

**MSC Fall 2014 Membership Meeting
September 26-27, 2014
Carroll College, Simperman Hall, Helena MT**

MINUTES

9:00- 9:30 AM Ken Adams welcomed attendees and new libraries. Also introduced Amy Marchwick and Allison Badger and explained their roles at the meeting.

Housekeeping: Wi-Fi access/password, need nametags for lunch, please speak up for microphone.

Introduction of Executive Board: Debbi Kramer, Diane Anderson, Sinda Puryer, Lisa Mecklenberg-Jackson, Sonja Woods, Honore Bray, Holly Harper, Dale Alger and Jack Albright

Roll Call: Dale Alger (see separate document for attendees)

Brief discussion regarding lack of attendance by member libraries

Approval of the Spring 2014 Meeting Minutes

ACTION ITEM: Libby Wolfe (PLUK) moves that we accept the minutes as presented. Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools) seconds. Motion carries.

MSC FY2015 Budget, System Operations and Staffing Update (Ken Adams)

FY2015 Budget Update

Operating bills paid. Most member libraries have paid their yearly fees. Still need to pay salaries, costs associated with conferences and meetings and MSL Indirect Services charge. Due to Melody leaving, there will be extra salary money.

Questions and Comments:

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): When does the current FY end?

Answer: For the MSC, the fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30 of the next calendar year. In this case, FY15 ends on June 30, 2015.

Staffing Update

Melody last's day was September 19. She left for a personal and medical reasons. MSC has advertised the position internally. If they have not received applications by September 28, they will open it to the general public. Gemma Hazen, who previously worked for the MSC has been hired and will start October 8. Her official title is Technical Services Support, with a focus on cataloging/catalog maintenance.

Questions and Comments:

Katy Callon (Montana Department of Transportation Library): What will Gemma be doing?

Answer: Same as Amy and Melody.

System Update

GA6.1 (Enterprise) update in August

Sirsi administrative update. There have been/will be lots of updates.

MobileCirc beta test began in May. Version 0.9 still testing, but 1.0 is due to be released in December. MobileCirc has been very popular with those members who are using it, particularly when taking inventory. Members who are currently testing this service are Red Lodge Carnegie Library, Missoula Public Library, Bridger Public Library, Billings Public Library and ImagineIF Kalispell.

Questions and Comments:

Katy Callon (Montana Department of Transportation Library): What had a one year trial?

Answer: eResources Central and MobileCirc

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Is MobileCirc on the live Server?

Answer: Yes, it is. So if you make changes, they are reflected in the catalog.

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): School librarians want to use at shelf with students. Librarians are very excited and want to implement. MobileCirc will be huge. Robust Wi-Fi will make it easy to use. Easier to use than PocketCirc. As a result, inventory was easier to conduct, but you do need Bluetooth scanners to use with your tablets.

Blue Cloud Analytics:

It is a web-based tool for analytics. Will replace Director's Station. Sirsi-Dynix gave a live data demonstration at recent conference. It is currently installed as an extraction agent on the MSC server. At this time, it can only process one module of stats at a time.

Questions and Comments:

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): How long will Director's Station be up?

Answer: As long as it lasts

MaryKay Bullard (Bicentennial Library of Colstrip): How will it be to use?

Answer: It will be easier and more fun to use. Can import stats. More functional. Additionally, MSC staff can set up yearly stat reports that members will be able to view.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): Roll out date?

Answer: No specific date at this time. It will be in general release by next spring. MSC is beta testing site, so we will have it sooner.

Symphony 3.5:

Service patch in July. Next roll out in November or December. Adding lots of stuff – better functionality with MobileCirc and Blue Cloud.

Blue Cloud Cataloging:

This will making cataloging cloud based. As such, WorkFlows will go away, with cataloging to be the first module to disappear. Next will be Circulation and then Acquisitions. Blue Cloud Pack – will not be using. It will act as a replacement for E-Library – will be in Enterprise. Out next spring.

eResource Central:

The consortium is using it and hates it. The vendor records are bad – they have to be cleaned up via OCLC. There are problems with indexing and holds.

EBSCO:

Net Library titles still available, but not in catalog due to complaints. EBSCO is now offering HOST EBooks – updating with new links, will add to catalog. We cannot swap old titles for new titles, but will negotiate for new titles and to add libraries.

