

Minutes--MSC Executive Board Meeting

September 25, 2013, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Lewis & Clark Library, Helena, MT

- Call to Order
- Minute taker, Becky Mosbacher

Present: Ve Abrams, Ken Adams, Jack Albrecht*, Dale Alger*, Diane Anderson*, Honore Bray*, Melody Condron, Michelle Cunningham, Cheryl Hesper*, Debbi Kramer*, Amy Marchwick, Sarah McHugh, Becky Mosbacher*, Ann Rutherford*, Sonja Woods, Libby Wolfe*

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- Approval of September 4, 2013 minutes, with amendments
- Update on OPI Discussion and MSC Costs Talking Points
 - Dennis Parman has encouraged the State Library or MLA to go to the legislature. Parman said that when MLA took a bill for increased library funding to the legislature, it was successful. He feels that if OPI goes to the legislature, any proposal would be shot down. Sarah said that the State Library is not the entity that should approach the legislature. Honore stated that MLA would also not be the best organization to approach for support, since many non-MSC members would not support that move. Parman wanted it clear that if we do receive funding, we cannot expect to see it until at least 2015-16.
 - Ken stated that the MSC needs more staff, regardless of adding or not adding new libraries. The final decision for adding new libraries rests with the State Librarian and State Library Commission. If additional costs are NOT approved, we COULD open to new libraries but with stricter selection criteria. Preference will be given to public libraries. Melody asked if schools will be given preference should no publics apply. Honore worried that small libraries will have to pull out because of increased costs. She wondered if school librarians have authority to vote for increased costs, since their budgets are dictated by school boards and come out of the general operating funds.
 - Sarah provided a handout with background information, including the complexity of circulation rules, user profiles and report templates. This complexity is, in part, why costs have grown over time. The handout also reminded us of the original mission of the MSC. Sarah encouraged us to keep in mind the main reason, resource sharing, for the creation of the MSC, as we make decisions.
 - Sonja Woods, audience member, asked what the mission of the MSC is. Ken shared the mission, according to the MSC website. Sonja pointed out that it stresses uniformity, not catering to every individual request.
 - Cheri would like to see us focused not on problems, but on solutions.
 - Sarah says all members should feel lucky to be an MSC library.
 - To reiterate, Ken stated what OPI can and cannot do (they can be supportive in our endeavors for additional funding, yet cannot take the lead in asking for

support from the legislature); that we need to get school administrators and boards involved; and the timeline for receiving additional funding is years, not months.

We can either add new staff now, or limit adding libraries and expect to give staff comp time if we do not add additional staff.

- Discussions about I-Types and item categories: Circulation rules are applied according to I-Types, not item categories. Melody and Amy would find it helpful to streamline the current existing I-Types. Members of the Executive Board all agreed they could be the first to modify their I-Types in order to set an example. It was also agreed that once we have guidelines provided by Melody and Amy (which I-Types are preferable to use), we can then approach our constituents and help them pare down their I-Types. The same would be true for patron types, reports and circulation rules. The members of the MSC Board expressed enthusiasm for doing our part in the cleanup.
- Conduct of membership meeting: Reminder that we have members participating virtually and we must speak into the microphone to be heard. Audience members will have to approach the podium to speak into the microphone.
- Members meeting location concern from eastern libraries: It is acknowledged that it is more difficult for our eastern members to travel for meetings. However, when we did meet in Miles City, we were unable to provide a virtual meeting option. We need to have a venue that will accommodate a virtual option, as now outlined in the bylaws.
- Enterprise update: Ken reported that it's almost ready, but the stopper is a problem with holds. He will continue to work for a solution to this bug.
- MSC logo presentation: The logo is ready for use, and consensus is that it is striking.
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