

OREGON STATE LIBRARY

LSTA Advisory Council

May 16, 2008

Oregon State Library, 250 Winter St. NE, Salem

Diana Pearson, Chair

Council Members present: Diana Pearson, Nancy Brown, Sara Charlton, Ann Evensen, Camila Gabaldon, Javier Gutierrez, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Jim Hayden, Carol Jones, Max Leek, Anne Pearson, Sherry Stock

OSL Staff present: Jim Scheppke, MaryKay Dahlgreen, Ann Reed, Mary Mayberry

Proceedings of the last meeting: Sara Charlton moved to approve minutes of the September 14, 2007 meeting, Max Leek seconded and the motion passed.

Brief Reports:

OSLIS 2.0

MaryKay reported that \$60K in LSTA funds went into the creation of OSLIS 2.0 which launched in early March. OASL will not be renewing their contract with the UW iSchool for OSLIS support; the amount requested is not available from LSTA funds. State Library staff is exploring less expensive options, including increasing the School Library Consultant Position to full time. The current School Library Consultant, Patty Sorensen, is retiring in June.

Guidance from IMLS:

JS reported on IMLS policy changes to LSTA expenditures. IMLS now considers the Library Development Assistant, Program Manager, and part of the Federal Programs Coordinator as administrative costs. It requires that OSL spend only 4% on administrative costs, and OSL is out of compliance. OSL will ask that those 2.5 FTE positions to be moved to general funds in the 2009-2011 budget request in order to comply with IMLS guidance. About \$450K is needed to fund these staff positions for the biennium.

Overview of FFY2009 funding:

MKD explained FFY 2007 expenditures. MK said there was a recent 3-fold increase in price for Newsbank, which is now the sole-source provider for electronic back issues of The Oregonian. LSTA funds have paid for access for public, academic, and school libraries since July 1, 2005. Some on-going LSTA funded state projects, notably MLS scholarships, and L-net, are looking at partial alternate funding sources. At this time, FFY2009's LSTA award is estimated at the level of FFY2008. There may not be a new federal budget this year due to the election. If we are funded on a continuing resolution, everything will be the same as this year. EBSCO costs for 2008-2009 could go down if the Oregon Department of Education contributes.

Discussion of and Action on Council Bylaws:

The section on Council members' possible conflict of interest and compliance with open meeting law was under discussion. All agreed that every effort should be made to avoid any appearance of impropriety. Ann Evensen, providing background as the originator of the suggested changes,

said her concern from the outset was that an official would have to leave the room when the member had knowledge of the project being discussed. She would like to remove the clause concerning not answering questions so as to not restrict members from providing pertinent information they may have. A Council member with experience with Federal grant evaluation commented that if you have any knowledge of a federal grant being evaluated, you are required to leave the room. It was clarified that our meetings are open public meetings. JS asked if there was a downside to waiting until the September meeting to make the decision. Currently the bylaws requires members to declare a potential conflict of interest and refrain from scoring that grant, but not leave the room or refrain from discussion.

MOTION: Susan Hathaway-Marxer moved to postpone the vote on bylaws changes until the September meeting, Javier Gutierrez seconded. **Yes (11)** Diana Pearson, Nancy Brown, Sara Charlton, Camila Gabaldon, Javier Gutierrez, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Jim Hayden, Carol Jones, Max Leek, Anne Pearson, Sherry Stock **No (1)** Ann Evensen

Discussion of LSTA Proposals:

Continuing Projects:

09-1-HER: Hermiston Public Library

Ready, Set, Zoom, year 2

Council comments – no verbal comments

09-3-MCL: Multnomah County Library

Families Reading Together/Familias Leyendo Juntas

Council comments – What about continuing funding and how MCL’s work can be shared with other libraries?

09-3-OAS: Oregon Association of School Libraries

Oregon Battle of the Books, year 3

Council comments – Council requested a more detailed description of in-kind contributions.

09-4-SPL: Salem Public Library

Librarians for the Future, year 3

Council comments – What about plans for sustainability? Clarify effectiveness of minority recruitment.

09-5-OIT: Oregon Institute of Technology

Crater Lake National Park Digital Research Collection

Council comments – Well received by Council.

09-6-OHS: Oregon Historical Society

Oregon Tribes Project

Council comments – Has funding been requested from any of the Tribes?

New competitive projects:

09-1-DES: Deschutes Public Library

Library Linx: Bringing the Public Library to Schools

Council comments: The Council raised a question about LSTA and CIPA. Another question was raised about the number of schools being included over what period of time. How long is a “phase” of the project? There were questions as to where funding was coming from for 1/3 of the van. Staff comment was that the proposal needs to clarify what is local cash and what is in-kind. One member commented that the school district has made a commitment to provide some support for libraries. There was some discussion on the phrase “half the national median” in proposal and requested clarification. Generally the Council liked this proposal because of the local contribution and the public need.

