

**CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER  
Minutes of the Meeting on October 3, 2007**

**Present:** John Coleman, Patricia Daragan, Irene Iwan, Robin Dutcher, Nicholas Eshelman, Elizabeth Frechette, Anne-Marie Kaminsky, Carol Weinshel, Jonas Zdanys

**Others:** Lynette Baisden, Sharon Brettschneider, Lorraine Huddy, William Sullivan

**Absent:** Melissa Behney, Hal Bright, Carolyn Marcato, Arthur Skerker, Kendall Wiggin

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:07 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Elizabeth Frechette MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Eshelman) to approve the minutes of August 1, 2007 as presented. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

John Coleman MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> Nicholas Eshelman) to move Lorri Huddy's Database Committee report before the State Librarian's Report. The agenda was VOTED UNANIMOUSLY as amended.

**4. Public Comment**

There was none.

**5. Database Committee- Lorri Huddy**

Lorri Huddy distributed the final FY 2007 iCONN search statistics. The overall usage is up. The report included information on the number of searches as well as page views. Lorri explained that the view count means that users have gotten search results and have clicked into the results to look at specific articles. This statistic represents in-depth use of iCONN databases and is a more reliable measure of use since it is not over-counted by federated searching. Lorri also reported that the database committee has decided to use Serial Solutions for the A-Z title list of full-text publications in iCONN databases. This tool will be helpful to librarians and patrons looking for a particular periodical, saving them from the necessity to look in multiple databases. Lorri and Sharon will attend a meeting of the Council of Connecticut Library Directors on Friday to discuss the LexisNexis subscription issue. The Database Committee is looking to replace several vacancies. The committee currently has 4 members per library type, but wants to have 5 representatives per library type. Lorri will be asking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

**6 State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin**

Sharon Brettschneider distributed a written State Library report to the board. InfoAnytime, a 24 hour reference service received funding of \$150,000. The State's bonding package has been delayed because of a disagreement between the Governor and the legislature. However, the present package includes an increase in public library construction to \$10 million, up from \$3.5 million presently. \$5 million would be set aside for libraries in distressed communities. Connecticut's Library Services and Technology Act Five Year Plan has been approved by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The categories for the subgrants categories will go to the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development this month for its approval. Sharon reminded the Board to

sign up for *BlogJunction Connecticut* the official blog for the Division of Library Development.

## **7. Department of Higher Education – Jonas Zdanys**

Jonas Zdanys discussed some of the changes in the teaching and library resources for learning that are developing. He reported on discussions to create a virtual high school in Connecticut and creating high school courses that will be delivered through the internet. This will change the dynamics of course content delivery and may also affect the way in which library services need to be provided. He also reported that the Gates Foundation and Exxon Mobil are funding opportunities to increase the number of AP courses in Connecticut and have various school districts, such as Bristol and New Britain, expand their courses in Math and Science to AP level courses. Connecticut is developing a statewide initiative in Nanotechnology, as part of a broader initiative to expand science, technology, engineering and mathematics education in our state. That, too, may have implications for the kinds of materials that should best be provided through iCONN. Jonas also spoke about post-secondary occupational schools in Connecticut. These schools may seek access to iCONN's academic resources, though as currently defined they do not qualify for that access and instead use the other resources available through iCONN.

## **8. Reports**

### **a. Commission on Education Technology (CET)**

Sharon Brettschneider stated that the Commission will have their first meeting on October 24. Kendall Wiggin and Sharon met with staff of the Connecticut Education Network to discuss handling of requests from law enforcement officials for IP addresses. CEN will be developing a formal written procedure. Currently, however, information on the location of IP addresses is freely available on public websites such as ws.arin.net. CLA will push for more funding for iCONN and additional databases for next year's budget.

### **b. Nominations Committee – William Sullivan**

Bill Sullivan reported that the Committee has received 16 applications (9 for Academic Librarian; 5 for Librarian, Other; 1 for Teacher; and 1 for Business Community or Library User). The deadline for applications is Nov. 9 and the Committee will meet to discuss them and formulate a recommendation on Nov. 16. It was suggested that a separate message go out through Conntech asking public library directors for suggestions on the library user category. The Nominations Committee consists of Melissa Behney, Elizabeth Frechette, Nicholas Eshelman, and Hal Bright.

### **b. Digital Library Progress – William Sullivan**

Bill Sullivan reported that this year marked the 4<sup>th</sup> year that iCONN has had a booth at the Durham Fair. Bill stated that the weather and turnout was excellent, and more people said they knew about iCONN than at any previous Fair, and more teachers said they knew about it and were using it. The new iCONN search box for library homepages has had 760 views since it was announced. The school promotional mailing was a success, based on feedback from school libraries to date, which Bill distributed, and the many requests we have received for additional promotional materials. The update of the UCONN public awareness study will commence in late October and be presented to the Board on December 5. The results will measure the effectiveness of the campaign to boost public awareness since the first study was done in the Fall of 2005. The mouseover enhancements to the resource screen will be available by late October or

early November. Bill gave a brief demonstration of how scholarly articles in EBSCO History and Science are now accessible in Google Scholar. Bill also reported that Kris Aberly, Continuing Education Coordinator, is assisting Gail Hurley in updating the entries in the serials catalog. The board had a lengthy discussion on marketing as well as the desire to discuss more substantive issues at the meetings. Bill distributed the Remote Access to iCONN Statistics through September 2007.

#### **8. Adjourn**

Jonas Zdanys MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> John Coleman) to adjourn the meeting at 2:37 p.m. The next meeting will be held on December 5, 2007 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden,  
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