Executive Committee of the Members Council on Library Services (MCLS)

Thursday, July 23, 2020 – 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST

Committee Members: Stephen Bannister (TCC), Gale Etschmaier (FSU), Teresa Faust (CCF), Janice Henderson (NWFSC), Brent Mai (UNF) Judith Russell (UF).

Guests: Ellen Bishop, Robert Dugan, Wendy Ellis, Brian Erb, Rachel Erb, Susan Rodgers, Elijah Scott, Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Lisa Tatum, Dave Whisenant.

Called to order at 1:04 pm.

Complete Florida Plus Program Veto DLIS/IMLS/CARES Act Grant Funds
Russell brought up the possibility of applying for these funds as a group, looking specifically at some discrete product or service that normally would be administered by FLVC, such as Rapid ILL or EZProxy. Maximum grant is $100,000. Ideas will be sought and exchanged online. Russell reported that DLIS says DLLI and Ask-A-Librarian services will continue with federal funding even though funding for the regional consortia was cut.

FLVC Funding Crisis
Dugan has costed out the essential functions of FALSC, DLSS and overhead, based on FTE from 2016-17, and sent that information to the BOG earlier in the week. Etschmaier and Russell reported hearing that the information would be given to the presidents as early as tomorrow or within 3 days.

UBorrow
Ellis was asked to report on UBorrow. This will start up again when 75% of the institutions, 9 universities and 21 colleges, report they are ready to reopen UBorrow. RSSC will send out a new survey to determine status. The DLLI delivery service is already operating for those libraries requesting it.

Meeting adjourned 1:47 pm