

# Library Council of Washington

September 21, 2007

Museum of History and Industry  
2700 24th Avenue E, Seattle, WA

## Meeting Notes

### LCW PRESENT

Allyson Carlyle, Ex-Officio, iSchool  
Kevin Comerford, Information Technology  
Eve Datisman, School Libraries  
Tim Fuhrman, Academic 2-Year  
Sherry Ann Hokanson, Special Libraries  
Lisa A. Oberg, Special Libraries

Elizabeth Knight, Academic 4-Year  
Lillian Heytvelt, Rural Libraries  
Deborah L. Reck, Disadvantaged  
Rayette Sterling, cultural Diversity  
Kevin Stevens, Information and Technology  
Jan Walsh, Ex-Officio, State Librarian, WSL

### WSL PRESENT

Rand Simmons, Library Development Program  
Manager  
Jeff Martin, LSTA Administrator  
Carolyn Petersen, Assistant Library  
Development Program Manager  
Anne Yarbrough, Grants/Contracts Specialist

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Howard Giske, Curator of Photography, MOHAI

### Welcome and Introductions

Eve Datisman, Chair, welcomed Council and introduced Carolyn Petersen, the new Assistant Library Development Program Manager for WSL. A roundtable introduction followed.

### Approval of May 31, 2007 Meeting Notes

After a minor correction was made to the May 31, 2007 Meeting Notes, Tim moved and Lisa seconded that the notes be approved. The minutes were approved as corrected.

### Review Meeting Agenda

The revised meeting agenda was reviewed. There were no changes or additions.

### State Librarian's Report

Jan provided an update to Council on the WTBBL transition, the Heritage Center, Letters about Literature, and the Washington Reads posters.

### Connecting to Collections Grant

Rand announced that WSL is pursuing a \$40,000 preservation/conservation planning grant from IMLS, in partnership with the Washington State Archives, Washington State Historical Society, University of Washington, Washington Library Association, and the Washington Museum Association. These funds will support two conferences that will work towards development of a statewide preservation plan. The conferences will be open to libraries, archives, museums, and supporting organizations. The grant application deadline is October 16, 2007. In October 2009, a second grant opportunity of \$500,000 opens to the entities developing the best plans.

### Review of 2008 Workplan

Jeff explained how the 2006 variance is being used for: 1) continued spending on all current projects; 2) one-time equipment needs for WTBBL to support the transition; and 3) purchase of laptop labs for the upcoming grant cycle that will be used for training throughout library systems.

The 5-Year LSTA Plan was rejected by IMLS; revisions were made and the plan was then accepted. IMLS stated that all training activities, including those supported by CE grants, must specifically address at least one of the six LSTA purposes in order to be funded with LSTA. Further clarification will be obtained when WSL staff attends the late October–early November IMLS State Programs Conference, and will be presented at the November meeting.

Jeff led Council in a review of the 2008 Workplan. Downloadable Audiobooks was added as a new project; this will take minimal planning and the first year's budget will be used primarily to purchase the license. Promoting Student Success begins implementation; an advisory committee will start in the fall, and school and library partnership grants at \$2,500 are proposed. Up to 100 awards, totaling \$450,000, are possible for One Book Reads, Promoting Student Success, Washington Rural Heritage, and Washington Preservation. ITCE will branch out beyond the two training vendors to include other IT courses, similar to CE grants. WTBBL Transition was funded at \$92,000 for the remaining infrastructure, cross training, and a transition coordinator.

The 2008 Workplan is based on last year's overall LSTA budget amount. The 2008 award is expected to be slightly higher.

Q&A followed the review of the Workplan.

### **Council Priorities**

Eve led Council in reviewing Council priorities to see if they should be continued or modified. After discussion, Council asked how well previous projects have met the priorities. WSL staff will provide this at the November meeting and discussion will continue then.

