

Resource Sharing Committee Meeting
1/14/2011

Committee: Ellen Popit, Karen Bounds, Amy Ihnen, Harriet Zipfel (alt), Nina Pals

Recorder: Pat Boze

Others present: Jo McLain, Leslie Bednar, Traci Edwards, Joan Rhodes, Jan Ison

Ellen called meeting to order at 10:12. There were introductions and thanks to LLSAP Managers for attending. Today will be spent looking at the Resource Sharing policies, the LLSAP component, and pulling it together with an overarching statement related to resource-sharing that ties everything together in one policy.

Ellen also updated on system merger process and discussions from the ISLAC meeting where it was announced that the MLS board did not approve dissolution with primary reason being mentioned that the process is too fast. We continue to hear that northern LLSAPs are creating independent organizations. Anne Craig urged everyone to be cautious about making big decisions regarding LLSAPs and separation from the system. Leslie indicated some concern about state instability, members wanting to make sure that the LLSAP survives even if something happens to system. Since goals of state funding are automation, delivery, and talking books, ISL also needs a way to promote how systems are providing direct service through automation and delivery. There's been no change in that message; the other message is the merger is for boards to decide.

Ellen asked if the agenda was ok, gave out LLSAP capital reserve handouts. There was discussion of how the Planning Panel approved this resolution at a previous meeting. Jan also read some of the goals the strategic planning committee is discussing related to resource-sharing and LLSAP service. This larger document will be shared at the next Planning Panel meeting.

Pat reviewed the revisions recently proposed to LTLS resource access policy that the LTLS Board will review on 1/24. Revisions included some limitations when borrowers do not use a home library at least 60% of the time. Discussion followed about its impact on the new system's policy. Since the changes are not official and committee needs a chance to reflect, we will discuss more in February. There was a statement about whether it's better to start with restrictions or be more general. Jan said our experience shows you anticipate what libraries' will do.

LLSAP managers reported on recent meeting, the RFQ process, determining evaluation criteria. We will get quote responses and will meet again in February to review. The group hopes there will be system or ISL grant money to help with migration costs and possibly get new system money to help with ongoing costs of the automation group. Jan said that the RFQ needs to be looking at a next-gen catalog. OCLC's Web Scale Management is a possibility – maybe look at second LLSAP for new members?

During lunch and after, the group discussed Jan's LLSAP white paper document, a Resource Sharing manifesto developed by an ALA committee, the component of the LLSAP Basic Philosophy, as well as the format of what does a Resource Sharing policy look like to the membership. The group discussed a possible beginning outline with an agreed-upon group of basic principles. The group concurred to include an endorsement of the RSS Manifesto. There was other discussion about endorsing other pieces as well including the strategic plan statements that have to do with resource-sharing and Illinois library system standards/plan of service requirements. The group concurred that some language from a Kansas library resource-sharing document be included as well. In place of patrons, use 'people within the service area' as end user. ILL policy will be incorporated as drafted, Resource Access policy will be changed after next meeting. There was then lengthy discussion on what to include in the LLSAP section, including system responsibilities, LLSAP responsibilities, and member library responsibilities.

What else needs to be added? The ILL interoperability piece needs to be in place so all four automation groups can begin to share materials. Do we need some money from ISL to help this happens? Insert the Basic Philosophy from the LLSAP managers, changing to 'not betray' to 'to protect'. We should also address support of cooperative collection development, e-resources, cooperative discounts, participation in other cooperative networks as added to the policy. Leslie will work on budget/LLSAP comparisons. The Resource-Sharing committee will meet again first week in February via conference call, then have a document to share with full panel on Feb. 10.

Jan indicated the draft of the strategic plan will be out by next week. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.