

Approved as presented at the
June 18, 1997 Commission meeting

MINUTES

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION

MetNet Video Conference

April 16, 1997

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners Present: Cheri Bergeron, Mary Doggett, Eleanor Gray, Peggy Guthrie, Dorothy Laird, Michael Schulz, Hal Stearns

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: State Librarian Karen Strege, Melody Ballard, Diane Gunderson, Kris Schmitz, Darlene Staffeldt, Vicki Terbovich

Guests: Evelyn Bergstrom, Greta Chapman, Rolane Christofferson, Delores Drennen, David Ellefsen, Lois Fitzpatrick, Clare Hafferman, Jim Heckel, Wilma Jodsaas, Susan Long, Darlene McNay, Michael Ober, Wes Plann, Gene Marie Robson, Deborah Schlesinger, Mary Beth Walsh, John York

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Chair Schulz. Mary Beth Walsh of Twin Bridges asked the Commission to extend the deadline past June 4 when the Twin Bridges construction project was to have matching funds secured. She said the funds on which they were relying are still tied up in litigation and that other options are being explored. They would like to present a plan to the Library Services Advisory Council on May 16th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gray moved approval of the January 29, 1997 minutes. Laird seconded. Minutes were approved as presented.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Strege thanked Commission members for their assistance with legislative issues. Fitzpatrick reported that HB 366 (Montana Access Project) was tabled in late March. HB 453 and 454, the "harmful to minors" and the obscenity revision bills, were defeated and tabled respectively. She spoke briefly about SB 89, which will provide telecommunications discounts to schools and libraries. MLA will present Legislator of the Year awards to Rep. Ray Peck and Rep. Linda McCulloch. Fitzpatrick speculated that the obscenity issue will resurface during the 1999 legislative session. Strege said State Library staff will assess the impact of the property tax legislation on libraries. She is working with the Public Service Commission on rules to implement SB 89.

LONG RANGE PLAN	Strege outlined for the Commission the components of the library long range plan, which she plans to present for Commission approval in June. These include: Introduction, Vision, Statement of Principles, Evaluation, Natural Resource Information System, Talking Book Library, and Statewide Library Resources, of which the [statewide] Library Development section is a part. She asked the Commission for feedback on the Vision, the Statement of Principles and the Library Development sections. Most felt they are well-written. Strege said she tried to incorporate the goals of the draft "Technology 2000" into the Library Development section. Laird suggested a chronological summary be added.
STATEWIDE TECHNOLOGY PLAN	Terbovich presented the draft "Technology 2000" plan, a compilation of the work of fifteen different committees, and asked the Commission's acceptance. The document was edited by Lilly Tuholske of Missoula. Terbovich said it will be widely distributed for comment.
COMMISSION COMMITTEES	Strege asked the Commission to disband the Technology and Collection Management committees and replace them with Networking and Law Revision task forces. She asked that there be eleven members on each committee. She said she envisions the Networking Task Force helping to implement the technology goals of the long range plan. The focus of the Law Revision Task Force will be primarily on public library law.
CONTINUATION OF ADVISORY COUNCIL	Schlesinger told the Commission that under the new Library Services and Technology Act, a state advisory council is not required. The current Council, however, "recommends to the Commission continuation of the Advisory Council with format to be established." Four Council members are serving on a subcommittee to recommend the composition of the Council, number of members, number of meetings per year and suggested bylaws changes.
APPROVAL OF FY 1998 LSTA FUNDS	Schlesinger said that the Advisory Council recommends that the Commission allocates \$345,020 of 1998 LSTA funds to connect 51 libraries to the Internet and hire two technology consultants to assist libraries. She said the request meshes with the long range plan, the technology plan and the needs of the state. Laird suggested having libraries complete an application form to address future commitment, among other issues.
LSCA STATUS	Ballard shared a report on the status of current LSCA projects. Most projects are completed or in progress, with the exception of the Twin Bridges library construction.
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LSTA PLAN	Ballard reported that a Plan-To-Plan has been sent to the federal program officer explaining that the statewide long range plan currently being drafted will be submitted as Montana's five-year LSTA Plan.
FEDERATION COORDINATORS'	Drennen said the federation coordinators had corresponded by E-mail. They were in support of continuing an advisory council, the draft long range plan, and the

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MLA	Heckel announced that the MLA Marketing and PR Committee has produced a 30-second video promoting libraries which has been sent to 17 television stations. He commended Lois Fitzpatrick for her work as MLA Government Affairs Committee chairperson.
THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT	Schmitz pointed out budget changes in the areas of grants, donation fund, and NRIS contracts. She said a \$15,675 deficit in personal services will be requested from the contingency fund.
COMMISSION ARM/BYLAWS	West pointed out that the Commission bylaws and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) are in conflict on the subject of when Commission meetings will be held. Commissioners felt there is need for greater flexibility in scheduling meetings than the ARM allows. Staffeldt said it is easier for State Library staff to prepare for meetings if they are set at the beginning of the year and not changed.
COMMISSION MEMBERS' GOALS	Commission members shared their individual goals for the upcoming year. They decided to discuss these more fully at the MLA Conference.
MLA CONFERENCE	The Commission will host a Hospitality Room from 6-8 Wednesday night of the MLA Conference. They also agreed to spend time at the State Library exhibit to be available to members of the library community.
ACTION ITEMS	
Technology Plan	Gray moved "to accept the technology plan." Guthrie seconded. Vote was unanimous.
Commission Committees	Laird moved "that we dissolve the Collection Management Committee." Doggett seconded. Guthrie moved to "dissolve the Technology Committee as of July 1, 1997." Bergeron seconded. Gray moved "to accept the Networking Task Force with stipulation that #12 Trustee/Layperson be added." Bergeron seconded. Doggett moved "to establish a Law Revision Task Force with certain revisions as deemed by State Librarian." Guthrie seconded. All motions were approved unanimously.
Advisory Council	Bergeron moved "to postpone the action on the Advisory Council until the next meeting." Doggett seconded; motion passed unanimously.
FY 98 LSTA Funds	Guthrie moved "to accept the LSTA FY 1998 funds as recommended by the Advisory Council." Gray seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
Financial Report	Laird moved "that we accept the third quarter financial report." Doggett seconded; unanimous.
ARM/Bylaws	Bergeron moved to "approve the Bylaws and adjust the ARM to be in line with Bylaws." Gray seconded. Approval was unanimous.
Twin Bridges LSCA Title II	Doggett moved to delay decision about Twin Bridges until next meeting and possibly further. Bergeron seconded. Strege said she was uncomfortable with unspecified deadlines. Motion was withdrawn. Doggett then moved "to delay our decision on LSCA to Twin Bridges till the next Commission meeting." Bergeron seconded. All agreed.
STATE	Strege said an architectural firm has been hired to do a space assessment for the

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State Library. She said the State Library newsletter will now be called "Big Sky Libraries," and will have a new format. She announced that Vicki Terbovich was chosen as MLA Librarian of the Year. She thanked Guthrie for her two terms of service on the Commission.

**EVALUATION OF
METNET**

The consensus of the Commission was that meeting via MetNet meant less travel for several of the members and provided an opportunity for more members of the library community to attend. They agreed to hold a meeting by video conference once a year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Schulz encouraged Commissioners to attend the Rural Libraries Conference in Spokane in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.