

Western Council of State Libraries
Fall membership meeting
October 18, 2012
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The meeting was called to order by President Margaret Conroy at 8:30 a.m.

Members present: Carolyn Ashcraft, AR; Hulen Bivins, ND; Lesley Boughton, WY; Jo Budler, KS; Joan Clark, AZ; MaryKay Dahlgreen, OR; Eugene Hainer, CO; Ann Joslin, ID; Susan McVey, OK; Rand Simmons, WA; Devon Skeele, NM; Jennie Stapp, MT; Mary Wegner, IA.

Conroy welcomed Joan Clark from Arizona and Devon Skeele from New Mexico as new members of Western Council.

Agenda approval. Susan McVey moved approval of agenda; Jo Budler seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Minutes. Hulen Bivins moved approval of minutes of spring 2012 meeting; Devon Skeele seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's report. Jo Budler presented the Treasurer's report. Budler said that one professional development exchange, good for two years, comes with each Western Council membership. An exchange can be divided in two, and two exchanges can be combined to cover one trip. The Western Council member must request approval for use of the exchange before the event occurs. The request form is on the Western Council website, as is the exchange policy. Additional exchanges may be purchased during the course of the year, with the cycle remaining the same as if the exchange had been purchased at the beginning of the membership year.

Skeele moved that the above information be reflected in the Western Council professional development exchange policy; Bivins seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Professional development exchanges may be used to bring in a trainer for state library staff. They may also be used for ALA Legislative Day.

The proposed budget for 2012-2013 was discussed and approved by consensus.

President's report. Conroy reported that the transition to new officers is going well. She encouraged members to check the Western Council website frequently, and expressed appreciation to the Oregon State Library, which manages the Western Council listserv.

Old business. The meeting in Omaha of Library Development chiefs went well. Pat Wagner was the facilitator. The group picked up some of the themes from the Bold Visions convening in Anaheim in June 2012, and discussed what Library Development should look like in five years.

Hainer distributed results of a survey about costs and availability of statewide databases. Consensus was that the survey information should be updated annually. Those present agreed that the information should be available to Western Council members only at the present time, with the intention to share the information with COSLA at a later date. There was discussion about OCLC contracting and pricing, with frustration expressed about

the lack of information regarding the basis for OCLC pricing decisions. Budler and Hainer agreed to work on an inventory of OCLC products available in Western Council states.

Clark reported that Arizona has ended its WebJunction contract; there was general discussion about WebJunction services and how the states use them. It was noted that Jamie Markus from the Wyoming State Library sends a list every month to the CE coordinators listserv of free online courses available across the country in the coming month.

New business. Conroy reported that a 6-month contract, ending in December, has been signed with Amigos. She reminded members that Western Council states receive free membership in Amigos. Budler and Conroy will meet face to face with key Amigos staff to discuss communications concerns. Wegner moved that the contract with Amigos for association management of Western Council be extended for six more months, through June 2013. Hainer seconded; motion carried unanimously. Bivins moved that proposals for Western Council association management for FY14 be available for review at the spring 2013 meeting. Joslin seconded; motion carried unanimously. For FY13, AMR had proposed a charge of \$13,476 and Amigos had proposed \$12,100.

The spring 2013 meeting will be held in Juneau in late May or early June. The meeting will include a full day CE session and a full day business meeting. Western Council will cover up to four nights hotel charges, airfare, and associated meals. The Western Council travel policy is on the website. Hainer will plan the CE session; possibilities were discussed. There was also discussion of carving out more time for sharing among the states. The fall 2013 COSLA meeting will be in Savannah, Georgia; Western Council will meet on the Thursday immediately following the COSLA meeting. Western Council will cover one additional night at the hotel, as well as the usual transportation expenses.

Discussion. Information was shared concerning the DOJ/NFB lawsuit settlement with Sacramento Public Library; how states are addressing digital literacy; Library Renewal and EveryLibrary.org; Califa; and the R2 conference in Colorado. Each member provided an update from their state.

Adjournment. Conroy adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Submitted by Mary Wegner, scribe