

SAILS Library Network  
Board Meeting  
February 15, 2006

In Attendance: Hank Ingles, Bristol Community College; Carole Julius, Carver; Ann Rust, Dighton; Annalee Bundy, Easton; Carolyn Longworth, Fairhaven; Keith Stavely, Fall River; Jerry Cirillo, Foxboro; Betsy Randall, Halifax; Danielle Bowker, Middleboro; Frank Ward, North Attleborough; Elaine Jackson, Norton; Debby Batson, Plympton; Olivia Melo, Rochester; Sue Branco, Westport

Minutes of the Meeting of January 17, 2006:

Elaine Jackson moved and Anna Lee Bundy seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report & Warrant:

Debby Batson moved and Danielle Bowker seconded that the Treasurer's Report and Warrant be approved. The motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Elaine Jackson reported that the Personnel Committee had met and approved resigning the contract for medical coverage.

Old Business:

The Sirsi upgrade was discussed. Release GL 3.0 is installed on the test server. The Beta module of Sirsi GL 3.1 was discussed. Staff members from various libraries have had the opportunity to review different modules. While some requested features lacking in previous releases are present in GL 3.1 the overwhelming impression was that it was not intuitive and would be difficult to use. The original plan was to release GL 3.1 in the fall of 2006. Debby Conrad advised against this.

New Business:

Holds Exemption Request:

Judith Kleven of the Tabor Library in Marion has asked for a holds exemption on that library's new rental collection. The exemption would conform to SAILS policy.

Ann Rust of Dighton moved and Jerry Cirillo of Foxboro seconded that the exemption be granted. The motion carried.

There was a system failure on February 3. The Board notes and appreciates Steve Wilson's efforts in addressing this problem. Appropriate action was taken.

A call was made for volunteers for the Virtual Catalog Advisory Committee. Current membership includes staff from North Attleborough, Norton, and Carver.

Responses to the patron survey will be presented to the Board at the March meeting.

The Boston Public Library has established a new advisory corporation: Digital Commonwealth. Its purpose is to provide access to digitalized archival material. Debby Conrad advised the Board that SAILS needs to be involved with this project. Historical Societies as well as libraries may be involved.

The Massachusetts Library Association has created a new level of membership, the Network Level. Dues have yet to be established but will probably be in the \$1,000 range.

A motion was made by Olivia Melo as follows:

That the Board of SAILS authorizes the Executive Director to secure the Network Level membership for SAILS in the Massachusetts Library Association once rates for it have been established and to spend up to \$1,500 to do so.

Debby Batson seconded the motion and it carried.

Additional New Business:

Debby Conrad reported that the LSTA grant is being finalized. This grant will allow for telecommunications upgrades throughout the system. 56K connections will be upgraded to fractional T1. School connections will be routed through the schools Internet access. There will be an additional third level of security beyond the firewall upgrade. The total budget for the grant is \$250,000. The total amount to be requested is \$200,000. \$50,000 is from local, SAILS, sources.

The grant requires a unanimous resolution from the Board granting the executive director to submit the application. Debby Batson moved and Danielle Bowker seconded the resolution authorizing the executive director to submit the grant. The resolution carried unanimously.

Other:

A discussion ensued regarding delivery of items between libraries.

Director's Report:

Debby Conrad reported that the LSTA grant alluded to above, if funded, would offer dramatically improved service. Laurie Lessner is serving on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts Library Association. The SIRSI conference is to be held in Nashville. At this conference the Preliminary User's Persona Report will be released.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis C. Ward

