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Board of Directors Meeting
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CONVENING: The Board of Directors of the North Bay Cooperative Library System met this date at Napa Valley College Library, Napa, California with Chair Tom Trice presiding. This meeting convened at 10:40 AM.

ROLL CALL: Tom Trice, Napa City-County Library
Frances Gordon, Larkspur Public Library
Susan Hagius, Sonoma State University, Schultz Information Center
Bonnie Thoreen, Napa Valley College Library
Carol Starr, Marin County Free Library
Sara Loyster, San Anselmo Public Library
Mary Richardson, Sausalito Public Library
Angela Brunton, Sonoma Developmental Center
Larry Hlavsa, St. Helena Public Library
Catherine Blumberg, Mill Valley Public Library
Jeanne De Mars, Solano College Library
Connie Pearson, Rancho Cotati High School
Roger Pearson, Sonoma County Public Library
Erika Condon, Mendocino County Library
Joseph Green, Richmond Public Library
Kathleen Jansen, Lake County Library
Ann Cousineau, Solano County Library
Vaughn Stratford, San Rafael Public Library

ABSENT: Deborah Mazzolini, Belvedere-Tiburon Public Library
Monique le Conge, Benicia Public Library
Bill Kester, College of Marin Library
Adu Worku, Pacific Union College Library
Nancy Sieck, Petaluma High School
Susan Hildreth, San Francisco Public Library
Will Baty, Santa Rosa Junior College Library
John Wagstaff, Solano Community College Library
Doreen Lee, Travis AFB, Mitchell Memorial Library

ALSO

PRESENT:

Annette Milliron, North Bay Cooperative Library System
Sue Epstein, SBE Consultants, Inc.
John Wardell, epixtech/CPS

INTRO-

DUCTIONS:

Sue Epstein and John Wardell were introduced to the Board as well as new Board member Larry Hlavsa from St. Helena Public Library.

No public was in attendance. The Steering Committee announced they had not met formally, but held an informal discussion.

APPROVAL

OF

AGENDA:

Kathy Jansen made a Motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF

MINUTES OF

11/2/2000:

Approval of the Minutes of 11/2/2000 was moved by Ann Cousineau and seconded. Approval of Minutes passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF

CONSENT

CALENDAR:

A Motion was made by Ann Cousineau to approve the Consent Calendar. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

CORRES-

PONDENCE:

Ms. Milliron circulated materials of interest to Board members.

LEGISLATIVE

UPDATE:

Ann Cousineau reminded the Board that although the Governor gave money to PLF, there is still need for \$15.7 million more. Legislation will be introduced to restore special district funds to county and district libraries, i. e. Contra Costa, Sacramento and Sonoma, who lost funding during the 90's budget crunch. A letter writing campaign in support of this legislation is needed.

SUPER
SEARCH
UPDATE:

We have upgraded to URSA version 2.6 to implement the OCLC connection. At ALA a version of a combined URSA/RSS product was demonstrated that improves the patron side of access. John Wardell, from epixtech/CPS talked about resource sharing systems and the merging of the two products. The patron side is due out this summer. It facilitates direct borrowing, i. e., a patron can go into other libraries and pick up materials or have items mailed directly to them. There is a standard interface under development and trial use is under way, which allows flexibility for extended circulation.

