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

Thursday, November 19, 2020 – 1:00-2:30 p.m. EST

Committee Members: Stephen Banister (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.

Call to Order
Called to order at 1:03 pm.

Approval of October 29 and November 5 Meeting Minutes
Henderson made a motion to approve minutes; Mai seconded. Motion passed.

MCLS Processes and Procedures
Standing Committee Applications
DISC, LASC, and TAOERSC each had one vacancy and one applicant to fill the vacancy. Each applicant for the DISC, LASC, and TAOERSC were appointed. TSSC had one vacancy and two applicants. With 2 strong applicants, the Committee weighed the specific expertise of and the institution represented by each applicant. It was decided to appoint the applicant from the institution not as well represented in numbers among the standing committees' members, but to encourage the other applicant to continue attending TSSC meetings as he had been doing in an unofficial capacity, as his knowledge of serials would be very useful.

Review of Proposed Draft Legislation
The Committee reviewed a draft of the proposed legislation authorizing FLVC, edited by Henderson, incorporating changes proposed by Mai and by the LRSC, including Tom Messner. The Committee agreed on the general reorganization of the document. There was substantial discussion on the sections regarding licensing of resources to serve either first and second year students or four-year students of all SUS and FCS institutions, the specificity of the involvement of FLVC in OER and the reporting of cost savings in textbook affordability, the investigation of new technology in support of libraries, and the addition of wording indicating the provision of resources to the district technical schools would incur substantial additional costs.
Henderson will compile the Committee-approved edited draft and will share with the Committee and LRSC. Etschmaier will contact Nancy McKee about possibly meeting with the Committee to discuss the proposed edits.
December MCLS Topics
Tim Brown of NWRDC will be attending the December meeting and will be covering the agenda items on the transition and the LBRs. It appears no Committee members have seen a recent version of the proposed LBRs, and it is hoped that Brown will be able to share those with MCLS after Dec. 1.

New Business
Scott and Elschmaier attended an NWRDC board meeting during which a new governance structure was suggested. A discovery committee will be tasked with proposing ways to give the academic libraries more of a voice in NWRDC going forward.

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m. ET.