09-1-MCR: Multnomah County Library

Kaboom! (Knowledgeable and Active Boomers), Harnessing the Energy and Engagement of Older Adults at the Library

Council comments – Javier Gutierrez declared a potential conflict of interest. Council members mentioned that community colleges have these sorts of classes and that the project might be redundant; another Council member responded that branch libraries are more accessible and don’t charge fees like community colleges. MK said OSL would like clarification as to why this needs to be a two year grant. Council also wondered if this group is really underserved. JS said that this proposal is about mobilizing boomers to help libraries as well as helping boomers themselves. A Council member said this is not developing volunteer opportunities for boomers. Another member said that a current CCRLS grant research showed that boomers want to buy rather than borrow, so bringing them into the library is important.

09-1-WAS: The Dalles-Wasco County Public Library

Wasco County Outreach Project

Council comments – The Council wondered if this type of outreach projects/deposit collections of books/station libraries is successful generally. One member wondered if they were asking for enough money, another wondered about the bussing comment in proposal. Could they possibly use foundation grants to add to the collection? There also needs to be clarification of local cash and in-kind.

09-2-OAS: Oregon Association of School Libraries

OASL Standards for School Libraries

Council comments – MK noted that these are teaching standards, not operational standards. Jim Hayden declared a potential conflict of interest. Staff suggested communication/cooperation with the WOU project. One member wondered if OASL could work on this when they had a regular OASL meeting. There was also some discussion about the necessity of hard copies mailed to all libraries.

09-2-PEN: Pendleton Public Library, BMCC Library, Pendleton High School

The Door is Open

Council comments – Council wondered about a 17 month project when LSTA gives 12 month grants. There is concern about sustainability with changing teen population. JS noted they

would continue with half-time librarian. Another member wondered if they were targeting at-risk teens? All teens? Would like to see more local cash or in-kind.

**09-2-WOU: Western Oregon University
Cooperative Information Literacy Project**

Council comments – Camila Gabaldon declared a conflict of interest. WOU’s library has a new Dean who is very committed to information literacy. WOU as Orbis member can have a lot of impact. Staff suggested the project try to coordinate with OASL and PAIL (Portland Area Information Literacy). Camila indicated WOU has talked with PAIL. A Council member suggests this could create standards for ODE.

**09-5-BMF: Bosco-Milligan Foundation
Architectural Heritage Center Digital Collection**

Council comments --

This seemed like a planning grant to some Council members. Staff commented that it seems they are trying to create a library, which doesn’t meet LSTA guidelines, is there paid staff? A Councilor indicated that they have a library and valuable resources; it is the quintessential place to go for restoration. The whole organization is run by volunteers, and is very professional. Concern was expressed that a volunteer library could devolve into no library. A Council member asked about the state archives; JS said that they collect state agency papers. UO has a good collection on historical buildings, including digitized photos. Should part of this project be researching other Oregon library holding in the area? It was not clear how this project would benefit libraries.

**09-5-CBC: Corvallis-Benton County Public Library
Oregon Open Source Consortium**

Council comments – MK said the State Library Board is interested in open source integrated library systems (ILS – e.g. online catalog, circulation) and convened a meeting with the Multnomah County, Corvallis, Eugene, and Deschutes libraries to discuss it. After that meeting OSL stepped away from the process. The Chair suggested looking at open source proposals as a group. A Councilor pointed out that two of the three open source ILS proposals are trying to create a consortium. The libraries in the Corvallis group need time to study how to best become a consortium. Unlike Corvallis, the Sage is already a consortium. Council commented that open source may involve sharing personnel expenses. JS says they saved significant money in Georgia using an open-source ILS. Georgia libraries are more similar to each other than OR libraries, where OR libraries have quite a range of size and funding levels. Staff costs and legal fees seemed reasonable.

**09-1-EOU: Eastern Oregon University
Sage – Test and Implement an Open Source Integrated Library System**

Council comments:

Diana declared a potential conflict of interest. One Tribal library is included in Sage. Sage is administered through Eastern Oregon University. Another member asked about whether the ten sample libraries are a mix of academic, public, etc. One member thinks most libraries

don't have the funding to maintain open source systems on their own. Funding for hardware for Sage is coming from Wild Horse (Umatilla Tribes).

09-5-PNC: Pacific Northwest College of Art

Creating an Open Source Library Consortium

Council comments – The Council wondered who's going to staff the project after the LSTA grant. PNCA mentioned some other resources coming their way. Council wondered what other institutions they might partner with in the future. Another member asked if they could partner with other art institutions in the state or the Metro region.

09-5-LCC: William Stafford Archives: Digitization and Educational Outreach

Lewis and Clark College

Council comments - Council asked who the audience might be. Two Council members say its valuable and important but not necessarily a fit for the LSTA program. The scope doesn't rise to the level of statewide. One member wondered if other author archives would then need to be created as well. JS remarked that Stafford was a U.S. Poet Laureate.

09-5-NRE: Access NW Toolbox

Northwest Regional Education Service District

Council comments – A question was raised as to whether this would cover all students in the ESD? It appears that it would not. The nature of the licensing basis and the vendor were not clear. Staff pointed out that LSTA has not funded automated projects that don't include resource sharing. It appears that this would be used to generate revenue in the future.

