

# **Attachment B**

## Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

### Minutes

Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
Secretary of State Conference Room  
Jefferson City, MO

March 19, 2010

Members present: Buthod, Byerly, Darst, Fuchs, Gage, Hancox, Keeney, Sanders, Wilke

Absent: Carr, Fridley, McCampbell, Mullaly-Quijas, Talboy, Watts, Wilson

Guests Attending: Donna Bacon, Interim Executive Director, MOBIUS  
Steve Potter, Asst. Director Mid-Continent Public Library  
Randy Scherr, MLA Legislative Liaison  
Bill Rodgers, MLA Legislative Chair  
Erlene Dudley, Chair, MOBIUS Executive Committee

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Marge Kudrna, Sarah Easley, Susan Morrisroe, Carl Wingo, Debbie Musselman

Conroy called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. in the absence of the Chair, Melissa Carr.

Council members and guests were introduced. Conroy welcomed Representative Keeney to the Council.

Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development for the State Library introduced Sarah Easley. Ms. Easley has taken the Continuing Education Consultant position previously vacated by Brandy Sanchez.

Donna Bacon said the MOBIUS annual conference this year will be held on June 15 through June 17, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. The keynote speaker will be Marshall Breeding. Registration for the conference should be sent out within the next week. MOBIUS is still pursuing non-profit status. MOBIUS has released a new design of the Union Catalog.

Tracy Byerly gave a brief update on MLNC. MLNC received several responses to the merger RFP. The MLNC board has decided not to merge with another network but to move MLNC into

a new phase of operations. It was decided this would be the best way to serve and support Missouri's libraries.

Steve Potter announced that Dick Wilding will be retiring as the Director of the Mid-Continent Public Library on July 31.

### **Legislative Update – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian, Bill Rodgers, MLA Legislative Chair, Randy Scherr, MLA Legislative Liaison**

Conroy gave a brief update on the budget. The Secretary of State's Office has only been asked to give a 5% reduction to the core GR budget for the FY 2011. Currently no cuts have been announced to the library line. The REAL network program will be affected by the cuts made to MOREnet.

Randy Scherr said one of the top issues being worked on this year is an additional funding mechanism for school districts which will allow for the establishment of a sales tax. The Fair Tax bill is gaining momentum.

Rodgers gave the following website: <http://sites.google.com/site/moliblc> to contact the Missouri Library Association Legislative Committee.

### **Online Resources Vendor Issues – Margaret Conroy**

Funding from the REAL Program appropriation in HB 12 supports the online resources provided by MOREnet. A significant contract change occurred last year. After ten years of working with EBSCO the contract was awarded to GALE for the general periodical databases. It was known at the time that there would be some content issues. EBSCO has bought the rights to re-sale full text access to some significant titles. GALE came out publically with a letter stating this situation was unfortunate.

The State Library had previously made the decision not to re-bid the databases for FY 11. The contract with GALE will continue throughout FY 11. Due to the budget situation and the cuts to MOREnet, GALE has approached MOREnet regarding discounting costs under the current contract.

### **Special LSTA Expenditures – Margaret Conroy**

There are some unspent funds from the plan the Council approved last year. Funds had been earmarked to help support a pooled electronic resources purchase for public libraries. This project has been currently placed on hold and other projects had to be cancelled due to staffing shortages, resulting in the State Library having to reallocate approximately \$500,000 LSTA funds before September 30<sup>th</sup>.

The State Library will be dispensing the excess funds as follows:

- Contributing \$7,800 towards libraries who were awarded Gates grants.
- \$100,000 to process newspaper files so they can be uploaded onto the Digital Heritage site.
- Purchase a significant number of routers for MOREnet for public libraries, filter boxes for the libraries, and upgrade the Drupal software. Cost would be approximately \$250,000 to \$260,000.
- Extending the summer library reading program,
- New grant calls for tech mini grants and summer literacy initiative (adult summer reading programs)

**LSTA minimum grant award recommendations – Debbie Musselman, LSTA Grant Coordinator**

IMLS has asked the State Library to raise the minimum amount the state library would award on a grant. The State Library would like to make these recommendations:

