

**NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC)**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 2013**  
**Online Meeting**

**ATTENDEES:**

Council Members: Chairman Sarah McHugh, Gale Bacon, Colet Bartow, Barry Brown, MaryKay Bullard, Beth Chestnut, Carly Delsigne, Susan Gregory, Kathy Mora, Richard Quillin, Doralyn Rossmann, Ann Rutherford and Helen Windy Boy. Brett Allen, Joanne Didrickson and Molly Kruckenberg were excused.

MSL Staff: Sue Jackson, Cara Orban, Jennie Stapp and Marlys Stark.

Guest: Timothy Owens.

**Chairman McHugh called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**A motion was made by Member Mora and seconded by Member Gregory to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2013 meeting as presented and the motion passed.**

**INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES (IMLS) CONSULTANT  
TIMOTHY OWENS:**

Timothy gave a quick overview of the responsibilities of his particular section of IMLS. He also explained some of their priorities which are directed by White House interests which currently are immigration, health care, library assistance and support, and stem (science, technology, engineering, math). They are also focused on early learning and national leadership grants. The early literacy grants will likely be given to groups, rather than individual libraries.

IMLS staff members meet with staff and librarians in each state and that is what he will be doing this week in Montana.

**LSTA FY'13 UPDATED STATEWIDE PROJECTS BUDGET:**

The final grant information has been received and it represents about a \$16,000 reduction. Final pay plan information is still not available so the bottom line figures are still tentative. With known and projected figures, currently there is \$56,917 remaining to be allotted. Council options are to increase funding to above the line projects which were previously approved or to address the MSL prioritized list of ideas below the line.

With the firmer numbers, staff would like to revert to the original amount proposed for the fall workshop and the early learning initiative and increase both items by \$5,000.

**A motion was made by Member Brown and seconded by Member Rutherford to drop the 2014 summer institute and proceed with the remaining projects, change courier designation to expansion instead of startup grants and leave the balance of the money to decide in November and the motion passed.**

### **COURIER SURVEY RESULTS AND DISCUSSION:**

Survey results indicate that in the beginning the courier project wasn't saving time or money but has evolved to that point that now it is. Efficiency and cost savings are both important. There will be some libraries that never participate regardless of the format of the project. Montana libraries are interested in expanding in the state before considering moving out of state. Most libraries want the state library to take on some sort of role.

There are other options as far as providers of the service but that would require a new request for proposal (RFP) process. One concern with MSL taking over the management of the process completely would be the need for a new RFP. It does appear to be a good time for MSL to get involved but it would take staff time. It is especially important for MSL to be involved if the intent is to be a statewide project.

**Members recommended that MSL takes a leadership role and have Sarah put something in draft form to go through Jennie and then send out to NAC members for approval. Staff will also try to find out what happened regarding Critelli and the Havre situation.**

### **STATE LIBRARIAN REPORT/LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

Sarah McHugh attended National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) in Washington D.C. with Judy Hart, Anne Kish and Lee Miller this year and went to the orientation meeting which she deemed very helpful. She also attended the coffee that Montana's congressional members have on Wednesday mornings and either she or those she travelled with spoke to each of them. Later the group met with a staff member for each congressman. She felt all were willing to visit and learn. The consultants were brought up during those discussions.

As the Chief Officers of State Libraries Agencies (COSLA) liaison to the Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband coalition, Jennie Stapp attended the annual meeting. E-rate challenges and changes were discussed and she sat on a panel about using mapping data. Montana needs to focus on broadband deployment before focus can be directed to other issues.

IMLS has asked for information on how state libraries support the four items mentioned earlier by Timothy that the White House is interested in. Sara Groves will contact the policy advisor at IMLS to get more information in order to respond to that request.

In April the state library commission approved the statewide project budget which was recommended to them by NAC and they will see this latest recommended budget in June.

Coming out of the legislative session, MSL's budget is intact and is even excluded from the additional vacancy savings that was added in for most agencies. MSL is preparing to move forward with the programs affected by new or additional funding including an inflationary increase for statewide database costs, the talking book library digital transition and online information resources. Detailed information can be obtained by accessing the April commission meeting materials.

#### **JULY 9 RETREAT:**

The retreat will be held in Bozeman on July 9 with location information being sent out at a later date. Topics will include the NAC's FY'14 work plan and members are encouraged to send in other suggestions.

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.**