09-5-UOL: Oregon Digital Newspaper Project

University of Oregon Libraries

Council comments – The State Library has an interest in this and hosted a newspaper summit in late 2007. One Councilor said any library could access newspapers digitally. Once materials are digitized, the University would own it and there wouldn't be any on-going costs. There are similar projects in Utah and Colorado. Another Councilor asked when will they know they will get funding from the legislature? JS says it may have a late start because of the legislatively approved funding needed. MK indicated that OSL will be asking them about salary, specifically whether it is replacement salary, which is not allowable.

Open Forum -- No members of the public attended.

Comments on statewide projects:

MK said that these are funds that will be disbursed in July of 2009. A question was asked about L-net usage. MK says it has been growing a little less than 10 % per year. JS added that L-net is currently working with Ohio to add instant messaging to the options for L-net. When asked what percentage of libraries are contributing to L-net, JS said 29 libraries.

Other Business:

Election of Statewide Database Licensing Advisory Committee representatives:

MK mentioned the RFP that will be coming up this year, and briefly explained what the SDLAC does. Ballots were collected and tallied. In Position #1, winner Linda Weight received votes

from Anne Pearson, Max Leek, Carol Jones, Javier Gutierrez, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Nancy Brown, Sherry Stock, Anne Evensen, Jim Hayden, Diane Pearson, Sara Charlton, and Camila Gabaldon, unanimous. For Position #2, Sarah Beasley received votes from Max Leek, Javier Gutierrez, Jim Hayden, and Sara Charlton. Faye Chadwell received votes from Nancy Brown, Camila Gabaldon. Dolores Judkins received votes from Anne Pearson, Carol Jones, Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Sherry Stock, Ann Evensen, and Diana Pearson.

Discussion and Decision-making of Revised Targets for Oregon State Library Five Year Plan 2008-2012:

MK provided background on the new LSTA Five-Year Plan and the Targets Task Force which revised the targets included in the original Plan as submitted to IMLS. The biggest concern of the Task Force was the library community’s ability to increase service to the unserved and underserved, which they addressed in the revised targets.

MOTION: Jim Hayden moved to recommend the changes as written to the State Library Board, Susan Hathaway-Marxer seconded. Passed unanimously.

Presentation of Ranked Project Proposals

Decision-making about Project Proposals to Invite to Submit Grant Applications --

There was some discussion on how continuing and statewide projects affect funding available for new proposals. One Councilor would like to see some of the lower scoring projects expanded by a full proposal. One member asked if an invitation back guarantees funding. Answer is no.

MOTION: Ann Evensen moved to recommend proposals with score of 14 or higher be invited to submit a full proposal; Jim Hayden seconded. Passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sherry Stock moved to recommend proposals with a score of 16 or higher be invited to submit a full proposal. Camila Gabaldon seconded; **YES (11)** Nancy Brown, Sara Charlton, Camila Gabaldon, Javier Gutierrez, Jim Hayden, Carol Jones, Anne Pearson, Sherry Stock, **NO (4)** Ann Evenson, MaxLeek , Susan Hathaway-Marxer, Diana Pearson. Motion passed.

FFY2009 LSTA Proposals Recommended to Invite for Full Grant Application					
Proposal number	Applicant	Title	FFY2009 Funds requested	Ave. score	Total Do Not Invite
New Projects					
09-5-UOL	University of Oregon Libraries	Oregon Digital Newspaper Project	\$79,302	22.58	0
09-1-DES	Deschutes Public Library	Library Linx: Bringing the Public Library to Schools	\$66,018	21.67	0

09-2-OAS	Oregon Association of School Libraries	OASL Standards for School Libraries	\$10,400	21.25	0
09-5-EOU	Eastern Oregon University on behalf of Sage Library System	Test and Implement an Open Source Integrated Library System	\$76,320	21.00	0
09-1-WAS	The Dalles-Wasco County Public Library	Wasco County Outreach Project	\$49,500	20.00	0
9-2-PEN	Pendleton Public Library, BMCC Library, et. al.	The Door is Open	\$65,500	18.92	0
09-2-WOU	Western Oregon University	Cooperative Information Literacy Project	\$78,850	18.73	0
09-5-CBC	Corvallis-Benton County Public Library	Oregon Open Source Consortium	\$89,820	17.75	2
09-1-MCR	Multnomah County Library	Kaboom! (Knowledgeable and Active Boomers), Harnessing the Energy	\$66,029	16.42	2
Total Requested			\$911,879		

Recommended to not invite for full application					
09-5-LCC	Lewis and Clark College	William Stafford Archives: Digitization and Educational ...	\$62,055	15.58	3
09-5-PNC	Pacific Northwest College of Art	Creating an Open Source Library Consortium	\$49,972	14.33	1
09-5-NRE	Northwest Regional Education Service District	Access NW Toolbox	\$78,500	12.50	3
09-5-BMF	Bosco-Milligan Foundation	Architectural Heritage Center Digital Collection	\$30,000	12.17	4

Presentation to OSL Board: Camila Gabaldon will present the LSTA Council's recommendations to the Board on June 13, 2008 at the Stayton Public Library.

Next meeting will be September 12, 2008, at the Oregon State Library.
Meeting adjourned at 2:37 pm