

NORTHNET LIBRARY SYSTEM
STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
March 30, 2011

CONVENING:

The NorthNet Library System (NLS) Steering Committee met this date virtually via WebEx with Chair Gregg Atkins presiding. The meeting convened at 2:04 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

Chair Gregg Atkins welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. PUBLIC INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE

There was one NLS staff person in attendance.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

A Motion to approve the agenda was made by Gail Haar and seconded by Jeanne Amos. The Motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 26, 2011 MEETING

A Motion to approve the minutes from January 26, 2011 meeting was made by Danis Kreimeier and seconded by Jeanne Amos. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. FINANCIAL STATEMENT ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2011

B. REVISED FY 2010/11 BUDGET

A Motion to approve the consent calendar was moved by Gail Haar and seconded by Margaret Miles. Ms. Kreimeier abstained from voting as she was unable to view the document prior to the meeting. The Motion passed with one abstention.

6. NEWS FROM THE STATE LIBRARY

Governor Brown called off all negotiations and has not signed a budget but he can still blue pencil anything/everything and call for another budget. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Miles suggested contacting the CLA Legislative Committee to find out what libraries should/can do to help the budget situation.

The State Library is committed to helping with the planning process that will decide future directions for CLSA Systems. Given the current confusing situation with the State Budget, it is very difficult to make any definite funding decisions at this time.

Ms. Milliron explained that without CLSA money, there will be no delivery or databases for libraries in the NSCLS region; for the MVLS region there will be no delivery to all but four libraries (who will be reduced to the two extra days that they pay for), no databases and no training; in NBCLS libraries will have the two days of delivery that they pay for. A major infusion of local funds will be needed to maintain any of the services. Ms. Kreimeier requested that Ms. Milliron build a zero-based budget.

7. OPERATIONS FOR FY 2011/12

A. PLAN FOR SYSTEM OPERATIONS

Ms. Kreimeier moved that the Steering Committee meet to develop a proposal for sustainability to be presented to the membership for discussion and adoption and including a budget, service plan, staffing plan, and system structure for 2011-12 and beyond using zero-based budgeting and a facilitator. The Motion was seconded by Jennifer Baker. The Motion passed unanimously. Ms. Milliron will poll the Steering Committee to find a date for this meeting.

Ms. Kreimeier moved that the RFP developed by the Sustainability Committee be tweaked to be a 2-day retreat for the Steering Committee with a facilitator with the date to be determined by a poll and held prior to the end-of-the-year Council meeting. The Motion was seconded by Jennifer Baker. The Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Milliron will send the revised RFP to the Steering Committee who can share it with potential consultants.

The Steering Committee would need to meet starting in April. The System Council will meet in May. Mr. Zazueta will not be able to attend any meetings in April and agreed that the Steering Committee could find a replacement to represent him.

B. BUDGET SCENARIOS

Item discussed in Item #7.

8. SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY RETREAT

Item discussed in Item #7.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date will be determined using an online poll.

10. AGENDA BUILDING

Item discussed in Item #7.

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Annette Milliron DeBacker

Clerk of the Committee

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