Questions and Comments:

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Why are we re-adding titles? We weeded them and don't want if old non-fiction.

Answer: We won't add old stuff, but we will have to come up with pricing structure for new stuff.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): Will this service be available to school libraries?

Answer: Only to those who had authorization. I don't know about individual schools.

ShoutBomb:

20 or so libraries using – need more libraries. All schools are signed up at no cost, but not used. Whitehall K-12 Library is currently using, but they are having some problems. ShoutBomb utilizes a third-party interface that will send SMS text message to patrons' phones. However, patrons must opt in to use. It sends overdue notices, hold pickup notices, fines, courtesy notices (overdues) to patrons. Libraries can sign up on a monthly basis.

Questions and Comments:

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): You cannot use special characters in passwords. Explains how it works – automated between Shoutbomb and MSC Server.

Wendy Campbell (Darby Community Public Library): Mass messages?

Answer: Through personal phones only.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): How do you find out which patrons sign up?

Answer: We don't get personal information, but can send patron barcodes. Materials available on MSC website.

History of the MSC and its relationship with the State Library (Diane Anderson/Sarah McHugh)

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): Brief introduction – explains why we have a historical overview.

Sarah McHugh: Reviews LSTA funding which must be passed by Congress each year, so MSL is not always certain of its final budget. Review of how funds are used each year. What are the priorities: OCLC Group Services Contract (all libraries), MSC (program of MSL) – want to help libraries join MSC by funding them.

Funding of MSC positions (Amy, Melody, and Gemma) – why and where this money comes from – burden has gradually shifted to members. Discusses the reasoning behind the creation of Gemma's position, as well as the addition of school libraries, particularly large school districts. These positions are hired by the MSL and supervised by MSL employees, but funded by MSC.

Explains MSC budget issues – MSC is only minimally impacted by legislative cuts because MSC is considered Proprietary Funding, which affords the MSC some protection from cuts. Additionally, discusses the composition of the MSC Budget -- member fees, resource sharing funding, LSTA (staff costs and migration costs).

MSL views this as a working partnership (work in progress or a self-governing program of the MSL). For example, members can offer input regarding the strategic plan but the plan must be approved by the Network Advisory Council (NAC), the State Librarian and the Library Commission. Clarified role of MSL and its mandate to serve public libraries. MSL works to include all libraries in projects. This becomes problematic when funds run short and/or work has exceeded the budget. Ultimately, the MSC can choose to leave MSL at any time.

Questions and Comments:

John York (Montana Academy): Reviewed role of the NAC – it helps MSL decide what should be done with federal funding each year – remaining funds after salaries and other projects covered.

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): Does MSL want all libraries to join MSC? OPI will not take a similar stance.

Allison Badger (Office of Public Instruction, Resource Center): In response to Holly Harper, OPI has a legislative mandate to serve Montana's public schools. While this includes school libraries, they are only a small part. Additionally, OPI cannot tell schools how they should be run or what they should do.

Becky Mosbacher (Hellgate Middle School): Clarified Dennis Parmen’s (OPI, deputy superintendent) position regarding school libraries and the MSC. Librarians need to work at local level – with administrators to encourage MSC involvement.

John York (Montana Academy): Reminder that this election season. Talk to representatives about MSC and MSL programs. They control the purse strings.

Ken Adams: Provides background for Strategic Plan and clears up issues regarding school libraries.

Questions and Comments?

Jim Kammerer (MSL): Could marketing materials include benefits to MSC libraries?
Answer: We have something similar somewhere.

Katy Callon (Montana Department of Transportation Library): Need something like this for school administrations – a document that will simplify talking points for them.

Marie Habener (Dillon Public Library): Thank you for overview. It will help my board members.

BREAK

Strategic Plan: Vision/Mission statement discussion (Jack Albrecht)

Jack Albrecht (Thompson-Hickman Memorial Library): Mission statement crafted by the Executive Board at the Virginia City summer retreat.

“Montana Shared Catalog provides essential library services creating an environment of continuous learning and innovation by connecting library systems through active engagement, technology and collaboration”

Katy Callun (Montana Department of Transportation Library): The mission statement needs clarification – libraries or system? Member libraries need to be mentioned. Proposes an alternative statement:

“Montana Shared Catalog members provide essential library services through an integrated system which creates an environment of continuous learning and innovation by connecting library systems through active engagement, technology, and collaboration.”

