

NORTHNET LIBRARY SYSTEM
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
January 26, 2011

CONVENING:

The NorthNet Library System (NLS) Steering Committee met this date virtually via WebEx with Chair Gregg Atkins presiding. The meeting convened at 2:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	ABSENT	MEMBER LIBRARY	REPRESENTATIVE
X		Dixon Public Library	Gregg Atkins - Chair
	X	Plumas County Library	Margaret Miles – Vice Chair
X		Colusa Public Library	Wendy Burke
X		Humboldt County Library	Victor Zazueta
X		El Dorado Public Library	Jeanne Amos
X		Folsom Public Library	Katy Curl
X		Marin County Free Library	Gail Haar
X		Modoc County Library	Cheryl Baker
X		Napa City-County Library	Danis Kreimeier
X		Orland Free Public Library	Jody Meza
X		St. Helena Public Library	Jennifer Baker
X		NLS System Headquarters – Executive Director	Annette Milliron
X		NLS System Headquarters – Assistant Director	Patty Hector
X		California State Library Representative	Linda Springer
X		California State Library Representative	Gerry Maginnity
X		California State Library Representative	Sandy Habbestad

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS:

Introductions were made.

2. PUBLIC INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

There were no members of the public present.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was moved by Gail Haar and seconded by Jody Meza. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 27, 2010

A Motion to approve the minutes from the October 27, 2010 Steering Committee meeting was moved by Cheryl Baker and seconded by Jeanne Amos. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010

B. REVISED FY 2010/11 BUDGET

A Motion to approve the Consent Calendar was moved by Gail Haar and seconded by Cheryl Baker seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

6. NEWS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY

Gerry Maginnity reported that the State Library has been working on the ramifications of the budget cuts proposed in the Governor's budget. One unintended consequence of the budget cut is that the State Library could lose its LSTA funding in the future as it depends on a match from the State. Library Development Service, and the Braille and Talking Book Library are both heavily funded with federal money. Discussion ensued.

7. CLSA FUNDING SYSTEM STRATEGY PLANNING

A. REVIEW BY REGION

Ms. Milliron presented the documents that the system staff compiled to show how the budget cuts will affect member libraries. The cash reconciliation does not show the checks (mostly grant funds) that were received recently from the State, but does demonstrate that we have to use reserves for operating each year until checks arrive, which is why NLS maintains \$300,000 in reserves. Each regional system also has cash reserves. All three have obligations with PERS and North Bay and North State have retiree health benefits, although both Mountain Valley and North State's PERS accounts are currently inactive. All three systems would have to have an actuarial study conducted, which takes a year, if the PERS contracts are to be terminated. Otherwise, there is the potential for ongoing expenses in perpetuity, even for inactive contracts such as MVLS' and NSCLS'. Discussion ensued.

B. PLANNING FOR NLS COUNCIL MEETING

Mr. Atkins explained that the meeting on February 11th in Woodland will have two components: three separate simultaneous meetings for the regional councils and then one meeting with everyone to identify priorities for NorthNet Library System.

Mr. Atkins expressed his gratitude to Heather Muller from Woodland Public Library for securing a facility in Woodland at no charge to the system.

Cheryl Baker was concerned that NSCLS Council members won't be well represented due to the location of the meeting and difficulty of travel at this time of year. Jennifer Baker suggested North State meet virtually prior to the NLS Council meeting. Ms. Milliron will poll the NSCLS Library Directors to see if this is something they want to pursue.

8. LEGISLATIVE DAY MEETING PLANNING

Ms. Milliron explained that she typically sets up and attends the legislative day meetings but feels that it's really important that the library directors meet with their legislators this year. She noted that she has attended the meetings solo over the past several years. Ms. Milliron had asked Sandy Cooper and Danis Kreimeier to set up a meeting with Michael Allen. Jennifer Baker volunteered to schedule meetings with both Michael Allen and Noreen Evans. It was noted that Mel Lightbody of Mendocino County Library is meeting with Wes Chesboro and that hopefully Bonnie Katz of Solano County Library would be able to schedule a meeting with Assemblywoman Yamada. There is a process for directors to use when setting up a legislative day appointment that involves posting the appointment on CLA's website so other directors are aware of it. Ms. Milliron will send Ms. Baker the email with the instructions on how to schedule the appointments. She noted that she is willing to attend the meetings as back up with the library directors. Discussion ensued.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The NLS Steering Committee will set their next meeting date after the NLS Council meets in

February.

10. AGENDA BUILDING

The agenda for the next NLS Steering Committee meeting agenda will be established after the NLS Council meeting in February.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Annette Milliron DeBacker
Clerk of the Committee
January 26, 2011