

CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
Van Block Facility of the Connecticut State Library
Minutes of the Meeting on August 2, 2006

Present: Melissa Behney, John Coleman, Patricia Daragan, Nicholas Eshelman, Elizabeth Frechette, Carolyn Marcato, Arthur Skerker, Kendall Wiggin, Jonas Zdanys.

Others: Sharon Brettschneider, Steve Cauffman, Lorraine Huddy, Gail Hurley, William Sullivan

Absent: Hal Bright, Robin Dutcher, Irene Iwan, Anne-Marie Kaminsky, Deborah Salewski

1. Call to Order

Patricia Daragan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes

John Coleman noted that in the minutes of the last meeting there was a mention of global IP authentication. He noted that the proper name for this method of authentication is geo locator. With that correction, the minutes of June 7, 2006 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as presented.

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin

Kendall Wiggin distributed a written State Library report. He reported recent activities including continuing education, a new vendor for Ccar, a plan for a digitization conference, a new library in Connecticut (the Janet Calvert Carlson Library in Franklin) and the Library Service and Technology Act (LSTA) evaluation process. He also reported that next year's LSTA budget is expected to be relatively stable. Ken also reported that the Americans for Libraries Council (the former Libraries for the Future) has just issued an important report on public opinion concerning libraries titled *Long Overdue*. The study indicates strong public support for libraries.

6. Department of Higher Education Report – Jonas Zdanys

Jonas Zdanys distributed "Recommendations of the Taskforce on Library and Learning Resources" that included a statement of principles for academic libraries in Connecticut and proposed revision of the Standard for Library and Learning Resources. Jonas also reported on the University of Phoenix location in Connecticut. Since they are only licensed to do business in Connecticut but not an accredited institution of higher education they will not be given access to the iCONN databases, a policy that has been adopted by this board.

7. Reports

a. Database Committee – Sharon Brettschneider

Sharon reported that the Database Committee had met and decided on the final database to add to iCONN. This is made possible by the lower price being paid for the Tier One databases from Thomson Gale. They had already decided to add Ebsco's History and Science Reference Centers. For the small amount left they felt the best use of the funds was to add the Boston Globe to the Newspapers available on iCONN. During the coming year they will be evaluating all the current Tier Two databases for any gaps in coverage and possibilities of issuing bids for competing databases. The committee is also looking for additional members, especially from "front line" reference staff using the databases. She encouraged anyone with suggestions to forward them to Lorri Huddy. Lorri distributed statistics on searches from fiscal years 2002 through 2006. Although the number of searches has increased, the rate of increase from FY 2005 to FY 2006 is partially due to the effect of federated searching.

b. Digital Library Progress Report – William Sullivan

Bill Sullivan distributed the July issue of *iCONN Times*. He reported on the work with Miranda Creative to create a new logo with a new tagline (“Connecticut’s Re_search Engine”) and a series of ads with catchy headlines. He reported that Auto-Graphics is moving ahead with implementing the geo-locator service so that remote users without library cards can authenticate using IP address. He described the authentication screen a patron will see. They will still be asked for their barcode first but will also be directed to click on a button (which will initiate the geo-locator service) if they do not have a barcode. All five database vendors that supply databases to iCONN’s public library users have agreed to accept this method of authentication. Miranda also plans to redesign the barcode login screen to make it more welcoming and visually appealing, and will be recommending changes to all the other web pages to accommodate the new logo and new color scheme. Bill reported that so far 10 school districts had responded favorably to the offer to make Thomson Gale and EBSCO training resources available for use within the school district (to make it easier for teachers to attend training). He also reported that the overall responsibility for coordinating the updating of the Connecticut Union List of Serials (CULS) was recently assigned to Gail Hurley, and that the new summary results screen (demonstrated at the previous Board meeting) is expected to be “turned on” by the end of the month with some new enhancements.

8. New Business

a. Commission for Educational Technology.

With Betty Sternberg leaving the State Department of Education, Ken Wiggin is the new chair of the Commission. There is a position on CDLAB for a representative from the Commission. Ken could serve in this capacity. There was no formal decision in this regard and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Brettschneider,
Connecticut State Library