Kim Crowley (ImagineIf Kalispell): Acknowledges Executives Committee’s work on strategic plan and vision/mission statements. Agrees with Katy, but MSC needs to step back – we are a unique organization. Each library has a mission/vision statement, including the MSL. Thinks mission/vision/strategic plan should be in a policy statement that acknowledges what we are – a group of self-governing members. Have a simple mission statement:

“The MSC supports and connects Montana libraries through technology, training and resource sharing.”

Thinks Strategic Plan should be connected. Doesn't think we should vote on vision/mission statement. Strategic Plan should have measurable and actionable goals – for example, number of libraries joining MSC members visit non-member libraries. Ultimately, we need to do more than talk, but take action.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): It was written this way so we could have a yearly service plan – be flexible because we don't always know about funding. We don't want to put things down, we can't do.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Shouldn't we include MSC growth? If we're not going to do the work, then why? Uses Lewis and Clark as an example.

Sonja Woods (Miles City Public Library): Discusses Miles City's role in recruiting area libraries.

Debbi Hronek (Joilet Public Library): Would like to see the word “member” in the mission/vision statement. Adding “member” would make the statement more specific.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): We need to include the delivery of an ILS, which does not appear as part of the mission or vision statement or goals. A suggested goal might be “Maintain a consortia ILS for libraries of all types.

Marie Habener (Dillon Public Library): Believes we need to add “consortia” after MSC. Doesn't want to divide us into individual members, we are a group.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): Why not add “member” after MSC? Can we do a motion?

Marie Habener (Dillon Public Library): Happy that the MSC only added three libraries per year. Growth is good, but we have to pay our salaries. Not always easy to come up with money. Prefers controlled growth.

Ken Adams: Clarifies the scenarios regarding the addition of new libraries. These are a suggestion to the group, not a set policy.

Anita Sheetz (Fort Peck Community College, James E. Shanley Tribal Library): Adding is a lot of work, especially when you are understaffed. School libraries will be in same position. We need to learn how to do things.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Need to return to the vision/mission statements. Do we want one or the other? Do we combine? Do we look at MSL and make vision/mission statements under MSL?

Rhonda Horner (Noxon School K-12): Explains mission/vision statements – role and purpose in organizations. Mission statements focus on the day to day operations while vision statements outline future goals. Without either one, it makes it difficult to build unity and to get people on board. Very important to organizations.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): Delivery of ILS needs to be included. Seems to be a basic service.

Sarah McHugh: Reviews Kim’s points – do we need these things? Remember this is a conversation with MSL -- the NAC has helped make MSC a program of the MSL. MSL, NAC and Commission all need to be on board with MSC statements. Jennie Stapp [State Librarian] is not comfortable with dictating how many libraries we should add a year.

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): Does the NAC does have a vision for MSC?

Sarah McHugh/John York (Montana Academy): Might have at one time, but not aware of it now.

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): It needs to be consistent with MSL statement, but MSC should reflect MSL

MSL vision statement

“The Montana State Library is committed to strengthening libraries and information services for all Montanans through leadership, advocacy, and service”.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Don’t use too many words. Need strategic framework to introduce goals and actions. Transforming lives is part of the overall picture. The MSC is not the highest level in our organization, but a piece of what we do.

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): The challenge is to get time with administrators and getting them to pay attention. Need something they can sink their teeth into – simple statements. Not comfortable with not having one, but agrees with the need for a simple statement.

Joey Kositzky (Whitefish Community Library): Mission/vision statement clarification. Understands why we need both.

Krystal Zentner (Bridger Public Library): Believes we need both a mission and a vision statement, but believes we should focus on the mission statement.

Libby Wolfe (PLUK) moves that we look at the mission statement. Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools) seconds motion. Marie Habener (Dillon Public Library) calls for the question. Motion carries.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): That was just to work on the mission statement. Where do we go from here?

Marie Habener (Dillon Public Library): I move we alter the mission statement to read:

“The Montana Shared Catalog Consortium, through a shared integrated library system provides essential library services creating an environment of continuous learning and innovation by connecting library systems through active engagement, technology and collaboration.”

Adds the word “consortium.”

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): Seconded.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Discussion?

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): What does active engagement mean?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Means exactly what we were talking about earlier.

Libby Wolfe (PLUK): Not a static membership but an active membership, with mentors who are willing answer questions and offer support – continued participation.

