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ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
August 26, 2008

MINUTES

PRESENT

Betsy Adamowski
Brad Baker
Yvonne Beechler Bergendorf
Pat Burg
Barbara Burroughs
Gail Bush
Alice Calabrese-Berry
Lynda Clemmons
John Dittmer
Barbara DuRocher
Donna Dziedzic (Ex-Officio)
Joe Harris
Kay Langston
Barbara Lund
Bob McKay
Chad Raymond

LOCATION

Metropolitan Library System
North Suburban Library System
Metropolitan Library System
Illinois State Library
Alliance Library System
North Suburban Library System
Metropolitan Library System
Shawnee Library System
Illinois State Library
DuPage Library System
Illinois State Library
Shawnee Library System
Metropolitan Library System
Metropolitan Library System
Prairie Area Library System
North Suburban Library System

NOT PRESENT

Mary Dempsey, Kris Hammerstrand, Barry Levine, Carol Little, Diane Moreno, Becky Robinson

STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Illinois State Library

Director Anne Craig, Kathy Bloomberg, Vandella Brown, Cyndy Colletti, Mary Downing, Karen Egan, Cheryl Goza, Gwen Harrison, Jill Heffernan, Neil Kelley, Bonnie Matheis, Pat McGuckin, Joe Natale, Pat Norris, Blaine Redemer, Sharon Ruda, Suzanne Schriar, Mark Shaffer, and Ron Winner.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kitty Pope

Alliance Library System

Call to Order

Chair Dittmer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Introductions and roll call followed.

Ms. Burg moved the adoption of the March 12, 2008 minutes. Ms. Calabrese-Berry seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Mr. Harris moved the adoption of the May 15, 2008 minutes. Ms. Lund seconded. The minutes were approved as read.

Director's Report – Director Craig

Director Craig recognized Illinois State Library (ISL) staff member, Sharon Ruda who was named the Illinois Library Association's Librarian of the Year. Ms. Ruda will receive the award at the Association's Annual Conference. In addition, she welcomed Barbara DuRocher as ISLAC's newest member.

Director Craig informed ISLAC that some Illinois public libraries may have another opportunity to receive a Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Grant. State Library staff are working to verify public library contact information and will submit a grant application to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation due early next year. This grant application must be approved prior to any Illinois public libraries receiving a monetary award. The Opportunity On-Line Hardware Grant will provide funding to replace aging computers and peripherals. She thanked the regional library systems for their assistance in verifying contact information of their public library members.

Director Craig discussed the State Library's Communication Survey currently underway and available through our electronic newsletter. The response rate has been good to date.

Director Craig provided ISLAC members with an overview of the State Library budget. She acknowledged all employees' appreciation to Secretary White for his attempts to keep everyone employed rather than to suffer layoffs. Budget reductions have occurred in the following areas: travel, paper communications, phone lines, equipment purchases, and some electronic databases.

Mr. Natale briefed ISLAC members on changes to the ISL's Administrative Rules being submitted to the Joint Commission on Administrative Rules (JCAR). Due to the travel cuts, emergency rules will be filed regarding the Literacy Program's site visits to grant recipients.

Ms. Bloomberg reported on the System Standards Revision Committee identifying committee members, providing an overview of the procedure, and discussion of the work completed to date. ISLAC members responded with a lengthy discussion and a number of recommendations. Members urged the Revision Committee to keep the communication flowing during the process.

Ms. Ruda discussed the Long Range Planning Process for the Illinois Talking Book and Braille Service. With a significant budget shortfall for this program, strategic planning and changes are a necessity to address the financial crisis for this service. Ms. Ruda explained that circulation has remained status quo over the years and also discussed the impact on the service with the implementation of digital machines.

Ms. Matheis provided ISLAC with information on "The Big Read," a grant from the Institute for Museum and Library Services to the ISL.

Ms. Norris provided ISLAC members with an overview of the FY09 Library Service and Technology Grants (LSTA) received and awarded. She discussed additional interpretations from IMLS regarding

appropriate use of LSTA funds. Ms. Norris invited ISLAC members to the ISL's reception honoring FY09 LSTA Grant Recipients at the upcoming ILA Annual Conference.

Strategic Plan for Technology & Telecommunications Action Plan for FY10 – Ms. Harrison & Ms. Egan

Ms. Harrison presented and discussed with the Committee the Action Plan for FY10 and identified ILLINET Network Advisory Council (INAC) committee members who served on the drafting committee.

Ms. Egan provided a breakout of the FY2009 LSTA grant awards and identified how 68.51% of the awarded grants address the FY2009 Action Plan. Ms. Harrison and Ms. Egan discussed how the FY10 Action Plan will more closely align with the LSTA goals.

Mr. McKay moved the adoption of the Strategic Plan for Technology & Telecommunications Action Plan for FY10. Mr. Baker seconded. The motion passed.

Report from the Illinois Library Association – Ms. Dziedzic

Ms. Dziedzic provided an overview of the upcoming ILA Annual Conference and reported on conference registrations. The Public Library Standards Revision committee is finalizing their work. An Advocacy Committee has been appointed in addition to the Public Policy Committee.

Report from the Illinois Library System Directors Organization – Ms. Calabrese, Mr. Harris, and Mr. McKay

Ms. Calabrese discussed the ILSDO offer for the purchase of Wilson Select Plus and their hope of reaching \$100,000 in sales. Mr. Harris and Mr. McKay discussed the cooperative efforts to develop L2, the statewide continuing education calendar that has been extremely well received by the library community.

Mr. McKay also spoke to the importance of the System Standards revision and the work of that committee.

Public Comment

Ms. Pope promoted an upcoming program on “how to get the most out of your system” that will be presented at the ILA conference and the Illinois School Library Media Association Annual Conference.

Adjournment

Ms. Burg moved to adjourn. Mr. Harris seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes taken by Ms. Norris of the ISL staff.