

Meeting Minutes
MLA Legislative Committee
Wednesday, January 6, 2010
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Held Online

Attendees: Nick Dimassis, Michael Scott, Ann Hutton, Ann Walker-Smalley, Barbara Misselt, Elaine Keefe, John Hunziker, Kim Edson, Dawn Nelson, Mary Lukkarilla, Mike Bloomberg, Peg Werner, Ken Behringer, Dayle Zelenka, Kathy Fredette, Maureen Bell, Suzanne Miller, Ruth Solie, Patricia Post, Robin Chaney, Dale Carrison, Kirsty Smith

Approval of Agenda: Hutton/Misselt; Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes: As minutes not provided, no approval needed

Legislative Update – Elaine Keefe, President, Capitol Hill Associates.

- State Budget - Keefe discussed unallotment in light of what had taken place for the FY10 budget. Currently have a \$1.2B deficit for FY10 and supplemental budget recommendations may come in January or early February. How recent lawsuit over particular portions of unallotted items remains to be seen but case won't be heard until at least March.
- Legislative Audit for Public Libraries – Keefe reported work continues but hasn't heard too much. Possibly will be released late January 2010.

Construction Grants

- Dimassis thanked those who had sent projects to him. Miller mentioned that State Library Services had about 30 contacts about construction grants and will work with Dimassis to update his list.
- It was mentioned that Granite Fall had submitted legislation for a project on its own.
- Keefe stated that group needed to start thinking about witnesses to talk about funding early in the Legislative session. Typically, Keefe would start off the testimony and then usually have 2 representatives speak – 1 from a successful project and 1 from a potential project.
 - Smith offered St. Michael's & Staples as successes

MN Library Legislative Day

- MN Library Legislative Day will be held on February 24, 2010.
- Dimassis suggested that registration would be done through Non-Profit Solutions.
- Dimassis reviewed updated MLA/MEMO Platform. Suggestions were made for clarifications to differentiate State Technology Standards and MEMO Information and Technology Standards & remove redundant statement on early literacy plank.
- Dimassis will be putting out a call for volunteers to craft Talking Points
- Hutton gave update on National Library Legislative Day and how it will be held after the ALA Conference due to the fact that it is in Washington DC this year. Date is June 29, 2010.

Reports

MLA Board – Dimassis

- Stated that the MLA Board met in December and an orientation for new board members was held after the meeting. Focus for the Board this year will be on a review of the policies and procedures of the organization, especially with the new relationship with Nonprofit Solutions.
- MLA looking to secure their own web-based online meeting software.

State Library Services – Miller

- Work continues on the Legislative Audit Report and is hoping to see a draft.

- Legacy work moves forward and looking forward first quarter reports. A web-based database is being set up for Legacy funding

Minitex – Scott read email from Bill DeJohn

- “We have received notice from the MN Office of Higher Education have been directed to reduce remaining 2010 spending by 6% and all of 2011 by the same amount. We don’t know yet how this affects Minitex and MnLINK state appropriations since there are some accounts the agency cannot touch – I don’t think that applies to library programs so we will use this number of 6% reduction for planning purposes. We will know more exact numbers when the budget is released.”
- “I am completing cost savings reports for FY09 for those libraries that use our Cooperative Purchasing services and those reports will go out to libraries within the next week. That also provides me a summary of how much we saved libraries in Minnesota during FY09.”

MEMO – Nelson

- Information and Technology Standards have been released
- Announced that in 2011, AASL (American Association of School Librarians) will be in Minneapolis in October so no MEMO conference

Public Regional Libraries / CRPLSA

- Smith mentioned the upcoming CRPLSA meeting in St. Cloud at the end of January 27-29, 2010.
- Hutton mentioned that Mark Ranum continues work on the Draft Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACHF) Planning Committee to produce the legislature-mandated 25-Year Framework and 10-Year Plan.
- Hutton also described the statewide partnership between the library and the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) on the Minnesota’s Greatest Generation project and the hiring of Ginny Brodeen as the library’s coordinator for that project and Maren Levad as MHS coordinator.
- Hutton mentioned there is another project partnership with MHS for History Day: “History Day Hullabaloo”.
- These will be discussed in more depth at the Legacy webinar at 1pm today.

Multitype Regional Libraries – Solie

- Upcoming meeting in St. Cloud next week (January 14-15, 2010)

Telecommunications – Werner

- Werner reported that Broadband Taskforce Report has been submitted and the work of the Taskforce is complete.

Communication – Dimassis & Scott

- Will continue to use GoToMeeting until MLA’s meeting software purchased. Scott will run online meeting from SELCO.
- Dimassis stated that we could post documents such as meeting materials to Legislative Committee page on MLA website and Kendra Myers from Nonprofit Solutions could assist us with this. Materials would be posted an email would go to announce their availability.

2010 MLA Conference – Dimassis

- Has reserved three program slots, including 2010 review / 2011 preview; Legislative Committee Business Meeting; Legislative Committee-sponsored program to be determined

Motion to adjourn – Zelenka/Bloomberg; Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 11:14am.