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): Having people help us get our staff up and running – not member staff, but other member libraries. Having people be there physically to help us is one of the really special things about this organization - that’s an example of active engagement.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Too many words. What are we getting at? Everything that has been said is important, but these are more like goals.

Sarah McHugh: This covers what it does for the libraries. What does it do for the users? I think this is getting at that. It doesn’t address why we should fund the MSC

Libby Wolfe (PLUK): The proposed vision statement approaches that, but Kim’s doesn’t say enough.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Remember, this needs to be something we can remember and spit off the top of our heads. The longer it is, the harder that will be.

Rachel Ratliff (Rosebud Public Schools): The upper proposal is more attractive to her. It explains what active engagement means.. This will encourage principals to ask questions, while the second one won’t.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): Likes Kim’s. Believes adding the word “patrons” would satisfy Sarah’s concerns. The second one is shorter and meets MSC’s needs.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): The mission statement should explain MSC's reason for being. The original mission statement describes who we are and why we exist – to connect library systems and provide an avenue for innovation and collaboration.

KellyAnne Terry (Lewistown Public Library): Likes the first one because it explains what we are, but feels ILS should be deleted. Also keep consortium and get rid of second line.

Rhonda Horner (Noxon School K-12): Does not have enough meat to take to school administrators. Need motion on the floor for first statement.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Mission statement needs to reflect who we are. We are the Montana Shared Catalog, not consortium.

Ken Adams: We are bogged down! The MSC is the name of this group. It covers everything we do. We can change our name, but that's another issue.

Heather Johnstone (Rosebud County Library): Offers her take on the mission statement -- consortium doesn't need to be there. It is implied.

Katy Callon (Montana Department of Transportation Library): Wasn't proposing a name change. The bylaws statement includes member libraries.

Ken Adams: Member libraries is part of who we are. MSC implies this.

Ken Adams: Not trying to describe group, but what we do.

John York (Montana Academy) Calls for the question. Motion fails.

Rachel Ratliff (Rosebud Public Schools): I move we strike the first two lines: Suggests

“We provide essential library services creating an environment of continuous learning and innovation by connecting library systems through active engagement, technology and collaboration.”

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Agrees we need to include the term MSC in the statement.

Sarah McHugh: Likes using the phrase “members provide.” Gives the charge to all MSC members. Also takes into account individual library mission statements and their goals.

Becky Mosbacher (Hellgate Middle School): We implies libraries. However, we shouldn't need a mission statement because we fall under MSL.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Agrees with the use of the word member. A mission statement needs to be succinct. It consists of lots of pieces -- describes MSC, mission statement, goals and objectives.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools) seconds the motion. John York (Montana Academy) calls. Motion fails.

Della Haverland (Stillwater County Library) motions to accept as originally stated. John York (Montana Academy) seconds. Rhonda Horner (Noxon School K-12) calls for the question. Mission statement proposed by the MSC Executive Board stands as is.

MSC System Policies Reorganization Update (Amy)

Completed round 4 – item type changes. Do not see any more item type changes, but that could change as we add more libraries. Down to 48 items. Only removed 44 circ rules – has to do with Sharing Groups choosing rules. Will be down to 46 by the time process is completed. Individual library cleanup at 41 – includes those that have been contacted by MSC. Includes barcode issues, reports, circ rules. If you haven't been contacted, you will be within the next few months.

Home location cleanup has begun. Next steps – reduce home locations (merging similar ones). Need to reduce in order to work with Enterprise, otherwise there will be too many facets. Will also clean up Item 1 and 2.

Carly Delsigne (North Jefferson County Library District): Acknowledges how fabulous MSC staff is. Round of applause.

Amy Marchwick: Appreciates willingness of libraries to work with MSC staff.

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH

Strategic Plan Draft: Goals and Objectives discussion (Holly Harper)

Overview of Strategic Plan – not set goals because we can't predict the future (staffing and funding needs). Must be a member-owned document. Scenarios – Ken's view of how things are right now, but this could change – not set in stone. Recommendations must be reviewed, but provides possible goals, a direction we can move.

Pink sheet breaks costs down – cost of ownership – explains how this fits into Strategic Plan. The goal is not a final strategic plan (not today's goal) -- things change, interest level and levels of knowledge change. We need to look at the concept – is this what we want, is this where it belongs.

