



STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

September 23, 2013

10:15 a.m.

State Library Resource Center – Board Room
Baltimore

Minutes

Attendees:

Dennis Nangle, Michael Gannon, Richard Werking, Larry Wilt, Mary Hastler, Debby Bennett, Kathy Ashby, Carla Hayden, Gordon Krabbe, Ann Smith, Stuart Ragland, Wesley Wilson.

Call to Order:

Meeting was called to Order at 10:23 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the May Meeting approved.

Committee Reports:

Sailor Advisory Committee (SAC)

The Sailor Advisory Committee has agreed to support future funding requests for SLRC through the work of the Maryland Library Association and its Legislative Committee,

The Town of Snow Hill has asked Sailor to make WiFi available as part of the service the Town receives through the Sailor Network. There were a number of concerns expressed by the members of SAC and the overall feeling that this was not part of the Sailor mission. SAC is requesting that this request be denied being aware that this was an issue that would likely need to be consider in future Sailor planning. SAC expects to see more requests like this one in the future. The first request of this nature from Worcester County was denied. SAC is approaching the Commission for guidance. Ann Smith stated she would draft a policy with Commission guidance.

Kathy Ashby questioned the fairness.

Financial Report

Gordon Krabbe provided a report on Final FY 2013 expenditures. There were no significant variances from the budget that was adopted. Gordon did note however that savings on the Sailor database costs did allow us to microfilm a large portion of Maryland County newspapers.

Issues that will need to be addressed in the coming year will be the need for additional equipment and increased costs resulting in leasing swing space for the SLRC renovation that includes the potential moving of collections as well.

Richard Werking questioned if the Maryland Digital Cultural Heritage (MDCH) project was a separate budget item. Gordon explained it was not; rather it is a part of the larger Information Access Division budget.

FY2013 Annual Report

Ann Smith and Wesley Wilson presented the Annual Report for FY 13. This covered only a few areas that were in the completion stage noted during the May Update to the Commission. In May of 2013 95% of the Plan had already been completed.

There were no questions.

FY 2014 Annual Plan Update

Ann Smith and Wesley Wilson provided an update on first quarter progress made on the FY 14 SLRC Annual Plan. As of September two-thirds of the initiatives have been undertaken and reported on.

Richard Werking recommended a change in the language for initiative 4.2 ***Partner with Maryland public schools to define SLRC's role in support of public education in Maryland. (SLRC Strategic Plan Goal 4; Objective 2)***. Richard Werking questioned why just Maryland public schools not all schools including academic institutions in Maryland. Wesley Wilson explained that this was established as part of the still in place SLRC Strategic Plan therefore changing the language in an established and approved Strategic Plan was not a current option. Wesley Wilson did state that if the Commission moved to change the language in the standing SLRC Strategic Plan the wording would be changed to reflect something more global as suggested. Wesley asked for recommendations or suggested wording changes; none were made at this meeting.

Richard Werking and Larry Wilt inquired about MDCH priorities, how these were established. Larry Wilt gave the example of UMBC's recent gift of Marc Steiner's archives. How are items "nominated" to become part of the MDCH site?

Ann Smith described the early history of MDCH, how staff has forged partnerships with cultural institutions, libraries and museums as part of the identification process. Ann will also forward the MDCH Guidelines and digitization standards that are part of the MDCH web site and public record.

Richard Werking described a meeting he attended where Maureen Sullivan spoke noting that she had been a former President of the American Library Association. Richard also wondered if the Commission was aware of the activities of the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) and suggested we become an active participant of this project. Dr. Hayden reminded the Commission that she was on the DPLA Board and one of the national planning meetings had been held at Pratt/SLRC.

Addendum: November 15, 2013

During the review today of the September Commission Meeting Minutes Richard Werking noted that building on Dr. Carla Hayden's suggestion Richard had invited Dan Cohen who is the Founding Executive Director of the Digital Public Library of American (DPLA) to speak at the Annual Maryland Library Association (MLA) Conference. Richard noted that Mr. Cohen seemed interested and if he could not attend MLA he would assign someone appropriate. Again Richard Werking thanked Dr. Hayden.

Agenda Setting

No agenda items were set for the November meeting.

Meeting Dates

Dennis Nangle volunteered to create a Doodle Poll to help establish a calendar of meeting dates for the balance of FY 14.

New Business

Wesley Wilson will talk to architect Sandra Viccicho about providing a renovation update at an upcoming Commission meeting

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.