Regarding the epixtech contract, Sue Epstein is handling the details. The first CPS contract was for developmental work, but the new epixtech one is more structured. NBCLS retains credits for up to four sales of URSA based systems. Two are pending now, but credit is not due until those systems are accepted. Those credits can be used for new service, but not for maintenance. The credit structure is different with epixtech. The Steering Committee felt one or two points needed clarification. By next week a copy will be available for signature. Rider C includes the Petaluma School District addition, which brings the total cost of annual program support up to \$42,000. There is a discount for quantity locations. Ms. Milliron mentioned the extended search support charge would change with the new product. It could be lower. The NCIP standard was adopted in December for trial use. A reduction is expected when the NCIP is implemented by all vendors. Ann Cousineau asked for more clarification as to new libraries and licensee software installation. Golden Gateway's buying into Super Search would save money rather than buying other software. Local gateway servers can distribute the workload out so most requests can be filled by near by libraries. Golden Gateway is undertaking an evaluation of all the resource sharing systems in use in the area. Those systems include URSA, DRAWeb 2, OCLC Site Search and Inn-Reach systems. Ms. Milliron mentioned that Cascade Pacific and Gold Coast networks purchased URSA. MCLS and San Joaquin have RSS, giving 4 out of 7 networks having a basis in this product. CSU has Inn-Reach and an RSS system. SSU is a member of Links-Plus system. Epixtech is also pursuing Heartland, (MVLS and 49-99), and Terra Del Sol, (Inland and Serra), networks. SFPL just hired Diane Mayo to evaluate the new OPAC so at the moment, they are not interested in joining SuperSearch, but we hold license if they decide to participate. It was moved by Ann Cousineau to direct Ms. Milliron to complete and sign the contract. The Motion carried.

PERS
RESOLUTION:

This motion corrects the PERS contract. The Steering Committee recommends adoption of the correction. The official resolution will be an agenda item at the April meeting. Kathy Jansen so moved adoption. It was seconded and the Motion carried.

LIBRARY
OF
CALIFORNIA:

Two hundred institutions have been approved by the LOC Board as members of GGLN The Golden Gateway budget document from the membership meeting on December 12 reflects program expenditures until June 30, 2001.

The 24-7 reference service project will be available to the public on February 26. Bonnie Thoreen said Belvedere-Tiburon will participate as a pilot site. At ALA there was talk about similar projects taking place across the country. Mill Valley is in training, but is having problems. There is money in the GGLN budget to purchase more agent licenses, and also to buy on-line reference materials. The impact on second-level reference is unclear and needs study. Ready reference type questions, rather than hard questions that require time, will be the focus for online operation. A 10-minute limit is the goal. The impact of this service on second level service needs to be monitored. E-books are extending service, but the software seems clunky. MCLS and LC online reference project has used different software, but changed to E-gain and solved some technical problems. With purchase of more agent licenses, we should migrate up to the newest version.

Ms. Milliron talked about the social entrepreneurship project. A preliminary feasibility study is being conducted to determine the interest for a business reference service. The survey being conducted is calling on businesses for input. A grant proposal is being developed to implement online ready reference services.

PERS HEALTH
INSURANCE:

The Steering Committee discussed as to how to better address the changing costs and needs of healthcare for NBCLS employees and the PERS health insurance options. Sonoma County recommended a survey within NBCLS membership of other choices and providers to get an idea of what is offered. At present NBCLS offers employees only 3 plans. More options such as PPO's are

needed; The discrepancy between a single person vs. a family's cost of coverage needs to be addressed as well. CALPERS has the benefit of transference that other plans do not have. Susan Hagius raised the possibility of broader coverage becoming a union issue. Joe Green moved Ms. Milliron investigate options for coverage and report back at the meeting in April. The Motion carried, with an opposing vote from Roger Pearson.

TELEPHONE/
VOICE MAIL
REPLACEMENT:

Ms. Milliron talked about need for a phone system replacement at NBCLS. The system is very old and cannot work with current voice mail. There is static on line that others have noticed as well. Golden Gateway network money is a possibility. DSL and wireless gives some savings and there is some extra money in the NBCLS budget, but we need more from equipment reserve to cover the total cost. Ann Cousineau moved to give NBCLS \$8500. for a new phone system. The Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
EVALUATION:

The Steering Committee set a meeting date of February 15th at 1:30 PM, to develop a tool for evaluation of the Administrator. The meeting will be held at the Napa City-County Library.

ADMINISTRATOR'S
REPORT:

Ms. Milliron asked about budgeting money for Spanish language group purchases more than once a year. It was agreed to make it a future agenda item at the next meeting. She said children's consultant's efforts have improved the packs. The monthly list is being sent out by e-mail in MS Access as well as in paper version.