Libby Wolfe (PLUK): Doesn't the MSC need a vision statement in order to develop a strategic plan?

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): Knows what her vision is and believes all members share a similar vision. Regardless, we still need to go through the blue sheet.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): When was it moved and seconded that we would not discuss a vision statement?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): We will call for a discussion if it's needed.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): This will be a painful process. We do it this way or we appoint people who can dig into this. Thinks we can combine goals – only need three. Goals need to include who will benefit. We need to do a lot of work on simplifying.

Becky Mosbacher (Hellgate Middle School): Thinks we need to look at vision statement first -- would clear up people's questions and concerns.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools) moves that we address the vision statement before we address the Strategic Plan. Libby Wolfe (PLUK) seconds.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Moved, seconded. There will be discussion.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Are we going to write a Strategic Plan with the people in this room?

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): Not the goal for today. We want your input.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): A working group could use Google Docs.

Called for the vote. Motion passes.

Della Haverland (Stillwater County Library) Motioned to accept the vision statement as written. John York (Montana Academy) Seconded. Lynne Kersten (Thompson Falls Public Library) Called for question. Motion passes.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Please email me if you are interested in working on the Strategic Plan.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell), Rhonda Horner (Noxon School K-12), Rachel Ratliff (Rosebud Public Schools), and Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools) volunteer to be on the Working Group.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): We want a working group, right?

Anita Sheetz (Fort Peck Community College, James E. Shanley Tribal Library): Outputs and measureable stuff is good. If we don't include this stuff, this could come back to haunt yes.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): They need to be in conjunction with what the State Library says can happen – staffing, for example. They need to be things that can actually happen.

MaryKay Bullard (Bicentennial Library of Colstrip): Will it include MSC members and Executive Board members?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): It will include Executive Board members.

Becky Mosbacher (Hellgate Middle School): Is it possible to have document posted ahead of the Spring Meeting, with a comment period?

Ken Adams: Has to be posted three weeks prior to the meeting.

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): The Executive Board knew this was not done. This is a starting point, not the final item.

Carly Delsigne (North Jefferson County Library District): Likes the idea of people emailing Honore if they are interested. Not sure if she wants to volunteer. Thinks we need to add resource sharing.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): Likes Becky Mosbacher's idea to post on line. Once it's created, people can vote on goals. This will allow the membership to take an active role in the strategic plan's creation.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): This Working Group will be working on a document that needs at least a thirty-day comment period and three weeks prior to the meeting? We need commentary before we post it?

Holly Harper (Whitehall K-12 Library): Concern people are not voicing their thoughts. Worried Working Group will do it all.

Libby Wolfe (PLUK): Unsure if she wants to commit to the Working Group. If this is set up in a Google Document, different access levels can be created. This would allow people to make comments as it develops, without having to be a formal member.

Sarah McHugh: Have a comment period on what we have now and then Working Group takes comments and integrates into Strategic Plan.

Kim Crowley (ImagineIF Kalispell): Cautions against the Working Group working online. Thinks it could be done in a half day or full meeting and then get more comments. Working online can be painful and inefficient.

Sarah McHugh: MSL has GoTo meeting licenses for every public library that can be shared. So every library will have online access. We will have the tools.

Diane Anderson (Missoula County Public Schools): Taking time away from work can be difficult for any librarian, so GoTo Meeting will make it easier for people to participate.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Is two weeks long enough for the comment period? September 27 to October 11, we'll have open comments. And then the Working Group will work on it and then it will go out for more comment. We will send something out to let people know where they can post comments

Sarah McHugh: There are so many people not here. Suggests alternative dates – something that is easy for people to remember.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): A month is too long. We get comments at the beginning and the end, but not in between. Then we run into time issues. We'll send something out on MSC discuss.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): After comment period closes, suggests an open Google document where all members can view comments. These comments will generate additional comments.

Amy Marchwick: People can still email, correct?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Yes, I'll send out an email. Anything else?

Lynne Kersten (Thompson Falls Public Library): Read through goals and objectives, and doesn't understand one. Under encourage dedicated growth, number 3: continues to investigate a regional system. What is that?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): One is a consortium to the west and one to the east. So, we would continue to investigate where we would fit into one of those systems.

Lynne Kersten (Thompson Falls Public Library): Different from number four?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): Yes. Sharing groups make it less expensive to share and easier to work cooperatively.

