

NETWORK ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC)
Tuesday, November 10, 2016
Helena, Montana

ATTENDEES:

Council Members: Chair Tracy Cook, Gale Bacon, Colet Bartow, Matthew Beckstrom online, Pamela Benjamin online, Barry Brown, MaryKay Bullard, Dana Carmichael online, Carly Delsigne online, Eva English, Victoria Koch online, and Aaron LaFromboise.

MSL Staff: Jennifer Birnel, Tracy Cook, Jo Flick, Pam Henley, Lauren McMullen online, Cara Orban, Jennie Stapp, Marlys Stark and Suzanne Reymer online.

Guests: Anne Kish online and Bruce Newell.

After a technical delay, Chairman Cook called the meeting to order at 9:46 a.m.

Chairman Cook added an agenda item to approve the proposed 2017 meeting dates.

2017 NAC DATES:

Proposed dates were March 14, May 9, July 11 and November 14. After discussion, the members agreed that July was not a good month for the retreat and so the July meeting moved to August 1. All other dates were acceptable.

POSSIBLE FY16 LSTA FUNDS ALLOCATION:

There are \$\$4,774.64 left in FY16 funds. Staff suggest spending that on professional development, probably a third MSL workshop, and some trustee training.

A motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Bullard to approve the allocation towards the training budget and the motion passed.

STRATEGIC PLAN FEEDBACK:

State Librarian Stapp felt the former strategic plan was really a long-range plan or guide but was concerned that it did not provide meaningful guidance for staff to work and definitely not strategic guidance. She then gave a background on the process used to arrive at the strategic plan presented. Feedback on the draft is being sought at this time as they hope to adopt it in December.

This will require changes in how the work is done including the format of NAC meetings and processes.

Member Brown commented that this plan includes both broad, vague and very specific items.

TRAINING CALENDAR:

Staff is looking for feedback on the training given and planned. Suggestions are always welcome in the future.

REVIEW OF DATA DRIVEN LIBRARIES TRAINING:

Tracy Cook explained to the members how the process works. The strategic triangle is all about creating public value and uses the logic model to narrow it down.

LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE – IDENTIFYING IMPACTS AND OUTCOMES:

In the future, staff will take the previous year's participants and use the peer-to-peer training model. Past participants and training staff will design the program for next year. NAC members identified outcomes and impacts for the 2017 Summer Library Leadership Institute.

LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS – PRIORITIZE; IDENTIFY IMPACTS:

The council worked on identifying priorities. The task was to identify one priority within each of the Library Development Task Force's major areas for Library Development Staff and the council to work on in the next year. Next smaller work groups will work on identifying outcomes and impacts for each of the chosen priorities. Tracy will assign staff to each work group to implement the process and Tracy will assign members for each group.

OTHER BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jennie Stapp informed the council that there were four budget requests submitted and staff should see the Governor's priorities and budget within the week. It is very unlikely that there will be any increase and staff hope to not have cuts.

Library Legislative Day is January 18 and there will be a Facebook live event held that night. Librarians are encouraged to host a Facebook night.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were none received.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned.