

System Standards Committee

Oct. 9, 2008

Illinois State Library

Attendance

All members of the committee were present, except Dave Joens.

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the Aug. 28, 2008 meeting. Tina Hubert, who replaces Shirley May Byrnes as the library system director representative, abstained.

Assumptions

The committee reviewed the draft versions of two sets assumptions, and the committee decided to revise Version A as a preamble that will further state that the library systems sponsor, facilitate or more effectively provide services that libraries cannot provide on a regional basis. The committee agreed to use the more detailed Version B as the working assumptions with some editing and reordering. The assumptions will be posted on Google Docs for committee members to review. The assumptions will be posted to a blog by Oct. 31, 2008.

Library System Roles

The library systems will be asked to submit a one-page document that spells out their vision of the services that their systems foresee as the major services that they will provide in the next five years. The Rolling Prairie Library System has sent such a document, and the other systems will be asked to submit their versions to Kathleen Bloomberg by Nov. 14, 2008.

Revision of Standards

The committee selected "Professional Development and Consulting" as the category that it will begin the standards revision process. A subcommittee will be selected that will include a State Library staff member to revise the standard for the next meeting. The framework for a category will be a description of the standard; the standards (organized by assumptions); membership responsibility; and evaluation/assessment. The proposed "Professional Development and Consulting" standard will be posted on the blog by Jan. 1, 2009, and drafts of the other categories will be posted as they are completed.

Communication and Input

The State Library will create a System Standards blog for the library community to provide comments. The committee will discuss an online survey of the library community to gather their input on what they envision as the most important services their systems need to provide in the next five years.

Next Meeting

The Standards Committee will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Nov. 24, 2008, at the Illinois State Library.

-----Notes by Joe Natale, Illinois State Library