- Cooperation grants would increase from \$2,500 to \$3,000 minimum.
- Every Child Ready to Read Grant; since no grants were received last year, the suggestion is to move this into the Spotlight on Literacy grant section.
- Excellence in Library Service would increase from \$500 to \$2,000 minimum.
- Programs to Targeted Populations would increase from \$500 to \$2,000 minimum.
- Show Me Step grants would increase from \$100 to \$500 minimum.
- Show Me Step grants does not currently have a maximum amount. The State Library would like to propose setting a maximum of \$2,999.
- Spanish that Works would increase from \$ 500 to \$3,000 minimum. The maximum would increase from \$2,000 to 5,000.
- Spotlight on Literacy would increase from \$2,000 to \$2,500 minimum.
- Summer Library Program would increase from \$500 to \$2,500. The maximum would increase from \$15,000 to \$20,000.
- Tech Minis would increase from \$500 to \$2,500 minimum. The maximum would increase from \$19,000 to \$19,500.
- Website Makeover would increase from \$500 to \$2,500 minimum.

Conroy called for a motion to approve these recommendations. Darst so moved. Sanders seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **FY11 LSTA Working Plan – Barbara Reading, Director of Library Development, Debbie Musselman**

Musselman gave a brief background and description explaining the LSTA Five-Year plan. The current plan covers from 2008 to 2012 and has the following goals:

- Technology challenges and opportunities
- Access to electronic content
- Access to library materials
- Cultural heritage and digitization
- Program services
- Childhood education support
- Collaboration, cooperation and statewide services

Each year of the Five-Year plan, the state library prepares a project plan to submit to the Council for approval. The funds to be spent in FY11 are from the federal fiscal year of 2009. The proposed project plan is Attachment B. The following projects are new:

- Show Me the World Regional Meetings – Proposed budget \$810
- Library Services Development – Proposed budget \$25,000
- Services to Persons Having Difficulty Using the Library – Proposed budget \$52,000
- Library Skills Training – Proposed budget \$ 77,147

The other projects contained in the project plan are continuing projects with the exception of the Five-Year plan evaluation which is a recurring project.

Conroy called for a motion from the Council to endorse this proposed project plan for FY11. Darst so moved. Sanders seconded. Motion carried.

## **MOREnet Update – John Gillispie, Executive Director, MOREnet**

John Gillispie, Executive Director of MOREnet gave a PowerPoint presentation on the various services provided by MOREnet. He explained the importance of MOREnet to public, school, and academic libraries. One of the challenges MOREnet is facing is that state funding is not keeping pace with bandwidth growth. Bandwidth grew 41% last year, state funding was at - 49%.

Missouri is currently pursuing a number of applications with the Broadband Opportunities program. Missouri has received two grants totaling \$40 million dollars from the federal government in the first round. MOREnet will be an endorser of a number of the projects.

For FY11, the Governor recommended an \$8.3 million appropriation for MOREnet or a 33% reduction in funding. This has come out of the House Budget Committee intact. MOREnet has reduced its budget by approximately \$3.2 million which leaves a \$1.7 million deficit which needs to be covered by the members.

## **Statewide resources sharing discussion – Margaret Conroy, Carl Wingo, Technology & Digitization Services Consultant**

Wingo said the State Library would like to take Show Me the World up a level. Users want to have immediate access to materials, one search for materials, and to use social networking tools. The State Library would like to be able to create a platform which would allow users in Missouri to see not only books held in libraries but the checkout status of the books. Another feature being researched is patron direct borrowing. The State Library is currently partnered in a software development venture with several other state libraries and Equinox to build a statewide resource sharing platform. MOBIUS has joined this venture.

Conroy said there are many different directions to take to build on the investment in Show Me the World. One goal is to use open source software that would work similar to Innreach. Conroy said LSTA funds would be used for this.

## **State Library Report – Margaret Conroy**

The State Library has made the first round of payments to the 74 qualifying libraries under the Gates Foundation grant. This concludes Phase I. In Phase II, the libraries will receive a second payment if they were successful in raising matching funds. The libraries need to raise a 50% local match for this round.

## **Approval of minutes from prior Council Meeting (December 18, 2009)**

Conroy called for a motion to approve the December 18, 2009 meeting minutes as submitted. Hancox so moved. Darst seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 17, 2010  
James C. Kirkpatrick State Information Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
Jefferson City, MO

**Adjournment:** Conroy adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.