

Director's Association

Friday, February 5, 1999
Guilderland Public Library

Present: C. Hamblin (GUI), H. Jaipershad (UHLS), J. Feltson (RCS), J. Cannell (APL), N. Pieri (BTH), G. Sacco (VVL), A. Wachowicz (RVL), B. Crowther (VFL), P. Nonamaker (EGR), P. Sahr (NAS), C. Lind (CAS), K. Schneider (BRUN), H. King (ALT)

1. Minutes

January 8, 1999 minutes approved

2. Liaison Reports

UHLS Board: N. Pieri. No report. Jan. meeting cancelled due to inclement weather.

Automated Services Committee: N. Pieri

- G. Sacco and R. Naylor (COL) presented a communications flow chart. It offered a procedure for analyzing problems to determine responsibility for resolution. Will be presented again at a future DA meeting.
- Security plan tabled until March when members of the subcommittee are available to present it and answer questions.
- The issue of whether liaisons have voting privileges on the UH committees was raised. Hemwatie will look into it.
- Consensus that minutes of all meetings should be uploaded to the Intranet.
- Presentation of results of a fine survey conducted by R. Baum. 10 libraries responded. Book fines ranged from none (guilt jar at POES) to \$.20 at APL. The goal of the survey was to see how great the disparity among member libraries' policies. The information will be useful during discussion of possibly standardizing fines. Some Directors indicated they were not asked to participate in the survey. Hemwatie will see that more member libraries' information is collected.
- Email is still a problem. Cisco Co. will be retained to help resolve it. Member libraries requested they be kept informed of the status of the problem and notified immediately if something like this occurs again.
- Please note: March ASC meeting date has been changed to March 16, 9 am. Beginning April all ASC meetings will be on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am.

Interest Groups: P. Nonamaker

- Interest groups were requested to post all minutes and agendas on Intranet. Many staff do not know how to ftp. Rawdon will post instructions on the Intranet. Training sessions at UH could feature this instruction.- Hemwatie will look into it.

Services Committee: J. Felston

- Schedule of UH Long-Range Planning Committee (LRPC) was changed when many participants could not attend full-day sessions. More half-day sessions were scheduled. Deadline is May UH Board meeting. P. Sahr (DA liaison to LRPC) related that a new vision statement and three goals have been written. Draft will be presented at a future DA meeting.

3. Central Library: J. Cannell

- CL newsletter will be posted to Intranet.
- EBSCOhost and Novelist are now available to all member libraries. Arrangements for Ipage (Ingram) are underway. Member libraries will be contacted directly by Ingram regarding passwords, etc. Questions should be directed to Marcia Middleton @ APL.
- World Book has approached CL re: two on-line encyclopedias. CL will review the products.
- Judy Rosen, APL Board President, is now serving on the NYSALB Board.
- APL renovations are moving forward.

4. UHLS: H. Jaipershad

- Postcards for NYLA's Books, Bricks & Bytes campaign were distributed. They should be mailed to local state legislators asking for support of EDL and other library initiatives outlined by Hemwatie in the last UH newsletter.
- Library funding in Gov. Pataki's 1999 budget remains at the '98 level.
- Summary of 90.3 revised regulations was distributed. Each member library Board must present UH with documentation of hardship experienced serving residents of neighboring communities within the system (if they perceive one exists) and decide how to modify free direct access. If contractual support from an unchartered area is not adequate local contracting library must decide upon conditions it will provide contractual services. Modification of service can include restriction of new books, a/v and program attendance. A plan to modify conditions of free direct access must be agreed to by a majority of the membership. Clarification of options for modifying conditions was requested, e.g. subsidies from an UH funded net lender account, sharing unchartered areas' state funds, refusing service entirely. UH must submit a progress report to DLD by June 30, 1999 and a complete plan by December 31, 1999.

5. Personnel Issues: J. Cannell

"How to raise your salary as a library director"...periodic evaluations are a tool needed to take advantage of the opportunity to sell yourself...find out the areas in which your Board wants to see innovation/improvement/change...get the Board to buy into what you want for the library and where you think it should be headed...have a vision and articulate it...get out and advocate to local organizations, pols, money-shakers, key communicators in your community - all of which leads to increases awareness and financial support...market yourself at every opportunity.

6. The British Library: Richard Roman

Mr. Roman presented an overview of BL services: 1.) traditional service which includes subject

research libraries along with reading rooms and exhibit areas in London and 2.) "remote" (equivalent to ILL) service in Boston Spa which fills 20,000 requests a day from around the world for books and periodicals. The largest users of remote service are the US and Japan. Over 2,000 organizations in the US use BL. BL remote services collection is typically research level material with an average periodical subscription price of \$1600. Part of remote service is a web-based periodical database (not full-text) which includes over 10 million articles. For \$13.50 plus copyright fee documents will be faxed within two-hours. BL refers to itself as the world's most accessible collection. RR will be speaking with GUI and UH about a one-year free subscription (value \$800-1700).

Submitted by Patricia Nonamaker, EGRN