

MEETING NOTES

Library System Standards Committee

January 16, 2009; 10 a.m.

Illinois State Library, Springfield

Present: David Carlson, Chairman
Marilyn Boria
Tom Dorst
Tina Hubert
David Joens
James Quisenberry
Jane Sharka (via conference call until 12:50 p.m.)
State Library staff:
Anne Craig
Kathleen Bloomberg
Patricia Norris
Lawren Tucker
Joe Natale

Approval of Minutes

The committee approved the minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting. The approved notes will be posted on the system standards web site.

Resource Sharing Standards

Tom Dorst and Tina Hubert reviewed two versions of the standard, respectively: a detailed Version 1 and a simpler Version 2. Version 1 was directive, but not prescriptive; Version 2 allows libraries to assume responsibilities, but less prescriptive. Since Version 1 tends to be micromanaging and Version 2 needs to be fleshed out more, the consensus of the committee was for the Resource Sharing Standards working group to develop a hybrid between the two versions, being attentive to unintended consequences and the onus the standard could place in regards to reporting. The revision should hold on to the concept of a minimum level of service.

Professional Development and Consulting Standards

Marilyn Boria reviewed the revisions from draft standards presented at the November 24, 2008 meeting. A topic discussed was a system charging for a continuing education event. During the discussion, it was established that while the State Library does not want the systems charging fees for core services, it understands that the system should have the ability to charge for a “big name:” speaker and for lunches, even if the program is in regards to a core service. The committee moved, seconded and approved a motion that after Ms. Boria makes corrections to minor issues that were pointed out, the standard will be posted on system standards web site with comments due by the February 17, 2009 of the System Standards Committee.

Bin Issues Update

- Allowable fees issue: should basic/core services be provided at no cost? What about “big name” speakers? (**See above**)
- Local Library System Automation Program costs: some participants pay more than counterparts in other systems. Library system contributions also vary widely. **This will be addressed in the Resource Sharing Standard.**

- Not for Profit spin-offs from systems: Accountability standards including reporting mechanisms). **This will be addressed in the Administrative Standard.**
- What if a system does not meet a standard? **This is a question for SOS Legal staff.**

Next Set of Standards

The framework for the Leadership/Administrative Standards needs to be addressed, but it will evolve throughout the process. An issue that arose during the discussion is whether the Cooperation and Collaborative Standards are a separate standard, or should it be incorporated throughout the standards; and should the Technology Standards be added to the Research and Development Standards.

Next Meeting

The Standards Committee will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the Illinois State Library.

-----Notes by Joe Natale, Illinois State Library; approved as revised by committee on Feb. 17, 2009.