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

Thursday, June 17, 2021 – 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, Christine Boatright, Tim Brown, Wendy Ellis, Brian Erb, Rachel Erb, Susan Rodgers, Elijah Scott, Rebel Cummings-Sauls, Lisa Tatum, Morgan Tracy, Dave Whisenant.

Call to Order

Called to order at 1:06 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from previous meetings approved.

NWRDC Update

Brown reported that the Governor signed the legislation creating FPALN. The next step for NWRDC and FLVC is to examine the budget and plan for next year's LBR.

Several Committee members were able to attend the NWRDC Board Meeting to hear the report of the consulting firm, RSM, on possible changes to the governance structure now that FLVC is a major component. The Board wanted time to review the report before scheduling a Board retreat in the latter part of July. The chair and chair-elect, or two other representatives, from MCLS and DLSS would be invited to take part. There are only eight members on the present Board, so inviting the entire executive committees of both members councils would be unwieldy.

A Committee member spoke to the desirability of members councils having an opportunity to respond to the consultants' report before the Board retreat takes place. A lengthy discussion resulted in the consensus that prior to the Board retreat, FLVC will facilitate a virtual meeting for MCLS in which Brown will review the most relevant slides of the consultant report and Henderson will review a history of the mergers and non-mergers involving FLVC and the lessons learned, with the idea that other members will be able to add additional lessons learned.

The Board retreat is under the Sunshine Law.

Standing Committee Applications

Applications for the Standing Committees were voted upon. There were two instances in which two applications had been received for staff from the same institution for the same committee, and there was some discussion regarding the need for the institution

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leadership to forward just one applicant for each committee and to submit applications only when there is a need for candidates for their specific size institution. Some vacancies still remain, and another push for Standing Committee applicants will occur in September, when the Working Groups cease operation and those members may have more time to be on a Standing Committee.

Library Services Updates

Executive Director

This being the last meeting of this configuration of the Committee, Scott thanked the Committee members and Chair Banister for their work over the past year with its set of extraordinary circumstances. He thanked all for their encouragement and support, as well as the willingness to meet weekly for several months during the funding veto crisis.

Integrated Library Services

Everything continues on track for the new implementation to go-live on July 13. Some processes have already been frozen. The institutions have been locked out of their test instances and are asked not to even attempt to get into them at this time. Default sandboxes remain available. Circulation freezes the evening of July 8. FLVC will conduct open office hours for partial days during the first two weeks after go-live to assist library staff with questions.

Annual reports for Aleph should be coming out in mid-July as usual.

E-Resources

R. Erb brought up a CMESC concern that vendor agreements and institutional survey results discussed in MCLS meetings were freely available to the public and other vendors when the presentation slides were posted. The consensus of the Committee was that as public institutions spending taxpayers' money, such information was indeed public, the only possible exception being information on agreements that were not yet finalized. The Springer-Nature agreement for FCS for 2021 has been signed. The ProQuest ebook purchase is moving ahead and FLVC is just waiting now for the invoice. The ebooks will be available through the ProQuest platform but the MARC records would have to wait until after go-live to be added to the catalog.

Negotiations for the statewide database collection are ongoing. A webinar will be scheduled about group licensing for the year, and a recording made for those unable to attend.

Library Support and Training

B. Erb reported that training had been covered in Bishop's implementation report.



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Digital Services and OER

Great feedback was received from both vendors and attendees of the OER summit. FLVC is working on the update for Florida OJ.

Internet Archives

Etschmaier suggested a taskforce of five to seven members be set up to discuss the possible next steps of using Internet Archives and controlled digital lending. Although largely representing SUS, some FCS representation was desired. There was some discussion of the desirability of starting with records of non-circulating items, though this may be of limited use to many FCS libraries. The digitization of duplicate copies was mentioned as a possibility.

New business

There was no new business

Meeting adjourned 2:50 pm. Next scheduled meeting is July 15.

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