

LSTA Advisory Council Meeting
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Oregon State Library, Room 103, 1:10-4:12 p.m.

Advisory Council Members present: Buzzy Nielsen, Bruce Kinsch, Natasha Forrester, Paul Adalian, Anne Billeter, John Russell, Sharon Smith, Jim Hayden, Perry Stokes, May Garland, and Karen Hill.

Staff present: MaryKay Dahlgreen, Jim Scheppke, Ann Reed, Ferol Weyand and Jennifer Maurer.

Council Chair Buzzy Nielsen called the meeting to order at: 1:10 pm

Introductions: Jim Scheppke introduced and congratulated Nielsen as the new Director of the Hood River County Library District. Council members and staff introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes of January 26, Telephone meeting.

Motion: Billeter moved that the minutes be approved with the correction of her name's spelling. Jim Hayden seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of current Five-Year Plan, Plan evaluation and development:

MaryKay Dahlgreen explained the Five-Year Plan evaluation and development schedule. She gave an overview and history of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) and the Institute of Museum and Library Science (IMLS). Purposes of the Act are what govern the plans and LSTA spending. Dahlgreen reviewed the six purposes of the Act. In general, the Federal government gives block grants such as LSTA much scrutiny. It wants more outcomes/results data. Dahlgreen reviewed the 2008-2012 Oregon LSTA Five-Year Plan goals. Dahlgreen gave the Council her proposal for hiring a consultant for the evaluation for the 2008-2012 Five-Year Plan. Dahlgreen suggested a steering committee for the 2013-2017 Five-Year Plan development. She stated that she would like to see many of the LSTA council members on the Steering committee. Dahlgreen also reviewed the importance of the Targets. In the past, the Plan evaluation process has resulted in real change in the Oregon LSTA program. Net Lender Reimbursement and Reference Referral Service ended and were replaced with L-net and Statewide databases. We currently have several continuing LSTA-funded projects such as Webinars, library science collection, L-net, SDLP, OSLIS, Plinkit, SAGE, and OBOB.

Dahlgreen shared the handout that the Oregon delegation took to ALA Legislative Day in Washington D.C. with the Council. Dahlgreen also reported on Library Development's "What's my Line" workshop results from the Oregon Library Association 2011 conference which solicited ideas for the LSTA plan.

Nielsen asked for comments regarding the forming of a Steering committee to develop the new Plan.

Discussion: The Council was in favor of forming a Steering Committee but noted that without a consultant the burden will fall on staff and the Council to make up excess workload. Dahlgreen suggested a small group from this meeting that would plan the Committee. Some of the groundwork for the new plan could be done by the consultant over the summer, such as asking about wishes for a new plan while doing focus groups on the old plan. A consultant will gather information for the evaluation and the new plan and share raw data with the Steering Committee. Ideally the Steering Committee will start on the new plan in the fall.

Digitization grants guideline discussion: Reed began discussion about Digitization grants guidelines. There is not currently any information in the Grant Guidelines on digitization. The Council discussed several aspects they may want to see from digitization grants that will help revise the guidelines.

Feedback from Council discussion digitization:

Vision –

Items would be available to all OR, projects would also address preservation as well as access, Content would be prioritized on interest, other availability or inaccessibility of originals, or fragility. Items/sites would be easy to find. Items would be compatible w/existing open standards, and contain primary and secondary resources, even those born digital. The host or product could take advantage of working at scale. Projects would have publicity and partnerships. There might be a centralized, searchable site for Oregon.

Need to know –

What is out there currently digitized? What is the availability of needed equipment? Who is our audience? What digitization or digital library models do other states use? What are current standards, and do we need a common platform, or will OSU's harvesting project allow us to bypass that. How to we get community input on priorities? Which collections are endangered? We need an inventory of OR digital projects.

Process -

How to add to guidelines? What is relationship with pre-existing projects? How do we identify standards for technical issues, use, and preservation? Need to do digital inventory. Council could group together a planning grant or summit?

Demonstration of OSLIS.org

Jennifer Maurer gave an excellent presentation of the Oregon School Library Information System (OSLIS).

Recess called at 4:12 p.m. until 9 am on May 13, 2011.