

WVLS Library Advisory Committee
August 15, 2017 - WVLS Office

CALL TO ORDER: President Laurie Ollhoff called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present: Steph Cherrywell (for Dominic Frandrup), Stacy Stevens, Virginia Woods Roberts Ralph Illick, Sue Bedroske, Michelle Gobert, Candice Celestina, Ruby Wenzel (by GoTo Meeting), Katie Aldrich, Laurie Ollhoff, Heidi Catlin, and Anna Julson.

Members Absent: Julie Beloungy, Vicky Calmes, and Samantha Smith.

WVLS Staff Present: Marla Sepnafski, Inese Christman, Anne Hamland, Josh Klingbeil, and Kris Adams Wendt.

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS: Committee members were invited to introduce themselves. A quorum was declared present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: STEVENS/GOBERT MOTION to approve the agenda as published. All aye. Motion carried.

MINUTES: STEVENS/JULSON MOTION to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017 meeting as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Ollhoff appointed Julson and Stevens to serve as the nominating committee charged with advancing candidates for 2018 Vice-President/2019 President - Elect. Terms are extended for non-permanent members elected to office whose leadership year falls outside the normal 2-year period of LAC service.

2017 GRANT PROJECTS: Hamland reviewed the criteria and application process for WVLS Innovation and Collaboration Grants. Gobert and Roberts spoke about their successful projects funded in part by one of the grants. The Crandon Public Library partnered with the Crandon School District's art department to develop and sustain an Art Club for middle and high school students. Rhinelander District Library partnered with ArtStart Inc. to host an intensive weekend writers' retreat kicking off the Rhinelander School of the Arts Legacy project. Colby Public Library, Colby School District and St. Mary's School will develop and sustain a STEAM project in the new public library under construction. Application deadline for fall project requests is August 31. Klingbeil provided an update on LSTA funded tech block grants to public library systems. Although FY2017 federal funding for LSTA has been secured, FY2018 funding is unknown at this time.

WPLC UPDATE: Klingbeil reported on proposed changes to Wisconsin Public Library Consortium (WPLC) bylaws which will be up for vote at the next WPLC Board meeting. In 2016, an additional \$150,000 was added to the buying pool for 2017 and future years. How that increase will impact the WVLS share for 2018 has been determined, but how the additional funds will be distributed to OverDrive Advantage accounts has not. 2018 and 2019 WPLC Buying Pool information detailing shares for WVLS libraries was reviewed. Christman reported the WVLS OverDrive Advantage Selection Workgroup met in June to review selection and purchasing guidelines; an initial order was placed in July. Additional Overdrive information is at <http://wvls.org/overdrive/>

DRAFT 2018 WVLS SYSTEM PLAN AND BUDGET: Sepnafski led presentation and discussion of the draft 2018 WVLS System Plan, with WVLS staff members highlighting changes to those portions for which they were given primary responsibility. Partnerships with other public library systems are sought and encouraged. The meeting was suspended for a 10-minute break between system plan and budget discussions. Sepnafski provided an overview of draft 2018 WVLS budget information, which included drafts of the V-Cat budget, 2018 LEAN Wisconsin Budget Plan and 2018 Information Technology Budget Plan. No changes to either plan or budget were recommended by LAC members.

CHERRYWELL/ILLICK MOTION to recommend approval of the 2018 WVLS System Plan and 2018 WVLS budget to the WVLS Board of Trustees. All aye. Motion carried.

TRAINING SURVEY RESULTS: Hamland led discussion of summary results from the 2017 WVLS Training Survey which addressed preferred training tools and topics with a goal of providing member libraries with “tools the way you want them.” No additional suggestions were received from LAC to add to the planning and implementation process.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Wendt reported that the Wisconsin Library Association’s request for \$1.5 million in additional state aids to Wisconsin public library systems received unanimous approval from the Joint Finance Committee at the end of May. However, the budget process is stalled while Senate and Assembly leadership work out differences in the areas of transportation and education. On the Federal level, the House Appropriations Committee has approved level funding in FY2018 for the Institute of Museum and Library Services, which includes LSTA grants to states. However, timing of budget consideration by the full House or Senate is uncertain. WLA is advising “keep calm and sit tight” while awaiting direction on next advocacy steps for both state and federal budget efforts.

PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM REDESIGN (PLSR): Sepnanski distributed the PLSR Steering Committee Phase 3 Activities Timeline Framework document. Regular updates will be distributed to the WVLS all subscribers list as they are received. Opportunities for regional discussions between PLSR Steering Committee members and the library community are being organized. WVLS interests are being represented on various subcommittees, work groups etc. by member library and WVLS staff members. Individuals may sign up to receive direct updates at the PLSR website. <http://www.plsr.info/>

WVLS MULTI-TYPE COLLABORATION: Christman shared information about LIBRARY NOW, the Milwaukee Public Library partnership with Milwaukee Public Schools to connect youth to library resources. <https://www.mpl.org/librarynow/> A similar effort is underway in the Racine area. An article from April 15, 2017 *Library Journal* titled “Public Partners” was distributed. Aldrich mentioned her colleagues at NTC are open to collaboration and would invite further conversation with WVLS libraries. Their consortium of technical colleges is interested in sharing Sierra ILS instructional materials and video documentation with WVLS for mutual benefit. She is on the NTC Diversity Steering Committee and is interested in knowing about opportunities and events that NTC staff and students could attend, as well as working on topical resource guides for various diversity issues. NTC also collaborates with area schools. Catlin, currently Wisconsin Educational Media & Technology Association president, spoke about WEMTA activities in support of new digital learning standards and the DPI Future Ready Framework digital learning plan for librarians. The exciting new Wisconsin Schools Digital Library Consortium shared collection begins in January.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Christman distributed information regarding the WiscNet “Building Smarter Communities” event on October 12 in Stevens Point. Ollhoff recognized the service of Katie Aldrich, Anna Julson, Vicky Calmes, and Steph Cherrywell who, along with herself, are coming to the end of their terms on LAC. They were thanked with a hearty round of applause.

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 17, 2018. The meeting will be held at the WVLS Office with call to order at 9:30 AM.

ADJOURNMENT: JULSON/BEDROSKE MOTION to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 12:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Kris Adams Wendt