

Montana State Library Commission
Final Meeting Minutes for December 13, 2006
Bozeman, MT

Attendees:

Commissioners: Don Allen, Cheri Bergeron, Caroline Bitz, Cindy Carrywater, Bruce Morton, and Nora Smith.

Staff: Tracy Cook, Bob Cooper, Sibyl Govan, Jim Hill, Maggie Meredith, Kris Schmitz, Darlene Staffeldt, and Julie Stewart

Visitors: Brett Allen, Betsy Garlish, Renee Goss, Judy Hart, Bridgett Johnson, Gloria Langstaff, and Alice Meister. Senator John Hawks and Representative Jennifer Pomnichowski joined the Commission for lunch.

The meeting was called to order by Bitz as Moody was not in attendance.

Open Time for Comments

None.

Approval of Minutes

Bergeron moved to accept the October 11, 2006 minutes with the change that Bitz was in attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

State Librarian Report

Two interviews were held for the assistant librarian position. The interview committee will meet on Thursday to discuss interviews.

The Library Development Division (LDD) trustee handbook was distributed.

Montana State Library (MSL) is pleased Tracy Cook has rejoined MSL.

Groves had a baby boy last week and will be on maternity leave for a few weeks. She did a good job getting things ready for legislature.

Talking Book Library (TBL) has a new reader advisor Emily Stueven. She started Monday.

Staffeldt said 60 plus 5th graders showed up for (Geographic Information System) GIS day. Digital Library Network Resources Information Services (NRIS) folks took them

around the library. The Governor's wife came and said she was very impressed and wants to be involved next year.

Hill reminded the Commission that at the last meeting Robin Tredbeth came and talked regarding the GIS Common Operating picture. Hill was asked to look at the report and provide MSL's picture of what GIS should provide for Montana. Hill attempted to capture the feelings of MSL regarding the role of NRIS. A document was distributed in the Commission's packet entitled Role of MSL/NRIS Relating to GIS. At the time of the mailing, it was considered a draft document, however, is no longer considered in draft format. The decision making power of the CIO and GIS officer greatly affects MSL and ITSD as the IT organization for the State can pick up the functions that are now carried out by MSL. MSL is trying to decide what is appropriate for MSL to hand off to another agency and feel like we are still capable of completely our role. The next step is the MT Land Advisory Council meeting tomorrow and there is a motion to accept the report prepared by Robin Tredbeth. This report is written for the CIO of the State and has been accepted by the Governor's office. The Montana Land Information Advisory Council endorsement will be significant. We have responded to the report with our interpretation of our role. The real issue is how others will interpret the report and how they see our role. It is important for us to take whatever stand we are going to take and make our feelings known. Hill is hoping to receive feedback from Commission today to take to meeting tomorrow.

The Commission agreed that they will be adamant that MSL should continue on the course it's been on regardless of who makes decisions regarding GIS and that MSL act responsibly. The (Geographic Information Officer (GIO) would have to change statue to change MSL's role. It appears that though Information Technology Services Division (ITSD) is essential to MSL carrying out its mission; however they should be an enabler not an inhibitor for MSL to complete its mission.

Morton asked the Commission be immediately informed of the meeting results and complimented Hill and MSL on a very well done report.

Library Service Technology Act (LSTA) Reports and FY2006 Budget

Staffeldt reported that the Summer Institute was attended by 52 people and the evaluations were very positive and strong. The Fall workshop was held in Lewistown and had 170 people in attendance.

MSL is asking the Commission to approve a revised budget. The western consultant position has been added to the budget. We funded a LSTA evaluation project, taking some funding from Montana Shared Catalog (MSC). We will not be filling Newell's position as his position but rather some of his duties were added to the Assistant Librarian position and this is reflected as some of the changes in the LSTA 06 budget.

We still have not heard anything on the 2007 budget from the federal government. The Commission won't see formal request for action until we hear from the government.

Federation Annual Reports

All six Federation coordinators gave their reports. Each of the coordinators expressed their appreciation to the Commission and legislature for their support. They also stated they greatly appreciate MSL and the staff. Each coordinator invited Commissioners to attend their Federation meetings.

Legislative preparation and EPP

MSL asked for state moderate increases to add help for accounting and add staff to TBL. We were turned down on that but the broadband will be fully funded. The Statewide Information Access was turned down but there may be some funding later. Regarding Permanent Public Access the full time equivalent (FTE) of staff was disapproved but the legislation was approved and will be going forward. It was recommended that the NRIS/ Heritage funding be funded in two pieces – one towards NRIS GIS portal and the second toward Heritage program. MSC was disapproved as far as general fund and FTE but is pending on local fund account. This is not included in budget book because there are no new monies but the Governor's office will work with us during legislature to start a Fund for this. As far as the database funding, they recommended additional monies come from the coal severance tax to fully fund the statewide database project without local contributions.

The third piece of legislation is for renovation or construction of new local libraries. The requester is Senator Sam Kitzenberg. Staffeldt has talked to Senator Kitzenberg and he's going forward with the legislation. He wants money available for new buildings, remodels, and heating systems. Based on his request MSL has been working to get some sample legislation to the bill drafter and will probably put out a survey on Wired about the need for this type of money. Senator Kitzenberg understands that since this wasn't a request that started with MSL, MLA will take the lead on this and Staffeldt will probably be an informational witness.

Montana Library Association (MLA) Government Affairs Committee chairperson, Lois Fitzpatrick asked Staffeldt to report the following regarding MLA and legislation:

- MLS Board adopted the state Library's EPP and legislation
- OCLC statewide – MLA will ask for monies to fund that statewide
- committee will be making recommendation to the board and membership as to strategies if any regarding the state library budget disapproved by Governor's office.

Commission Goals and Action Items

Carrywater went to the Fall workshop.

Bitz and her dog were in most Montana newspapers.

Smith attended the Bozeman Public Library's grand opening and was overwhelmed.

Bergeron and McCullough went to the TBL's volunteer luncheon.

Election of Officers

Bitz asked if there were any nominations for chairperson of the Commission. Morton nominated Don Allen. The motion passed unanimously. Carrywater nominated Caroline Bitz for the vice-chairperson. The motion passed unanimously.

2007 Commission Meeting Dates

Staffeldt will be out of the country most of the month of June. She asked if the Commission wants to reschedule the June meeting to a date when she could attend or carry on without her. Bitz recommended canceling or rescheduling for Staffeldt to be present. An additional meeting date mentioned was the South Central Federation meeting will be held on April 14, 2007 in Billings.

Allen moved to approve all meeting dates as provided with the revision of June's Commission meeting being June 6th so that Staffeldt could be in attendance.

Smith moved to accept the 2006 LSTA budget update as provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Bergeron moved to accept the Federation reports as provided. Motion passed unanimously.

Literature Sampler

No comments.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

Everyone was excused except for Staffeldt and the Commission.

Adjournment

Morton suggested having individual pictures of Commissioners included on the MSL website. Bergeron suggested that Groves be involved in the redevelopment of MSL web page.

Meeting adjourned at 1:27.