

MEETING NOTES

Library System Standards Committee

June 23, 2009; 10 a.m., Meeting #7

Illinois State Library, Springfield

Present: David Carlson, Chairman
Tom Dorst
Tina Hubert
David Joens
Jane Sharka

State Library staff:

Anne Craig
Kathleen Bloomberg
Pat Norris
Lawren Tucker
Joe Natale

Approval of Minutes

The committee corrected and approved the minutes of the April 24, 2009 meeting. The approved notes will be posted on the system standards Web Junction site.

Administrative Leadership Standards

Revisions based on suggestions from the April 24 meeting were reviewed and additional suggestions were suggested and agreed to. The committee approved the revision and the changes, and directed the State Library to post the standards on WebJunction Illinois (WJIL) for comment. It was noted during the discussion that the word “should” was being used throughout the standards, and the words “shall” and “must” are more appropriate. The words will be defined in the glossary that will be developed for the standards document.

Technology Standards

The committee reviewed the changes that were suggested at the April 24 and made additional suggestions. The committee agreed to review changes at its July 23 meeting. An advantage of finalizing the technology standards at the next meeting is only one new standard will be posted at a time for comment, allowing the library community to focus on one set of standards at a time during this phase of the process.

Resource Sharing Standards

The committee reviewed the comments posted on WebJunction Illinois regarding the Resource Sharing Standards. Some of the suggestions from the library were incorporated into the standards, and some comments needed a response. The committee directed that responses be as specific as possible. Additional changes to the standards include:

- Systems are to promote reciprocal access among all system members and propose policies for reciprocal borrowing for public libraries;

- System members are to respond to the State Library's survey on interlibrary loan traffic since the information is helpful to the systems and the State Library; and
- Systems shall attend meetings that the State Library calls regarding reciprocal borrowing.

Cooperation and Collaboration Standards

The first draft of the standards was reviewed, which features original language for the definition, expectations and assessment. The responsibilities were copied from the language drafted for previously drafted standards in other areas that address collaboration. Discussion ensued whether or not to reiterate the language in the other standards, or develop a more comprehensive statement of responsibilities that refer the cooperative and collaborative responsibilities in the other standards. While the committee originally identified Cooperation and Collaboration as a standards area, it questioned whether this standard is necessary since it is a common thread throughout the standards, and may be better addressed in the preface to the standards document. The subcommittee was directed to draft another draft with a more over-arching and general approach, and present it at the next meeting where the committee will continue its discussion about how to approach cooperation and collaboration in the standards.

Next Steps

The Chair will select members of subcommittee to work on the Research and Development Standard. A subcommittee will also be appointed to develop a list of essential core services.

Midterm Assessment

The committee is at the halfway point in the process of drafting draft standards. While the committee is making progress, there is concern that library community is not sufficiently aware of the process because of the limited number of comments being posted on WebJunction Illinois. Reasons could be that the community may be withholding comments until all the standards can be reviewed in context; schools are not in session and librarians are taking a break during the summer; or WebJunction Illinois is hard to navigate. The State Library will investigate alternate means of publicizing the standards process, including setting up a blog.

Next Meeting

The Standards Committee will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009 at the Illinois State Library. Additional meeting dates that were scheduled are Aug. 31 and Sept. 30.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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