way or should they just continue as last time? Karen said that making sure the word gets out is really helpful. If Council members have any ideas, they should let Jeff know.

### **2006 Meeting Schedule Part II**

Jan Walsh has a conflict with the originally scheduled March 16 and May 10 meetings. Jeff will send an email today to start the process of finding new dates.

### **Approval September 27, 2005 Meeting Notes**

Chris moved that the September 27, 2005 Meeting Notes be approved; Kevin C. and Deborah seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Structure of Council Meetings Feedback**

- Eve asked if reducing six meetings per year to four meetings per year was working while still allowing Council to meet their goals. Jeff pointed out that staff wanted to make sure that they are supporting the Council in an appropriate fashion. It was agreed this schedule works well with the additional communications by emails and phone, and a possible meeting in the summer if needed. It was agreed that we should keep the option of phone conferences open if something comes up, as in an emergency, but that face-to-face meetings had value and it was good for Council to have the opportunity to visit different libraries.
- Eve asked if Council would like to resume the CE presentations, e.g., the "Libraries in Democracies" subject that Carol Cahill introduced when she was Chair. After a lengthy discussion, everyone agreed Continuing Education was a good idea and a number of suggestions for topics were made. It was agreed that if anyone had any information in the form of articles or Web sites on the identified topics, they could share it over the LCW listserv and start making a really concerted effort to look at these subjects. Eve asked for someone to take the lead on researching each topic. The following volunteered:

- Kevin C.—Political demographics
  - Lisa—Patriot Act, current changes and amendments
  - Jan Weber—Changing ethnic and socio-economic demographics
  - Rayette—Recruitment and retention of minority library staff
  - Karen—Update on Statewide Marketing Project
  - Karen—Future marketing
  - Kevin S. —Future of technology
  - Deborah —Trends in the philanthropic community and giving
- Other potential topics:
- Adult demographics
  - Future of technology issues (Ron Johnson, UW, could be asked to present)

- It was suggested that Council should have a futurist conference or retreat. Jan thought it would be helpful in developing the next 5-year plan. Rand pointed out that Idaho just finished their second futurist conference for all libraries, consisting of a series of regional meetings and one state conference. The results will be out on the Web soon.
- Chris, Deborah, Eve, Jan Weber, Kevin C., Lisa, Rayette, and Sherry Ann will be working on the 5-year plan.

#### **State Librarian's Report**

- Jan Walsh said she and other members of the Secretary of State Office met with the governor's office to discuss electronic publications. We are going to use digital archives as our technology. This should be passed using "efficiency in government" with OFM and DIS.
- The agency is at the point of hiring someone part time to assist in transitioning the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library to WSL. Transition will happen in June 2007 at the conclusion of the current contract.
- On January 11, 2006, Bruce Newell will present at Highline Community College on how group services and group cataloging has worked in Montana. Rand said there was a meeting on group services Nov. 9; he will work with Will Stuvenga to get the notes on this meeting out to Council and will also get the details on the Jan. 11 presentation and pass those on. Let Rand know by email if you are interested in attending the Jan. 11 session.

Rand thanked Karen for putting the library development report together since he was unavailable to do it himself this time.

Eve thanked everyone for being so flexible regarding the change in today's meeting. The meeting was adjourned.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Anne Yarbrough*