

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE**Board of Trustees Meeting**

November 16, 2013

WVLS Office – MCPL lower level

Wausau, Wisconsin

NOTE: These minutes are to be regarded as the unofficial record of the meeting until the Board of Trustees has approved them. The next Board meeting is January 18, 2014.

President Alice Sturzl called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Roll call was taken by Wendt and a quorum was declared.

Present

Alice Sturzl, President
 Douglas Lay, Vice-President
 Michael Otten, Treasurer
 Audrey Ascher, member
 Jim Backus, member
 Tom Bobrofsky, member
 Tyson Cain, member
 Eileen Grunseth, member
 Peg Jopek, member
 Paul Knuth, member
 Beth Martin, member
 Louise Olszewski, member
 Pat Pechura, member
 Marilyn Sauer, member
 Kris Uhlig, member

Others Present

Marla Sepnanski, WVLS Director
 Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS Consultant
 Josh Klingbeil, WVLS IT Director
 Augo Hildebrand, WVLS staff
 Susie Hafemeister, WVLS staff
 Judy Bobrofsky, Loyal Public Library Director

Consent Agenda Items: Adoption of agenda and approval of minutes (Exhibit 1)

Sturzl asked to adopt the agenda as well as for approval of the minutes of the September 21, 2013 meeting.

Lay/Knuth motion to accept the consent agenda items as presented and amended. All aye. Motion carried.

Financial Reports and Current Bills: (Exhibits 2-6)

Lay/Uhlig motion to accept and approve the financial reports and current bills as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Concerns, comments and reports from area library personnel and trustees:

Backus provided technology tidbits including <http://www.ifixit.com> for users of Apple products and concerns that devices are becoming "throw away" rather than repairable. Olszewski shared information about Withee history and circulated the book *The Wisconsin Krueger Family Tragedy*. Bobrofsky announced that the Clark Co. Library Board budget request was funded.

REPORTS**Resource Library Report: (Exhibit 7)**

In the absence of MCPL Director Ralph Illick, members were directed to his written report summarizing activities at all the branches and moved on.

WLTF/WLA Conference Report:

Bobrofsky, Lay, and Sturzl related their experiences at WLA, highlighting meetings and programs sponsored by WLTF, and thanked WVLS for the opportunity to attend.

COLAND: (Exhibit 8)

Lay and Wendt summarized Exhibit 8 and noted that the November 8 COLAND meeting was graciously hosted at Minocqua Public Library. MPL Director Mary Taylor gave a presentation about library service to areas where there is a high concentration of seasonal residents and tourists.

V-Cat Steering Committee (Exhibit 9)

Sturzl directed members' attention to Exhibit 9. The two listening sessions on October 29-30 regarding possible ILS merger were well attended by approximately 60 staff members from libraries in WVLS, NWLS, and IFLS, and provided valuable insight into the concerns and positive insights about Project WIN.

WVLS Director's Report: (Exhibit 10)

Sepnafski further elaborated on Project WIN. In October, directors and staff from Wisconsin Valley Library Service, Indianhead Federated Library System, and Northern Waters Library Service met to start an exploration of the feasibility and desirability of creating a new ILS from the three existing systems: V-Cat, MORE, and Merlin. The two listening sessions for library staff members were moderated by Stef Morrill and Bruce Smith of WiLS. WiLS is working with the system directors to write a report summarizing those discussions. The next step will be to create committees comprised of system and library staff members to address concerns and help determine the feasibility and desirability of creating a new three-system shared ILS. To facilitate the sharing of information about this exploration with stakeholders, a Project WIN website (LibrariesWIN.org) is being developed, and ProjectWIN Facebook and Twitter accounts are being created.

Five WVLS trustees have terms that will expire at year's end: **Sturzl** (Forest County), **Sauer** (Lincoln County), **Ascher** and **Backus** (Marathon County), and **Knuth** (Oneida County). Notifications were recently sent to the clerks in those counties, and WVLS should know within the next month whether or not these representatives have been reappointed.

In October, the WVLS collection of books on CD was withdrawn and titles were given to interested area libraries.

For the 4th year in a row, WVLS will be a beneficiary of "The Amazing Turkey Trot". Proceeds support member public library summer reading programs.

Data from member public library annual reports, and county benefit information was recently compiled and distributed to member public library directors, public library board presidents, county library board chairs, area legislators and DLT staff.

The two workshops slated for October 1st – *Customer Service: The Wakanheza Way* and *Library Support Staff: Mending Tips & Tricks* – were cancelled due to low registration numbers. However, the October 17th *Growing Wisconsin Readers* workshop gathered 36 youth services staff members from six public library systems. Featured speakers included Tessa Michaelson Schmidt, youth and special services consultant at the Department of Public Instruction, and children's humorist and author, Rob Reid.

