

CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MIDDLETOWN LIBRARY SERVICE CENTER
Minutes of the Meeting on August 1, 2007

Present: John Coleman, Patricia Daragan, Nicholas Eshelman, Irene Iwan, Elizabeth Frechette, Carolyn Marcato, Arthur Skerker, Kendall Wiggin

Others: Lynette Baisden, Steve Cauffman, Lorraine Huddy, Gail Hurley, William Sullivan,

Absent: Hal Bright, Melissa Behney, Robin Dutcher, Anne-Marie Kaminsky, Carol Weinschel, Jonas Zdanys,

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes

John Coleman MOVED (2nd Irene Iwan) to approve the minutes of February 7, 2007 as presented. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Agenda

Melissa Behney MOVED (2nd John Coleman) to approve the agenda as presented. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin

Kendall Wiggin reported that the legislation regarding the library statutes went through in the last hour of the session. Ken will meet with the Attorney General's office regarding how the law applies in questions of confidentiality. There is no additional increase for iCONN beyond the increase for the Hartford Courant access fee. Ken is working to get answers from ProQuest about whether the current Historical Hartford Courant coverage will be extended by one year each year, or whether it will remain fixed at 1764 – 1922, as it is now. There is funding of \$150,000 a year to continue InfoAnytime. Ken met with Library Connection regarding a pilot project between the State Library and CT History Online (CHO) to get libraries to develop digital collections and content and contribute them to CHO. The LSTA Plan was submitted on time. Every state had to make an adjustment and not have training as a goal. Training will still be included in the plans but it will be called something else.

6. Department of Higher Education Report – Jonas Zdanys

There was no report given.

7. Old Business

a. Commission on Education Technology – Kendall Wiggin

Kendall Wiggin reported that the Commission will meet in September. The State Library is currently connected to CEN and we have upgraded the capacity of our connection with fiber. Our website now is located on its own server behind a firewall. The Commission has received \$200,000 for a project to provide recycled computers to low income families and to teach them how to use them. They are looking to pilot the project in a rural area. CET also had to spend additional funds for equipment to make the network compliant with the Communications Assistance for Law Enforcement Act

(CALEA). CALEA requires telecommunications providers to have the equipment in place to respond to court ordered surveillance. The Commission is looking at their legislative agenda for next year and has asked members to submit ideas of what they'd like accomplished. They will take a look at these ideas in September. Sarah Edson, CEN content manager, is working on CEN's website and on virtual opportunities for schools such as Distance Learning.

b. Database Committee – Lorri Huddy

Lorri Huddy stated that our subscription to Wilson Biographies Illustrated Plus ended yesterday and will be replaced with Gale's Biography Resource Center and Biography & Genealogy Master Index. Colleges have inquired about gaining access to these resources. Some community colleges are paying \$6,000 a year for the Biography Resource Center. Gale provided a price quote that it would cost only an additional \$39,000 to add all the colleges to this subscription - less than \$1000 per college for these two resources. InfoTrac OneFile was renamed General OneFile; the Professional Collection was expanded and is now the Educator's Reference Complete. Lorri is still working on an A-Z journal locator for all full text journal titles provided through iCONN-provided databases. She is getting pricing information from different vendors. LexisNexis Academic is releasing their new search interface this month and many account problems have come up during the transition. Some of these involve access for law schools. iCONN cannot provide access for law schools because LexisNexis will not sell LNA to law schools. They must subscribe to the "full-blown" Nexis product. Lorri was told that colleges/universities with law schools should simply ask their LN account representative for LexisNexis Academic because it is provided as a courtesy with the law schools' personal subscriptions.

c. Currency of reQuest Catalog (update) –CDLAB DOC 07-06 – Gail Hurley

Gail Hurley presented a report that compared the frequency of updates to reQuest by libraries in FY06 & 07. More libraries submitted updates on a monthly basis and annual basis and the number of libraries without any updates dropped in 2007. A request has been sent to Auto-Graphics to remove the holdings from reQuest of 22 libraries whose collections were more than two years out of date.

d. Digital Library Progress - William Sullivan

Bill Sullivan reported on the promotional packages that will be distributed to library media specialists in 1,421 public & private schools. The packages will contain 2 iCONN posters, 5 – 10 tent cards, the latest *iCONN Times*, information on iCONN training opportunities, 100 iCONN bookmarks, a reQuest information packet, reorder forms for bookmarks, tent cards and posters, and a cover letter. iCONN will exhibit at the CEA Summer Leadership Conference in August. The WNPR radio ads (rotating six different ads) will resume in September and continue through October. The State Library will contract with UCONN to conduct its second comprehensive market research survey in October/November. The final report will be presented to the CDLAB at its December 5 meeting. Bill previewed a downloadable iCONN search box that will soon be available to libraries to put on their homepages. The improvements that we requested to the new search results page will be available soon (after some glitches we reported are fixed). A children's interface to iCONN will be available in early 2008. At our initiative, scholarly content from Thomson Gale (Academic OneFile) and EBSCO (History and Science Reference Centers) will be accessible to iCONN users through Google Scholar. In Google Scholar, iCONN-branded links would automatically appear to users in libraries whose IP addresses are registered directly with Thomson Gale and EBSCO, and to any

users that have set their preferences in Google Scholar. ProQuest has not yet agreed to this access but our contact at Google thinks their new management will be more amenable to making their content accessible through Google. We are also exploring with Google the possibility of making iCONN content accessible through Google.com. Google expressed interest in developing this but stipulated that there would have to be a minimum of 8-10 consortias (like iCONN) willing to participate. If they agreed, Google would be willing to host a geo-location authentication service, similar to what iCONN is using today. Our Google contact agreed to draft a proposal on how this would work, which we in turn would share with the various consortia to enlist their participation in a Web-based conference call that would be designed to explain the program and get their buy-in. Their collective buy-in would make it easier to persuade the database vendors to approve making their content accessible through Google.com. The current contract with Auto-Graphics ends at the beginning of December. It allows for three one-year extensions. We are in the "market exploration" and "defining requirements" phase of the RFP process. Ken and Sharon Brettschneider indicated that the RFP needs to be kept simple (in contrast to the last RFP). Sharon is attempting to determine from DoIT what leeway we have in the RFP process. Bill distributed the geo-location service usage stats through August.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on October 3, 2007 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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