

Librarians' Advisory Council (LAC) Minutes for 1 May 2008

Attending: Elaine Steingrubey, PLAC; Magi Henderson, SWAYS; Jeanette Kampen, SWIRL; Annette Mills, SLING; Carol Stookey, SAL; Tina Hubert, Charm Ruhnke, Mercy Dena, Judy Rake and Amanda McKay, LCLS.

Absent: Diane Steele, GateNet

Observer: Carol Schaffer, Blackburn College

Elaine Steingrubey called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Introductions were made.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Magi Henderson moved, Annette Mills seconded, and the council passed the approval of the 1 May 2008 meeting agenda.

The group approved the minutes of the 6 March 2008 meeting.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS:

GateNet

GateNet held 2 meetings in April for database demonstrations: 24th – EBSCO and 30th – GALE. It is time to renew the supplementary databases, and the GateNet membership got a firsthand look at what was available. The next scheduled meeting is for May 21st at 9:30am at the System.

PLAC

No meeting

SAL

No meeting

SLING

An election of officers took place. Alayna Davies-Smith will serve a second year as chairperson and Sarah Thompson will serve a second year as secretary. Following the short business meeting, Dr. Gail Bush, National Louis University, presented a workshop on collaboration and coordination between library media specialists and teachers to provide good research experiences for students.

Dr. Bush also presented information about proposed certification classes in this part of the state. Plans include bringing the first class down in September of 2008. The location for the class will most likely be Mascoutah Public Library where we visited to talk about logistics. A minimum of 15 participants will be needed to go ahead with the class. A grant to the Laura

Bush program with IMLS has been submitted by Mansfield University and National Louis University that would help defray part of the tuition costs. We should hear about the grant in late June.

SWAYS

The group's April meeting was hosted by the Columbia Public Library. Carol Brockmeyer supplied the ILA Youth Services Forum (YSF) report. YSF and LCLS are co-sponsoring a Tech Savvy Teens workshop on May 7th. Carol asked the group to think of potential nominations for ILA's Golden Ticket and Davis Cup awards.

Barb Driesner gave the MAPL report. Judy Rake reminded SWAYS the next combined SWAYS/SLING meeting is the 18th of September.

SWIRL

No meeting

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Delivery & contingency plans: Tina reviewed the System's budget, potential meeting room revenue and other actions to help balance the budget. Also shared were the current and anticipated delivery fuel costs, which rise each time gas prices increase. Based on discussions with the drivers, consultants and LAC, a Courier Service contingency plan has been developed. This resolution was passed by LAC, motion made by Carol Stookey and seconded by Annette Mills:

After careful review and consideration, the Librarians' Advisory Council supports the delivery contingency plan as presented. The staff is to be complimented on their research, review of options and documentation of the situation.

- Email Project (in response to Communications Audit): Tina provided an overview of the Email project. The email audit determined LCLS hosted over 700 email accounts, with about 200 of the 700 as unused. The number of email accounts will decrease as our members locally brand their e-mail; for example, Hayner uses @haynerlibrary.org as their e-mail address. We are also encouraging library staff to use their school or organization related email account. Currently, LCLS does not have an official agreement or documentation between LCLS and the members for the provision of email. An agreement will be distributed during the late summer to formalize this relationship

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION

- The LCLS Board of Directors approved the System's Plan of Service during their April meeting.

- The new GateNet Manager is Leslie Bednar, effective 1 May 2008. Leslie has been Acting GateNet Manager. She has been with LCLS since 2002 as the GateNet Database Coordinator and a Cataloging Maintenance Center Cataloger. Leslie has held several additional diverse library positions since attaining her Master of Library Science:
 - Adjunct Professor/Librarian - Southwestern Illinois College, Granite City Campus
 - Cataloging Manager - The Booksource, St. Louis
 - Librarian - Champaign Public Library, Champaign, IL
 - Librarian - National Council of Teachers of English, Urbana, IL

Many thanks to Doug Losey, GateNet Chair; Deb Bier, GateNet Vice Chair/GateNet Advisory Chair; and Lester McKiernan, GateNet Advisory Member for their participation in the GateNet Manager interview process.

- The System's new accountant, Pete Saulog, begins 12 May 2008. Pete joins us with many years of experience as an accountant in several private sector companies. His background includes working with Archway & Mother's Cookie Company, Mid-America Brokerage Services, Clay County Hospital, and Radiac Abrasives. Mr. Saulog has a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and is a Certified Public Accountant. Contact Mr. Saulog at petesaulog@lcls.org or (618) 656-3216 ext 101.
- The System is submitting an LSTA grant under the *In Sync with Technology* category. Tina asked the council to consider providing letters of support for the grant.
- Tina and Elaine presented an overview of the April System Presidents and Directors meeting at the Illinois State Library. Various State Library projects were highlighted, the State's budgeting process was explained and delivery costs were discussed.
- The Expedition Extra's new format will be unveiled on Thursday the 15th of May.
- The System's annual meeting is 17 June 2008, held prior to the June Board of Directors meeting. All LAC members are invited, as is the membership.

PRESENTATION TO OR DISCUSSION WITH LAC

None

ADJOURNMENT

The LAC canceled their July meeting; the next LAC meeting will be 4 September 2008. The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.