

NORTHNET LIBRARY SYSTEM

COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER:

The Council of the NorthNet Library System (NLS) met this date at the Pasadena Convention Center, Room 206 in Pasadena, CA with Chair Bill Michael presiding. The meeting convened at 9:10 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT	ABSENT	SYSTEM	MEMBER LIBRARY	NAME
X		Mountain Valley	Mono County Free Library	Bill Michael – NLS & MVLS Chair
	X	Mountain Valley	Alpine County Library	Laura Einstadter
	X	Mountain Valley	CSU Sacramento Library	Tabzeera Dosu
X		Mountain Valley	Colusa County Library	Wendy Burke
	X	Mountain Valley	El Dorado County Library	Jeanne Amos – MVLS Vice-Chair
	X	Mountain Valley	Folsom Public Library	Katy Curl
	X	Mountain Valley	Lincoln Public Library	Darla Wegener
X		Mountain Valley	Nevada County Library	Mary Ann Trygg
X		Mountain Valley	Placer County Library	Mark Parker
	X	Mountain Valley	Roseville Public Library	Rachel Delgadillo
	X	Mountain Valley	Sacramento Co. Pub. Law Lib.	Coral Henning
	X	Mountain Valley	Sacramento Public Library	Rivkah Sass
X		Mountain Valley	Sutter County Library	Roxanna Parker
	X	Mountain Valley	UC Davis	Sandra Vella
	X	Mountain Valley	Woodland Public Library	Sandra Briggs
	X	Mountain Valley	Yolo County Library	Patty Wong
	X	Mountain Valley	Yuba Comm. College Library	Elena Heilman
	X	Mountain Valley	Yuba County Library	Loren MccRory
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Benicia Public Library	Diane Smikahl, NBCLS Chair
X		North Bay Cooperative	Napa City-County Library	Danis Kreimeier, NBCLS Vice-Chair
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Belvedere-Tiburon Library	Debbie Mazzolini
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Dixon Public Library	Gregg Atkins
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Lake County Library	Susan Clayton
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Larkspur Public Library	Frances Gordon
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Marin County Free Library	Gail Haar
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Mendocino County Library	Mel Lightbody
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Mill Valley Public Library	Anji Brenner
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Napa Valley Comm. College	Bonnie Thoreen
X		North Bay Cooperative	St. Helena Public Library	Jennifer Baker
	X	North Bay Cooperative	San Anselmo Public Library	Sara Loyster
	X	North Bay Cooperative	San Rafael Public Library	David Dodd
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Santa Rosa Junior College	Will Baty
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Sausalito Public Library	Mary Richardson
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Solano Comm. College Library	Erin Duane
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Solano County Library	Ann Cousineau
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Sonoma County Library	Sandy Cooper
	X	North Bay Cooperative	Sonoma Dev. Center	Vacant
X		North State Cooperative	Butte County Library	Linda Mielke

	X	North State Cooperative	Del Norte Co. Library District	Linda Kaufmann
X		North State Cooperative	Humboldt County Library	Victor Zazueta
	X	North State Cooperative	Lassen Library District	Jeff Hawkins
	X	North State Cooperative	Modoc County Library	Cheryl Baker – NSCLS Vice-Chair
	X	North State Cooperative	Orland Free Library	Jody Meza
X		North State Cooperative	Plumas County Library	Margaret Miles – NSCLS Chair
X		North State Cooperative	Shasta Libraries	Jan Erikson
	X	North State Cooperative	Siskiyou County Library	Betsy Emry
	X	North State Cooperative	Tehama County Library	Caryn Brown
	X	North State Cooperative	Trinity County Library	Oresta Esquibel
	X	North State Cooperative	Willows Public Library	Sandie Hobbs
	X	North State Cooperative	Butte College Library	Luozhu Cen
	X	North State Cooperative	CSU Chico Library	Sarah Blakeslee
	X	North State Cooperative	College of the Redwoods Library	Rachel Anderson
	X	North State Cooperative	College of the Siskiyous Library	Dennis Freeman
	X	North State Cooperative	Feather River College Library	Tom Davis
	X	North State Cooperative	Humboldt State Univ. Library	Ray Wang
	X	North State Cooperative	Lassen College Library	Rosanna Brown
	X	North State Cooperative	Shasta College Library	Janet Albright
	X	North State Cooperative	Simpson University Library	Larry Haight
X		NorthNet Library System	California State Library	Linda Springer
X		NorthNet Library System	California State Library	Stacey Aldrich
X		NorthNet Library System	NLS System Headquarters	Annette Milliron
X		NorthNet Library System	NLS System Headquarters	Patty Hector

2. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INVITED TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL:

No public was present.

3. INTRODUCTIONS:

The Council introduced themselves to Linda Springer, consultant for the State Library.

4. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2009 COUNCIL MINUTES:

The minutes were not approved as the meeting did not have a quorum.

5. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR:

Ms. Milliron explained that the Steering Committee has revised the budget but the changes are small and most were required by the County to align with their procedures.

6. STEERING COMMITTEE OVERVIEW OF YEAR TO DATE:

Mr. Michael reported that the Steering Committee has been exploring the idea of meeting electronically. There are some challenges, but it’s working better each time. The Committee has also been working on the strategic plan, a new logo and the implementation of the communities of practice.

7. BUDGET AND MEMBERSHIP FEES 2010/11:

Ms. Milliron reported that the Finance and Personnel Committee reviewed a new fee structure for membership, and found that every formula tried would have increased membership fees for almost all members. Eventually they

decided that 2009-2010 is not the year to make such a drastic change so everyone will pay the same amount as the previous year. The Committee directed staff to develop a budget for next year that has no increase, to try to cut membership fees if possible and find money from this year to carry over. The Committee will have a budget to send out to the Council by January.

8. COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE LAUNCH:

Ms. Milliron reported that the Youth Services Community of Practice has established a group on plaspace.org. It is a virtual space that will allow library staff to share information.

9. LOGO:

Ms. Milliron reported that a logo has been chosen for the new system. We used the online service crowdspring.com to get the design. It was a great way to get the artwork. We had over 100 submissions from designers from all over. The Steering Committee appointed a subcommittee that chose the design.

10. MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS:

Ms. Milliron reported some work has been done on the mission statement and goals, but the Steering Committee would like to get more feedback. The Council discussed whether the values presented were about the system or how we interact with each other. The mission statement and goals will remain in Google docs and more input will be solicited.

11. UPDATE FROM THE STATE LIBRARY:

Linda Springer explained that the State Library is sending her to our meetings to provide better communication between the Systems and the State. She reported that they are still waiting on the appointment of the new State librarian. PLF, TBR and CLSA funding is intact in the budget. The State Library lost some vacant positions, but did not have any layoffs. They are prioritizing their workload because the three furlough days per month are making it difficult to accomplish everything they want to do.

Interim State Librarian Stacey Aldrich provided information on the Gates Summit to build a statewide broadband sustainability plan. She emphasized that every library director is invited to the December 14 -15 meeting and that it's important that they attend and bring an "influencer" from their community (who should not be an IT person). There will be wonderful speakers and attendees will have the opportunity to provide input for the statewide plan.

Ms. Aldrich also reported that there is no word yet about the outcome of the ARRA grant application. The State Library has made very good connections with other agencies involved in this process that will be important for the future.

Victor Zazueta reported that his county is working on tapping into Homeland Security Funds for the library for disaster preparedness. Mark Parker also reported that his library is working with his county's sheriff department because several of his branches are the only county presence in some small communities. The Department has a private virtual network (dark fiber) that would connect to the rest of the county.

Ms. Aldrich told the Council about the contest for anyone in your community to make a video about why your community needs faster Internet access from which the State Broadband Summit Advisory Group will choose the winner, who will receive a \$10,000 LSTA grant from the State. URL: <http://cafastinternet.yolasite.com>. The deadline is November 15, 2009.

Ms. Aldrich reported that the State has been reviewing the CLSA and Library of California Acts and found that the Library of California (LoC) is redundant and, since it is not funded, they are looking at having it repealed. The

governing board would be the CLSA Board instead of the Library of California Board. Most people are in favor of letting go of Library of California.

Ms. Milliron reported that she, Ms. Hector, Jon Torkelson and Ms. Miles met with OCLC representatives at the CLA Conference and found out that NLS libraries have access to some services that are not being taken advantage of. Especially interesting is a new platform for discovery—Worldcat Local Quickstart. It has a much easier to use interface than FirstSearch which is the platform our group catalogs are using. General consensus is that it could help increase resource sharing between the libraries. Ms. Milliron hopes to have it up and running in the North State region member libraries by December. Ms. Aldrich added that the State Library is interested in the outcome of this trial and that they have no intention of pulling the funding in the near future if this is a workable solution for the regions. Development of a statewide resource sharing strategy may provide even better options in the future.

Jan Erickson asked about ILLs being delivered directly to patrons. Ms. Aldrich talked about the experiences of libraries that have tried it. It will be one of the solutions that will be investigated by a statewide resource sharing committee some time in the future.

Roxanna Parker reported that she had been talking to the Overdrive representative about a digital collection. He will come to NorthNet with an offer. She also asked that representatives from NSCLS and NBCLS be appointed to the Youth Services Community of Practice.

12. ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Annette Milliron DeBacker
Clerk of the Council
November 2, 2009