

SOUTH DAKOTA LIBRARY NETWORK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The South Dakota Library Network Executive Committee met on February 27, 2013 at the Mikkelsen Library, Augustana College from 10-12 a.m. Members attending were Ronelle Thompson, Daria Bossman, Patty Andersen, Ethelle Bean, and Nancy Sabbe. Members absent were Warren Wilson and Sam Gingerich. Also in attendance were Robert Russell (NSU), Dan Daily (USD), Kristi Tornquist (SDSU) and Scott Ahola (BHS).

It was decided that the best way to proceed was to address specific concerns, those being

- 1) Can OCLC WMS do consortia?
- 2) What would be the staffing needs of SDLN with WMS
- 3) Costs to member libraries.
- 4) How the implementation is handled
- 5) Governance
- 6) Formula revision

Can OCLC WMS do consortia?

Warren Wilson and staff have been directed to visit with other larger migrations, including those in Nebraska and Texas.

Some information received on various lists indicates dissatisfaction with both the product and the implementation. Others are complimentary.

What would be the staffing needs of SDLN with WMS?

Among topics discussed were how support for both small and large libraries differs, what duties each current position has, what skill set would be needed to operate WMS, and what services should SDLN cease to offer and the impact on libraries if they were to do so.

Robert offered to work with Warren to develop a staffing plan which would include a timeline for implementation and a determination of what staffing would be needed for each phase. Daria will assist.

How the implementation is handled

Scott commented that Warren has competently done other Regents system migrations.

SDLN organizes the cohorts from volunteer member libraries. While general supervision of the implementation is required, each library works separately within the cohort to migrate. It is hoped the first cohort would provide advice and assistance to those cohorts following.

Who is on the negotiation team was discussed.

Kristi and Dan will discuss with Warren what OCLC will expect SDLN to provide in implementation and how a plan for a longer time frame for implementation might impact the budget.

Costs to member libraries.

Sam has long expressed a concern regarding implementation and long-term costs to member libraries. Ongoing costs are not clear from OCLC. Dan would like information showing implementation plus three years.

Current budget concerns include the reserve account not generating as much interest as predicted which impacts the general fund, and growing personnel costs.

The Regents librarians will work on long-term and implementation costs analysis and meet with Sam regarding the study.

Governance

The discussion on governance included reviewing what is stated in the current MOU with the Board of Regents. Patty moved that we develop a plan to revise the MOU. Elvita seconded. Motion carried. Kristi suggested some steps on how this might be done and will develop a document.

Formula revision

OCLC has quoted a flat rate to SDLN making it more difficult to split the costs. It was discussed whether WMS was a transaction based product. Kristi will draft a document regarding the formula.

All plans developed will be submitted to the Executive Board for discussion as soon as possible.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Elvita Landau
Acting Secretary