Lynne Kersten (Thompson Falls Public Library): So the regional system?

Dale Alger (Roundup School-Community Library): Is another system that is outside of our system.

Kate VassarGeise (Sun River Valley Schools): There's probably a lot of librarians that don't understand the costs involved in sharing groups? What are those costs? So you pay into courier? How is that cheaper?

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): MSL working on cost share formula and LSTA funding. Then it will be available to all. If you want to talk about Partners, please talk to a member or Ken or Amy.

Kathy Robins (Billings Public Library): Could they use Survey Monkey to elicit additional comments?

Carly Delsigne (North Jefferson County Liberty District): Would be easier than using Google comments.

Content Management Committee Update (Laura Tretter, Montana State Law Library)

Have new members: Scott Nordtome, who represents the schools, from Lewis and Clark Elementary and Jodie Moore from Red Lodge Carnegie Library, who will be the OPAC Representative. Also, one other change, Lois Dissly from Bozeman Public Library is stepping down and Beth Boyson will be taking over her seat.

Reminds members they need to use the cataloging procedures dated August 2014. Updates and clarifications made regarding ISBNs, attaching items to bib records (print on demand and classics), call number analytics, GMDs (still using).

Birds of a Feather Dinner Reports

Rhonda Horner (Noxon School K-12): School Libraries (Mediterranean Grill) Talked about importance of Strategic Plan and mission/vision statements. Believes schools can be an asset to this project because schools use strategic plans. Also discussed Bird format – should remain the same because we have other ways to meet (federations). Discussed breakout sessions – incorporate into meetings, allowing groups to form consensus – would help push agenda items. Will this meeting remain with Fall Workshop – schools can make it work.

Lisa Mecklenberg Jackson (State Law Library): Special/Academic (Staggering OX) There were 10 of us present. Did not talk about strategic plan, but focused on timing and format of Birds dinner. Prefer having it before membership meeting and keeping it by type because it doesn't make sense for this group. Also discussed using our listserv more often. There is no academic, but a special listserv (will combine) – will send out major points prior to meeting and ask for comments. Allows missing members to comment, as well as, provides a heads up. Talked a lot about Enterprise – who's live and who's not. We like it as a concept – searching is better, but there's concern about customization. We would like to see customization standards.

Sonja Woods (Miles City Public Library): Large Public Libraries (Fusion) Talked about mission/vision statements. Let people know about the possibility of working group. Talked about Birds dinner – great networking opportunities and like meeting night before meeting. Advises using lunch to meet/interact with other members.

New products: ShoutBomb, people like and are using it. Fall Workshop: do a survey regarding timing. Ken was good company, but not too sure about Mitch.

Debbi Kramer (Three Forks Community Library): Small/Medium Libraries (Brewhouse)

Discussed the vision/mission statements. This group likes the idea of a Work Group. Like the Birds dinner as it is – other ways for members to interact. If we continue doing Fall Meeting and Workshop together, some members want CE credit Friday morning because not everyone can stay weekend – also some people want to attend multiple sessions at the same time. No one is using Shout Bomb or the other programs because of cost. Not concerned about staff turnover, but concerned with trouble tickets. Slower, but getting answers. Mike provided a detailed overview of the World Cup. Nice to meet Mike's wife.

Discussion regarding the timing of the Fall Workshop and MSC Fall meeting. Ken explained there are lots of factors when deciding on dates – space and LSTA funding. They were originally combined because of travel issues, but that could change. Board members reminded us that is mandatory to attend both meetings.

Carly Delsigne (North Jefferson County Library District): I usually can attend in person. Having a survey about what we can do better for online attendance would be great. I think there is a lot to be done to make participation easier.

Public Comments and Announcements:

Sarah McHugh: For public library directors, there is a survey regarding traveling consultants. We changed the way the consultant program works and now we'd like your feedback. Please respond.

Honore Bray (Missoula Public Library): We will have open seats that will go into effect in July. Mine and Dale's and Sinda's will be open. Please come to the Spring Meeting. Please step up. It's very fun. You can sit here and people stare at you.

Plug for Fall Workshop: Amy and Ken will be there – Enterprise, Sunday. Scavenger hunt, Monday.

Meeting concluded at 2:20.

Next meeting May 7-8, 2015 in Helena.