NBCLS was pursuing a grant proposal to mount medical records on OPAC at SSU or SNAP, but staffing and time limit constraints hampered them from signing on. However, the State library might entertain it as an out-of-cycle project. Ann Cousineau reiterated it wasn't from lack of interest, but time constraints did not permit moving forward on the proposal.

Another proposal from the Friends and Foundations of California Libraries to survey fundraising and to develop "best practices" in California public libraries did not go forward because of time restraints. It may be submitted later in the next grant cycle.

Jacquelyn Siminitus, the Educational Advocate for Pacific Bell, put together a proposal in conjunction with NBCLS developing a workshop to improve communication and collaboration between all types of libraries on the topic of youth services. Two pilot workshops conducted in Spring 2000 were successful in bringing together many different librarians from different communities for brainstorming and project development.

Regarding the Internet filter bill: - ALA had meetings about it and determined that since the regulations have not been written yet, there is no consensus as to implementation. It is clear, however, that federal funds will determine the need for filtering. The use of other servers poses questions, and the need for clarification of regulations, e-rates, etc. What are the limitations on LST money and what are the limitations of state requirements for filtering for grant money recipients? What kinds of access to search options will filtering impose? What kinds of technical interface options will be imposed? The ACLU and the state of Oregon will file suit claiming a First Amendment issue and this will impact on other state constitutions. The PLA board may possibly join with ACLU, or they may file separately, and ALA may file separately from schools. PLA plans to put aside \$50,000 to look at this. Annette said ALA is still trying to determine their strategy. It is not known how this will impact the systems and purchasing of e-materials. CLA is opposed to UCITA. Introduction of legislation is not expected. Barbara Will is the State library's federal legislation person. She feels this will not be an issue this year, but said the CLA is watching Arizona. People for the American Way are also keeping a close watch as well.

ANNOUNCE- MENTS

Roger Pearson announced Lake County is joining the Sonoma County OPAC. The contracts have been signed. He is leaving his position as Director of Sonoma County Public on March 6. Sonoma County is recruiting for a new Director. Mr. Pearson will be interim Director for the public library system in Spokane, WA. He received an award from Sonoma County and the ACLU for his role in keeping filters off the library's system.

Connie Pearson is involved in a 5-phase renovation at Rancho Cotati High School and just reopened the library last week. They have replaced old computers with 30 new I-Macs, but she still needs an online catalog in Z39 format.

Solano is looking for an Access Services librarian.

St. Helena Public Library's new Director is Larry Hlavsa. Mr. Hlavsa comes to St. Helena from Minnesota.

Bonnie Thoreen mentioned Napa Valley College is recruiting a new Disability Access Specialist in January.

Susan Hagius announced a large increase in users at the new Schultz Information Center at SSU, but with \$1.3million less in funding, they lost another library position. They have energy issues that need to be addressed as well.

Francis Gordon, from Larkspur mentioned they are three months into the automation project of joining MARINET.

Vaughn Stratford mentioned the Pickleweed Community Center is interested in a Learning Center as part of their expansion program.

Joe Green said Richmond Public is in Phase One of a remodel job to expand public service. Due to the high voter support of a library tax in Richmond, a parcel tax for library services will go on the November ballot.

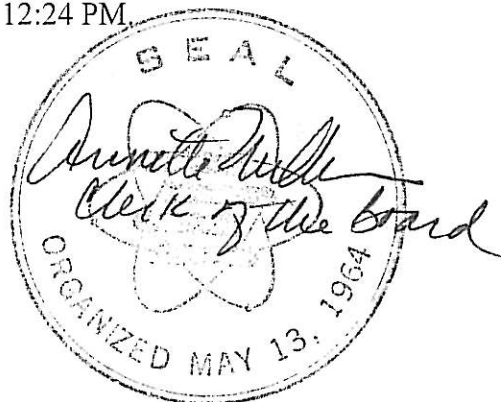
Video is now available for ILL from Mendocino County. They are also hiring a new librarian, and bookmobile librarian. They also received a grant from Pacific Bell for videoconferencing with no restrictions.

NEXT
MEETING

April 5th will be our next meeting at the new Schultz Information Center at SSU where we will have a tour of the new facility.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 12:24 PM.



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