

Washington Preservation Initiative
Advisory Group Minutes
September 26, 2006, Conference Call

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

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

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, October 17, 2006, 2 pm

Workshop Update

The final hands-on Basic Book Repair workshop, offered by Kris Kern and Carolee Harrison of Portland State University, was held September 22 in West Richland. All twelve attendees had a successful workshop; book repair tool kits were distributed and appreciated.

Gary has been compiling a tally of workshops, and says that in the length of the WPI project, we have offered 36 workshop sessions with @ 912 attendees! Some were of course duplicates, and this is a registration count, not a seat count, but still very impressive. The range of types of institutions from which they have come has been very broad.

Remaining Budget

The back-ordered book repair toolkits have arrived and fifteen have been distributed to small public libraries. (Castle Rock, Cathlamet, Carpenter/Cle Elum, Davenport, Dayton, Harrington, Kalama, Kittitas, Odessa, Reardan, Ritzville, Roslyn, Roy, Sprague, Hesseltine/Wilbur, plus Denny Ashby/ Pomeroy through workshop attendance.)

One hundred copies of Field Guide to Emergency Response have been received from Heritage Preservation and are being distributed, with an explanatory letter from Susan.

Grant balances are still not established, as recipients continue to send invoices for their reimbursable costs. Although the grant period ends very soon, except for a very few extensions into October, invoices received until mid-October, for work completed earlier, are likely to be honored.

Workshop invoices from Gary Albright and from Solinet have been received, and invoices from Kris Kern and Carolee Harrison will soon arrive. The IPI invoice is still outstanding, but should arrive soon.

Tom Clareson's Telephone Survey

The signed contract has been received from Palinet, and Tom is scheduling phone interviews for this week. He will compile his draft report in September, and do final polishing in early October. Having pre-project and post-project survey data in the Washington preservation area should be unusual and very valuable.

Wrap-Up Meeting / Cooperative Preservation in Washington after WPI

Indicators are strong that a 2007 grant cycle on preservation will be possible; more information on that will be available in early spring 2007, after the receipt of new federal funds. The amount of \$100,000 has been mentioned.

The group discussed what might happen next for preservation in Washington State. Lee suggested that we gather for a face-to-face meeting, and lock the door and think about the future, if we are the visionaries. Eric mentioned that we could sit down and map out some future strategies, that it wouldn't be inappropriate to make a report to the State Librarian on what we have done in WPI and make some strong recommendations on what is yet to do, while we still have group connections and momentum.

Lee said that the best efforts of knowledge management would indicate that we should somehow capture the level we have reached, so that a succeeding group need not begin from scratch. We should be at a point to be able to indicate some next possible steps and leave that for those following after.

Gary will check with Linda to see if she plans to be in the Seattle area in the next month or so. WSL funding might be available to support such a meeting. Susan volunteered to craft a report which might result from such a meeting.

A list of the names and types of libraries which have benefited from WPI grants, assessments, and trainings could be added.