

Washington Preservation Initiative
Advisory Group Minutes
June 9, 2005, Conference Call

Present: Gary Menges, UW Libraries, Chair
Gudrun Aurand, WSU
Lee Dirks, Microsoft
Eric Palo, Renton Technical College
Kathryn Hamilton Wang, WSL
Susan Barrett (WSL Project Manager)

Absent: Jill Bourne, Seattle Public Library
Linda Pierce, Gonzaga University

2005 WPI Grant Cycle

Applications were due April 15th; sixteen were received, for a total of just over \$269,000, with \$200,000 budgeted to be disbursed. The review process is well underway, with a final ranked list to be sent to the State Librarian and the Secretary of State by no later than June 30. Award decisions from them are expected by July 6, and award and regret letters will be sent to each library, and names will be posted on the website. Then the contract process for the libraries receiving awards will be initiated. All activities funded by the grants will need to be completed by August 18, 2006.

Library Preservation Needs Assessment RFQQ and Grants

Applications for libraries seeking an assessment are due June 24. Then a review process for these applications will begin. Five libraries will be selected.

Meanwhile, in response to the published RFQQ to hire a preservation assessor, two applications have been received and are being reviewed. Eric, Gudrun, Kathryn, and Gary have volunteered to be part of the review committee, along with Susan and Jeff Martin, WSL Grants Administrator. For this year, both the assessor and the libraries should be selected in time for the site visits to take place in the fall.

Environmental Monitoring Initiative

This is still pending.

Preservation Management Institute

The third and last of the week-long sessions was completed in May. The 22 participants will be sent a copy of the WPI Preservation Survey to complete independently for their individual libraries, for comparison with the WPI survey results. Participants were from Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Tom Claeson has offered to do some tabulating of the

participants data. Gary will send this out as an electronic attachment, with a 2-3 week completion time.

Pending:

Preservation Forum

Likely in the spring, a one-day conference on implementation progress, problems encountered, how to move ahead, etc., will be facilitated by the assessor/assessors, for libraries which have received preservation assessments recently.

Alliance for Response/Heritage Preservation

They have received the Fidelity Foundation grant monies. A Heritage Preservation representative will be calling Gary to discuss possible next steps, to establish some dates, and to see what they envision WPI's role might be. Washington would be one of four states in this round; focus in others has been statewide or in regional or local areas. They may hope for contributions toward logistics and travel, etc. The format would be presentations and brainstorming on how to put together a disaster response network. Gudrun commented that the end result would not have to be a blueprint, that there would also be value in general ideas coming out of it.

Workshops

A solicitation for a book binding workshop (types of binding connected to purchase and weeding decisions) will soon be sent out. Some 2004 workshop money remains to be used; these workshops would need to be completed by the end of September.

Other:

Past discussions have included purchase of salvage wheels, sets of AIC disaster-planning and preservation pamphlets, preservation titles for the WSL collection, and copies of Preservation Assessment-A Self-Survey. Some of the remaining money could be spent on these items. Final decisions are still pending.

Next Meeting:

Conference call on July 26 at 2 pm.