

MEETING NOTES

Library System Standards Committee

Aug. 31, 2009; 10 a.m., Meeting #9

Videoconference

Present: David Carlson, Chairman
Marilyn Boria
Tom Dorst
Tina Hubert
Dave Joens
James Quisenberry
Jane Sharka
State Library staff:
Anne Craig
Kathleen Bloomberg
Pat Norris
Lawren Tucker
Joe Natale
Audience:
Amanda McKay
Larry Krenos

Approval of Minutes

The committee corrected and approved the minutes of the July 23, 2009 meeting. The approved notes will be posted on the Illinois State Library web site.

System Funding Reductions

There is a 16.5 percent reduction in the systems' budget for FY 2010. To reduce the impact of a higher reduction, the competitive LSTA grants for FY 2010 have been shuttered, and the funds will be used for state formula grant programs. The impact on the systems has not yet been fully realized, but the expectation is they will dip into their reserves. There was concern that ISL asking systems to maintain current funding levels for delivery and local library system automation programs impede local control, but ISL considers resource sharing the statewide priority. It is imperative to revise the system standards at this time to clearly define expectations for library systems and libraries.

Communications

The committee agreed that the practice of posting a response to comments should continue. Also, the Illinois State Library Advisory Committee discussed the draft standards at its Aug. 13 meeting in Springfield. Some comments and concerns included how to reconcile the standards revision in light of the budget cuts; separating the Professional Development and Consulting standards; the Resource Sharing standards are oriented too much to the past; and the Technology standard was too public library oriented. Overall, the comments from small group discussions were generally positive.

Cooperation & Collaboration Standards

The committee reviewed the latest draft of the standards with the recommendation of adding an expectation that collaboration provides systems the opportunity to fill gaps in service by working with other systems. After that recommendation is added, along with other working and formatting changes, the standards will be posted on the blog for public comment.

Research & Development Standards

The emphasis of the standard is on applied research. The committee suggested that there be a more explicit statement on the need for the systems to predict and analyze societal trends that will impact their members. There should also be recognition that, in some cases, not every program is successful. The committee directed that suggested changes be made and the standards be posted for public comment.

Core Services

A draft document on core services was presented. Issues covered included: conducting at least one workshop annual on each of the six core services; criteria for the frequency of delivery; system advocacy for its members to enhance library service; the need, method and schedule for on-site visits and member contact; and clarifying that core services are available to full members. The Core Services working group will review these and other issues discussed by the committee and present a revised draft at the Sept. 30 meeting.

Bin/Pending Issues

Many of the issues have been resolved during the standards drafting process. The issues related to Assessment/Implementation and Enforcement/Compliance will be addressed at the end of the drafting process.

Next Meetings

The Standards Committee will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 30, 2009 by video conference. The committee will meet in person on Nov. 6 in the Illinois Authors Room at ISL in Springfield.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

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