

Spring Membership Meeting Minutes

Western Council of State Libraries

June 12, 2015

Bismarck, ND

Members present:

AK Linda Thibodeau
AR Carolyn Ashcraft
AZ Joan Clark
CA Greg Lucas
CO Gene Hainer
IA Michael Scott
ID Ann Joslin
MO Barbara Reading
ND Mary Soucie
NV Daphne DeLeon
OK Susan McVey
OR MaryKay Dahlgreen
SD Daria Bossman
TX Mark Smith
WA Rand Simmons

Meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m.

Members were introduced.

Agenda Review

Debrief of CE activity June 11, 2015 added to agenda

Meeting Minutes from Fall 2014

Approved

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jo Budler (KS) was not able to attend the meeting.

Continuing Business

Discussion of where to hold and how to finance WCSL spring meeting. Suggestions included: using professional development exchanges, spring meeting every other year, or focus on hub cities. A dues increase was also discussed as was using National Library Legislative Day as the spring meeting.

Option for consideration: Use professional development exchanges, raise dues raise \$1,000 and add another exchange, meet every other year in spring and every other spring with COSLA meeting, don't pay for COSLA meeting, lowering cost by going to hub cities, use virtual CE.

The executive committee will review options and make a recommendation to membership.

Linda officially withdrew Juneau as spring 2016 location. Rand offered Seattle/Tacoma

2015 Fall Meeting

Western Council will pay for travel expenses including Saturday night or Wednesday night in Cape May if necessary.

It was decided that the fall meeting would be after the COSLA meeting on October 22nd. **This decision has been changed, the fall meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 17th at Cape May, NJ.**

New Business

State Data Coordinators update and discussion

Joan Clark (AZ) talked about history of public library survey and state data coordinators. Transition to IMLS of public library survey.

Interpretation of data by those outside of the profession

State data coordinators: they are designated by chiefs and they have created their job description. Cooperation between state and federal government and talk/agree about data elements. Changes to data elements are ultimately decision of chiefs. PLS part of puzzle, other surveys as well completed. Are we aware of all surveys, which do we want to put focus on.

IMLS role is to administer survey, review data and administration of data, Census, IMLS office of planning, research and evaluation.

State survey administered by state data coordinators, working group makes changes to data collection, four year process

Annie/Delaware "What we count not who counts what"

Timeline for state's collection, how will small libraries collect?

What is the data collection burden on local libraries? Current vote outcome on data elements based on difficulty of ability to collect that data. We will always be behind the curve. Electronic services are the most difficult to measure. What is the role of the chiefs and the state data coordinators?

Urban libraries council has concerns.

Data summit???

SDC's are staff, not always statistics experts, meet twice a year, history of mandates from feds about what needs to be collected, mandated at state level. How active are chief officers going to be in this process. Should chiefs be driving the process rather than SDCs? *The Purpose Based Library*

Broken, data summit, public libraries need to be player, use PLA?

Ann moved and Carolyn seconded that Western Council request that IMLS convene a meeting around public library statistics with COSLA, ALA, PLA, ARSLA, ILMS, ULC, digital inclusion survey by the fall 2015 COSLA meeting at the latest. Approved.

2. CE debrief: There were some issues with technology. Presenters were very good. Discussion of the purpose of using adobe connect, was it for chiefs not in attendance or for other staff participation? Thank you to Donna and Britton for the use of adobe connect and technical support.

State Updates

Meeting Adjourned at 2:00 p.m.