

CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
Minutes of the Meeting on June 1, 2005

Present: Melissa Behney, David Bretthauer, Patricia Daragan, Alfred Hopkins (chair), Anne-Marie Kaminsky, Alana Meloni, Jenifer O'Connor (via phone), Deborah Salewski, Arthur Skerker, Jonas Zdanys

Others: Lynette Baisden, Steve Cauffman, Gail Hurley, William Sullivan, Kendall Wiggin

Absent: Alan Benkert, Elizabeth Frechette

1. Call to Order

Al Hopkins called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jonas Zdanys MOVED (2nd Patricia Daragan) to accept the minutes of February 9, 2005. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda of June 1, 2005 was approved. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin

Kendall Wiggin reported the Commission for Educational Technology approved policies for connecting public libraries to the Connecticut Education Network (CEN). Sharon Brettschneider has organized three CEN informational sessions for libraries with the DOIT/CEN staff. The goal is to have libraries connected in the Fall with the minimum of a DSL line. Bibliomation, Library Connections and LION have been connected to the network and CEN will be working with these networks to assure that their member libraries can receive services over the CEN. The State Library awarded \$250,722 in LSTA grants for Adaptive Technology and programs for Collaborations to Support Children's Literacy, Individuals with Disabilities, Non-English Speaking Populations and for Older Adults. The State Library has joined the Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP) with 25 other states for a summer reading program. Ken hopes that the program will change to add more emphasis on content rather than the amount of books that are read. Ken reminded the board that CT.Webjunction.org has made online staff training available free of charge. The State Library came out of the appropriations with an increase in the book budget. There was also an increase for library construction and funding for an educational position for the Museum of CT. History. On June 21, academic libraries will hear a presentation on the digitization of the Hartford Courant. The event will take place at the Van Block facility in Hartford. There is an interest from UCONN and Yale. A collaborative effort would be needed for the funding.

6. Department of Higher Education Report – Jonas Zdanys

Jonas Zdanys distributed a report prepared for the Board of Governors for Higher Education on the work of the statewide Taskforce on Library and Learning Resources. The Taskforce was charged with examining the standards for academic libraries. A preliminary report was issued by the Taskforce and regional meetings were held to reflect on the particulars of the standards and on the recommendations of the Taskforce.

J. Zdanys reported that a principal concern expressed at the regional meetings was about unmediated access to the Internet and to uncensored collections. The language of the Taskforce's recommendations was modified to reflect that concern.

The full report will be forwarded to the Board of Governors for endorsement of the recommendations, which will be incorporated into the state's Regulations for Licensure and Accreditation of Institutions and Programs of Higher Learning.

7. Reports

a. Digital Library Progress Report/Demo – William Sullivan

Bill Sullivan distributed the April 2005 version of *The iCONN Times* and gave a demo of the enhanced usability and functionality that will be coming with the next release planned for June 17th, including a new resource (e-books). The board discussed changing some of the wording on the search screen. Once the new release is implemented, iCONN will proceed with plans to distribute bookmarks to 75,000 state employees. Bill has been working on recruiting a consultant for outreach and renewing Jane Emerson's contract, which expires June 30. iCONN plans to have a booth at the Durham Fair again this year. Pat Daragan volunteered to work at the booth.

b. Circulation Status in reQuest – Stephen Cauffman-CDLAB DOC 05-03

Steve Cauffman distributed a report on the display of circulation status in reQuest. The goal is to configure all libraries whose holdings are in reQuest and whose catalog is both web-accessible and supports Z39.50. This feature allows patrons to view the real-time circulation status for holdings attached to bibliographic records in reQuest. Steve is currently configuring this feature for Connecticut community colleges.

c. Special Collections in reQuest – Gail Hurley

Gail Hurley is working to get special collections into reQuest. There are currently 35 special libraries that contribute to reQuest's Main catalog and more that contribute to the Serials catalog. There are others that have collections for internal staff, not for the public. In April, Gail spoke with hospital libraries. They are interested in resource sharing and being able to see what other hospitals have. Gail demonstrated how they could use reQuest to create a virtual network. A mailing has been sent out to special libraries inviting them to contribute to reQuest.

8. Nominations Committee – William Sullivan

Bill Sullivan reported on and distributed a document listing the CDLAB members whose terms are to expire 12/31/05. Patricia Daragan, Elizabeth Frechette, Anne-Marie Kaminsky and Deborah Salewski are in their 1st terms. Alan Benkert, David Bretthauer, Alfred Hopkins, Jr., Jenifer O'Connor and Alana Meloni are in their 2nd terms. 2nd year terms under the bylaws cannot continue. Al Hopkins stated that the vacancies should be filled by people that are committed to moving the library community forward and who will stay dedicated. Ken suggested that people going off the board form a nominating committee.

9. Adjourn

Al Hopkins MOVED (2nd Alana Meloni) to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on August 3, 2005 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden,
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