

WPLC Board Meeting  
Minutes  
July 22, 2009

Present: Lin Swartz-Truesdell (KCLS), Stef Morrill (SCLS), Mellanie Mercier (WCFLS), David Weinhold (ESLS), Krista Ross (SWLS), Inese Christman (WVLS), Noreen Fish (WRLS), Gus Falkenberg (IFLS), Evan Bend (OWLS), Mark Arend (Winnefox), Steve Hesper (MCFLS), Jim Trojanowski (NWLS), Phyllis Davis (SCLS), Peggy Shaffer (Lakeshores), Ruth Ann (ALS), Steve Platteter (MWFLS), Mark Merrifield (NLS), David Sleasman (RLL), Kathy Schneider, (WiLS), Linda Miller, Project Manager.

1. Call to Order

2. Partner Reports - None

3. Budget

The draft 2010 Budget prepared by the Budget Committee was reviewed. The committee had drafted a full budget plus an option to increase the amount for the digital content beyond the minimal increase already included in the full budget proposal. With the proposed option for additional digital content funds, each partner would see an increase of three percent over the 2009 budget.

Several recommendations were made to further increase the amount of the digital content line. Both WCFLS and SWLS stated that they anticipated having funds that they could give to WPLC for additional content outside of the regular WPLC budget. WCFLS may have approximately \$4,000, and SWLS may have approximately \$1,500. Phyllis Davis moved to approve the 2010 Budget as presented, with an additional \$6,000, for a total of \$92,000, for digital content, and to encourage every partner to pay its full share of the additional content cost. Mark Arend seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

The Gadgets packages will be updated, as Stef proposed, using funds in the R&D line in the current budget.

4. Current Project Reports

OverDrive

SCLS and WRLS reported on the visit of OverDrive's Digital Bookmobile on July 1st and 2nd. OverDrive usage continues to be strong. Partners, who are planning to submit grants in the LSTA jobs category, were encouraged to include funds for digital content.

The consensus was to discourage individual library systems and individual libraries from purchasing content directly from OverDrive through its new Advantage program. Titles purchased, outside of the consortium, by a library system or library would be listed in the WPLC catalog, and only when a user tried to check out the item would the user be informed that usage was restricted to the specific library system or library.

NetLibrary

Kathy is still waiting on a quote from Recorded Books.

## 5. New Projects/Proposals

### Stimulus Grant Fund Ideas

The consensus was to develop a project in the Public Computer Center category, which includes training and a help desk and to submit the grant in the December round. Several board members remained after the meeting for the webinar hosted by the American Library Association, which provided additional information about the grants.

6. Future Directions Discussion - No discussion due to lack of time.

## 7. Next Meeting

Linda will query board members for a date in September for the next meeting.

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