

Memo

To: State Library Commission

From: Darlene Staffeldt, State Librarian

Date: July 17, 2009

Re: Future retreat plans

Currently my notes about the retreat show that the topics for discussion were to include:

Commission Bylaws - The commission has to review the bylaws annually. Former Commissioner Moody had suggested a new bylaw to establish and maintain a written code of policies and precedents for the authority and direction given to the State Librarian so that new commissioners would have the opportunity to learn and know them.

Commission Vision - Former Commissioner Moody had suggested the need to discuss how the commissioners view their mission and their statutory authority. He feels it is a powerful authority and the Commission needs to focus on keeping that authority. He would like to have this as an agenda item for every meeting in order to keep that focus. He feels four things are necessary:

- Perceive and articulate opportunities and hazards for MSL's future;
- Preserve intellectual knowledge;
- Exercise full authority of the agency in regards to other agencies; and
- Effectively direct the state librarian and support objectives

Commission goals and mission

Do you have any suggestions for additions, edits, or deletions to this list of topics for discussion?

When would you like to schedule the retreat?