Ann Harris, Director of the Frances L. Simek Memorial Library (Medford) is retiring at the end of the year; the Waukesha Federated Library System has hired former director of the Dwight Forest Public Library (Fort Atkinson) Connie Meyer as System Director; and the Outagamie-Waupaca Library System Board of Trustees hired Walter Burkhalter, Public Library Consultant at DPI, as the new director of the system.

Wendt presented the legislative update. AB 288 concerning changes to cross border payments between consolidated county libraries and adjacent counties was passed out of the Assembly Committee on Urban and Local Affairs on a 5 aye/3 no vote on October 22. The ad hoc WLA committee appointed by incoming WLA President Krista Ross to address cross border issues and determine solutions met for the first time on October 7. A second discussion via Go-to-Meeting is scheduled for November 19, with another face-to-face meeting anticipated on November 25. There were concerns that Assembly Speaker Vos would schedule a floor vote on AB 288 during the last two weeks of the 2013 session so successful steps were taken to create a sufficient window of time allowing the WLA committee to recommend a compelling and equitable alternative for the entire state. The earliest that floor action on the bill might now be scheduled is the week of January 14, 2014. Meanwhile, **Ralph Illick** and the directors of consolidated libraries in Adams and Portage Counties along with majority party legislators representing those three counties will be meeting with the bill's author, Rep. Murphy, in the office of Speaker Vos on November 20 to discuss potential statewide unintended consequences of the bill written to address a dispute between Brown and Outagamie Counties. The lone Senate co-sponsor to AB 288, Senator Grothman, introduced a twin bill (SB 397) on November 11 which was referred to the Committee on Economic and Local Government.

Klingbeil reported that WVLS became a member of the Wausau Community Area Network (CAN) on November 7. This will allow WVLS to expand our ability to service increased broadband capacity to member libraries.

V-Cat Council: (Exhibit 11)

Members were directed to the meeting minutes from October 3. The next V-Cat Council meeting is December 6.

Conference Travel Opportunities/Reimbursements for Trustees (Exhibit 12)

Bobrofsky led further discussion of policy development for trustee travel and conference participation opportunities. Members were asked to consider various options compiled by Hildebrand as presented in Exhibit 12. The topic will be placed on the January agenda for final consideration and action. Other systems were surveyed to gather best practices.

Portrait of WVLS Board members

Ascher reprised her suggestion that a photo portrait of the WVLS Board should be taken for publicity purposes and potential display in member libraries.

Bobrofsky/Otten motion not to take an official portrait of the WVLS Board. Motion carried with Ascher voting no and all others voting aye.

Project WIN Grant Proposal (Exhibit 13)

An LSTA grant for \$30,000 for Project WIN through June 2014 cannot be considered by DPI/DLT until sufficient progress toward implementation can be documented beyond the planning process.

Appointment of 2014 LAC Members

Wendt drew members' attention to the 2014 WVLS Library Advisory Committee roster. New LAC members are Cathy Retzer (Medford and Stetsonville Elementary Schools), Todd Mountjoy (LRC

Director, Nicolet Area Technical College), and Lorelee Peterson (Withee Public Library). Erica Grunseth's appointment was extended to 2015 to accommodate her election as 2014-2015 Vice Chair/Chair Elect.

Appointment of 2014 V-Cat Steering Committee Members

Marla reported that the V-Cat Steering Committee would be extending its work into 2014 and recommended appointment extensions for the individuals currently serving on the committee.

Bobrofsky/Jopek motion to retain the same members of the V-Cat Steering Committee through 2014. All aye. Motion carried.

Appointment of Nominating Committee:

Sturzl appointed Knuth, Grunseth and Bobrofsky to the Nominating Committee with Knuth as chair. A slate of officers will be presented for a vote at the January meeting.

Temporary Appointment of President (Sturzl), Vice-President (Lay), and Treasurer (Otten) to retain duties from January 1, 2014 through the first 2014 board meeting:

A temporary appointment of current officers was necessary until the first 2014 board meeting.

Olszewski/Knuth motion to approve temporary appointment of President Sturzl, Vice-President Lay and Treasurer Otten to retain duties from January 1 through the first 2014 board meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

I-Pad Distribution – Comments and Concerns

Klingbeil announced that he would provide a i-Pad tutorial for board members immediately following the meeting.

Wessler Scholarship Report

No applications were received. Additional contributions to the Wessler Fund were received in memory of former WVLS staff member Fay Maas and former MCPL staff member Faith Berglund.

Future meeting dates:

WVLS V-Cat Steering Committee – Friday, December 13, 2013, 1:30 PM, WVLS Office

WVLS Board of Trustees – Saturday, January 18, 2014, 9:30 AM, WVLS Office

WVLS Executive Committee – date to be determined

Adjournment:

Grunseth/Jopek motion to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Adams Wendt, Meeting Recorder