

## ATTACHMENT C

# Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

## Minutes

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

June 19, 2009

Members present: Carr, Baker, Buthod, Darst, Fridley, Gage, Hancox, Hogerty, McCampbell, Sanders, Mullaly-Quijas, Watts, Wilke

Absent: Byerly

Guests Attending: Beth Fischer, Executive Director, MOBIUS  
Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet  
Margaret Booker, Executive Director, MLA  
Keith Gaertner, MLNC  
Pat White, Wright City R-II School District  
Darla Heusmann, Wright City R-II School District

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Debbie Musselman, Carl Wingo

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Council members and guests were introduced.

Margaret Booker distributed copies of the May issue of MLA's MO INFO.

Beth Fisher announced the first meeting of the MOBIUS Crossroads Task Force was held on June 11, 2009 via videoconference.

### **Legislation and Budget Review – Margaret Conroy**

Elected officials received 5% budget cuts. This does not include the special library line items of the budget, which are:

- State aid appropriation for public libraries is approximately \$4 million dollars
- REAL appropriation was funded at the same amount as last fiscal year
- The appropriation for LIFT of \$69,450 was not cut

- Athletes and Entertainers' appropriation for this fiscal year is \$1,700,500

MOREnet received a 10% budget cut, but also received some money from the stimulus funds for one-time purchasing of equipment.

The legislature has passed the state budget, but it is still waiting for the Governor's approval and signature.

Conroy spoke to the past legislative session and several bills that affected libraries:

- Senate Bill 450, filed by Senator Cunningham, would require public libraries to adopt written policies consistent with contemporary community standards to restrict minors from gaining access to materials considered obscene or pornographic for minors. The bill did not pass.
- HB 824, filed on behalf of the Mid-Continent Public Library, moves back the date of audit report filing for consolidated libraries. This did not pass.
- SB 174 passed, correcting some problems caused by last year's Senate Bill 711.
- SB 266, filed by Senator Mayer on behalf of the Poplar Bluff Public Library, would allow libraries to levy up to a half-cent sales tax with a local vote. The language had been added to SB 7, a political subdivision omnibus bill. In the hearing, it was suggested that a mandatory property tax rollback be inserted. This could affect state aid eligibility so Chapter 181 would require amendment also. This did not pass, but will most likely be reintroduced in the next session.
- HB 1549 dealt with immigration reform in the 2008 session. Ambiguous language in that bill has caused problems for public entities which continue to struggle to understand and meet the new requirements.

### **Wolfner Digital Transition Update – Elizabeth Lang, Cheryl Hassler**

Lang gave a brief background of the talking book program and the National Library Service (NLS.) NLS expects the transition from analog to digital to be completed by 2013.

The main advantage of moving from the old analog technology to the new digital technology is the improvement in service and convenience to the patrons of the library. The new machines will be easier to use and the quality of the books will be a big plus to the patrons.

Hassler gave a demonstration of both the new digital talking book machines. She also demonstrated a Victor Reader Stream machine.

### **Wright City R-II School District Middle School Library Grant Report – Pat White, Darla Heusmann**

Librarian White said she attended a workshop for outreach to Spanish speakers. She was given the opportunity to write a grant to assist with starting English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Heusmann instructs the ESL classes and is an English teacher in the Wright City School District, which has 80 minority language students enrolled.

The first grant focused on basic computer skills and keyboarding. White and Heusmann said one of their students will be taking his citizenship test later this month.

### **MOREnet Statewide Resources Bid Award – Jeanne Sullivan**

Conroy said the State Library contracts with MOREnet using the REAL appropriation funds each year to purchase online resources which are made available to public libraries, K-12, and academic libraries.

Sullivan gave a brief explanation of the Request for Proposal (RFP) process and a demonstration of the Gale products from the winning bidder.

### **FY 2010 LSTA Plan Update – Barbara Reading, Debbie Musselman, Carl Wingo**

Reading announced that Missouri would be receiving an increase of approximately \$200,000 from LSTA. The plan which was presented to the Council at the March meeting did not include this amount.

Musselman explained the yellow highlighted items on Attachment A were changed from the monetary figure submitted in March. Now that grants have been approved, the actual amount awarded is listed. The increase LSTA funds is also incorporated.

Wingo announced that the LSTA grant is in place with KCLMIN to provide two days of courier service to all 152 of Missouri's public libraries. An offer will be made in July to any library wishing to sign up for the service. Outreach and promotion will be done in phases, starting with the libraries most ready to use the service.

### **Electronic Resources Funding Pool Update – Barbara Reading**

Reading gave a brief review from the March meeting discussion. It was the general consensus of Council that libraries should provide at least a minimal share of the cost.

Reading and Morrison contacted the fourteen libraries that are not current MOREnet members to determine the level of interest in participating in the pool purchase for Heritage Quest. Seven of the fourteen are interested, and 4 have expressed an interest in finding out more about joining MOREnet.

Discussions continue with MOREnet regarding the fiscal agent role and procurement process. The Committee also needs a process to select products, frame an RFP, and to obtain purchase commitments from libraries. MOREnet has indicated that it would like to handle the technical support for MOREnet members.

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

Missouri's grant from the Gates Foundation will be awarded, although the signed agreement has not yet been received. The Gates Foundation complimented the grant writers, Barbara Reading and Jean Morrison.

Katina Jones, Statistical Research Analyst, has completed and submitted the public library data survey report to the federal government. This is the earliest the State Library has ever submitted.

Jean Morrison applied for E-rate funding for Wolfner Library. Wolfner Library was awarded a reimbursement of \$8,803.20. A filing has not been done since 2003. She did this in order to better acquaint herself with the E-rate process.

### **Approval of Minutes from March 20, 2009 Council Meeting**

Carr called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Hogerty so moved. Hancox seconded. Mullaly-Quijas abstained as she did not attend the March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

### **Announcements**

McC Campbell proposed writing a resolution supporting an increase in funding to public libraries based on libraries' increasing roles and usage. McC Campbell is to start a draft and send to Barbara Reading for input. Carr called for a vote in support of the resolution. The consensus of the Council was unanimous in support of the resolution.

### **Next Meeting Date:**

September 18, 2009 – Jefferson City

### **Adjournment:**

Carr adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

### **Meeting Dates for the 2009:**

September 18, 2009  
December 18, 2009