

Attachment D

Secretary of State's Council on Library Development

Minutes

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

December 18, 2009

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

Absent: Hogerty, Keeney, Sanders, Talboy, Wilson

Guests Attending: Donna Bacon, Interim Executive Director, MOBIUS
Jeanne Sullivan, MOREnet
Chip Byers, MOREnet

Staff present: Margaret Conroy, Barbara Reading, Velma Steinman, Susan Morrisroe, Sarah Irwin, Maria Hines, Debbie Musselman

Carr called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Council members and guests were introduced.

Richard Smith, Director, Wolfner Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped introduced Lisa Stamm. Stamm fills the Special Services and Outreach Librarian position.

Donna Bacon, MOBIUS Interim Executive Director addressed the Council. MOBIUS is currently exploring the possibility of becoming a separate non-profit 501(3)c corporation. MOBIUS is considering plans for a statewide union catalog using an Innovative Interfaces product called DCB (Direct Consortial Borrowing), which would allow MOBIUS libraries to connect to non-Innovative systems.

Legislative/Budget Update – Margaret Conroy, State Librarian

SB 266 from last year has been refilled by Senator Mayer as SB 656. The bill allows local libraries to ask voters to levy a sales tax in addition to a property tax. SB 656 has been withdrawn and will be refilled with language eliminating a conflict with state aid qualification. Representative Kingery will be filing a House version of the bill.

Senator Komo filed SB 1361 allowing political subdivisions to completely replace the property tax with a sales tax.

In 2010 the printed version of the state statues will be re-printed. A bill has been filed to limit the number of copies printed and to require departments to place more of their documents online.

The Governor has announced that the 3rd and 4th quarter of the A&E funds will not be distributed. The 1st and 2nd quarter funds have been transferred and are currently being processed for payment to public libraries. The payments should be going out to the libraries in January.

The Governor's Office is currently finalizing the Governor's budget which will be announced at the State of the State address in January.

MOREnet Budget Status – Chip Byers, MOREnet

MOREnet started FY10 with a 10% core cut, which was offset by stabilization funding. In October, MOREnet had an additional 25% withhold. Over the past five years, MOREnet's appropriation from the state has decreased by 24% while the growth in the network was over 500%. Requests for bandwidth upgrades have been temporarily suspended and equipment upgrades and purchases delayed. In addition, MOREnet may have to increase membership fees.

Byers gave an update on the federal stimulus broadband funding. The first round of funding was released yesterday, but Missouri did not receive an award. MOREnet is carefully watching the ShowMe Technologies middle mile proposal. There were originally three windows to request stimulus broadband funding, which have now been reduced to two. Byers is concerned that without a central push from the state, Missouri will be left out of a large project which would help MOREnet.

MLNC Update – Tracy Byerly, MLNC Executive Director

Byerly gave a brief background of the Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC).

MLNC had a contract with OCLC for twenty-seven years. Under this contract OCLC allowed MLNC to charge a service fee which funded implementation, consulting, support services and other services offered by MLNC. Two years ago, OCLC analyzed its distributor relationship and the result was a drastically changed contract between MLNC and OCLC. The contract changed how OCLC's services are brokered to libraries; MLNC's role with OCLC is now marketing, communication, and billing. This contract also eliminated MLNC's ability to charge a service fee. For the current fiscal year, MLNC has developed some transitional membership fees.

MLNC's strategic options committee decided to look at merger options. The committee sent out an RFP for merger partners, and has narrowed down responses to several organizations.

Reference Services Overview – Susan Morrisroe, Director and Sarah Irwin, Reference Librarian

The Reference Services section is a special library which handles the special information and research needs of state government.

Morrisroe and Irwin gave a PowerPoint presentation of the various services offered by the Reference Services section of the state library.

Review of New Library Establishment Efforts – Maria Hines, Administration and Management Consultant

When Hines last spoke to the Council, there were two library districts trying to be established, Clinton County and Lincoln County. Clinton County's levy last year failed. They have depleted the allotted five years allowed under statute to establish a library board and levy so that the library district becomes operational. The commission had to immediately reappoint a new library board. They are currently working on getting a levy issue passed by voters. The Lincoln County Commission has already had one vote which failed by a margin of 4%. Three months before the vote, Lincoln County had a number of major industries and manufacturers cease operations.

Two more districts are attempting to become established. They are Caldwell County and Taney County. Caldwell County is currently working on a ballot issue but do not yet have a date selected. Taney County has a very dedicated and committed group working on establishing a county library district.

WebJunction presentation – Barbara Reading, Library Development Director and Debbie Musselman, LSTA Grants Officer

Conroy announced that today was the official rollout of the WebJunction Missouri website.

Reading said this portal allows the State Library to move forward in collaborative communication with the state's libraries. The site's motto is "Learning and Growing Together." Membership is open to library staff, trustees, and library volunteers. Anyone can view and make use of the site. Only persons whose affiliation has been approved can post to the discussion boards, post documents, or have access to the Missouri course catalog, which provides discounted training classes for library staff.

Musselman gave a PowerPoint presentation and demonstration of the site, with a brief overview of the courses. There is a minimal cost to individuals for the courses.

Mid-year Review of LSTA FY2010 Project Plan – Margaret Conroy

Conroy gave a brief update of the programs covered in the project plan.

The State Library funds graduate education for librarians and media specialists in the state through scholarship grants. The program has been popular but serves a small number of people.

In return for receiving scholarship funding, recipients are required to work one month in a Missouri publically funded library for each course taken. Participants are given six months after graduation to find a position in a Missouri publically funded library.

Concern has arisen regarding the program, as more and more recipients are finding it difficult to find employment in the necessary time frame, partly due to the current economic situation. The State Library has had to give extensions on several occasions.

Those who default on the scholarship agreement are required to return all monies received to the State Library, which in turn is required to return those funds to IMLS. For this and other reasons, the State Library is currently weighing the costs versus the benefits of the program, with an eye to possible program cessation.

Carr suggested suspending the program for one year and then re-evaluate. Conroy said the State Library would be honoring the current application period. Conroy said this would allow time to evaluate and determine other ways to use the money to promote education of library staff. Conroy thanked the Council for their input. She will give the Council an update at the next meeting.

State Library Report – Margaret Conroy

The digital transition in Wolfner is going very well. Wolfner is ahead of the nation in terms of getting its patrons converted from the cassette to the new digital cartridge.

Approximately \$83,000 of the Gates grant has been distributed to the qualifying libraries. A sample of the *Turning the Page*, the Gates grant newsletter by Jean Morrison, was distributed to the council.

Conroy suggested that due to current budget constraints, the Council only convene three times instead of the normal four times in the year 2010. She will be recommending the same for the Wolfner Advisory Council. She will review the meeting dates and advise the Council of the 2010 meeting dates at a later time.

Approval of Minutes from September 18, 2009 Council Meeting

Carr called for a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Hancox so moved. Baker and Watts seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: March 19, 2010

Adjournment: Carr adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.