**Assignment:** WSL will prepare aggregated list of projects in relation to the Council priorities.

There was a discussion on whether preservation should move up into the top three priorities. Hurricane Katrina heightened the awareness of the need for preservation of cultural heritage collections; preservation is related to access. The discussion will be continued at the November meeting.

### **K-12 Member Nominations**

Sherry Ann briefly described the Nominations Committee's recommendations for the two vacant K-12 member positions. Discussion took place on the top three of the ten candidates. Rationale for nomination committee recommendations also considered grade level and geographic representation. After discussion, Kevin Stevens moved and Tim seconded a motion that Council accept the committee's recommendation; the motion passed unanimously. Council expressed their pleasure with an extremely well qualified group of applicants.

Benita Brown, from Sacajawea Elementary School in the Tri-Cities, was selected to fill the remainder of Jan Weber's term, beginning with the November meeting.

M. Kate Burton, Fort Vancouver High School, Vancouver School District, was selected for the second position, beginning January 2008 and attending her first meeting in March 2008.

It was suggested that just as Council has a 2-year and a 4-year Academic position, we should consider dividing the two K-12 School positions into an Elementary School position and a Middle School/High School position. This idea was well received but tabled for future discussion.

### **2008 LCW Chair and Co-Chair**

Kevin Stevens and Rayette Sterling volunteered to be on the nominations committee to make recommendations for the 2008 Chair and Co-Chair.

### **Tour of MOHAI and Presentation on Their Use of LSTA Grant Funds**

Howard Giske provided Council with a tour of MOHAI and gave a brief presentation as to how the 2004 Preservation grants were used to restore and duplicate 3,000 at-risk negatives in the museum's *Seattle Post-Intelligencer News Photography Collection*. He mentioned that cold storage for negatives was a problem many museums face and would make a great statewide initiative.

Carolyn Marr explained how MOHAI, through its Sophie Frye Bass Research Library, plans to use the 2007 LSTA Preservation grant to preserve 350 posters published by the U.S. government between 1900 and 1950. These include public information posters from WWI, promotional posters from depression-era programs such as the National Recovery Act, and propaganda posters from WWII.

### **Library Advocacy CE**

There was a discussion on CE presentations at Council meetings. Council agreed that CE topics were valuable and should continue. They especially appreciated visiting places where LSTA funds have been awarded and hearing how the funds were used; this helps to inform future process. A number of topics were recommended for future presentations. Deborah volunteered to present in November on the National Literacy Study.

### **2008 Meeting Dates**

After looking at calendars and discussing dates, the following tentative dates and locations were selected:

- Tuesday, March 18, 2008 in Olympia
- Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at University of Puget Sound in Tacoma
- Wednesday, September 17, 2008 at Denny Ashby Library in Pomeroy
- Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at WTBBL in Seattle

### **Other Business**

Allyson announced that the iSchool received a \$700,000 IMLS Laura Bush 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mentoring Program grant. The grant provides three years of tuition and support stipends for the education of four doctoral students. They are currently looking for candidates from under-represented groups who have an MLS degree and library experience.

Rand announced that PLA has asked us to be the coordinator for the Certified Public Library Administrator courses. Washington will receive two free seats for each class we sponsor; all courses will be held in Washington during the next 5 years. Elizabeth laukea, WSL Training Coordinator, plans to give one seat to the library that provides the room for the training.

### **WRAP UP; ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Next meeting: Wednesday, November 7, 2007 at the Seattle Flight Museum
- Further discussion on the FFY08 council priorities
- Finalizing 2008 meeting dates and locations
- Election of the 2008 LCW Chair and Co-Chair

## Attachment A

### **LCW Continued Education suggestions:**

- Share about our own constituents
- Future of library catalogues and databases
- Services for the blind and other disabled
- Serials — what are academic libraries doing about this?
- Opensource library systems
- Washington demographics — now and in the future
- Stellar examples of other state libraries
- iSchool
- Literacy, i.e., are programs in the different literacy organizations coordinated? Where are the weak areas? How can libraries do better to support literacy?
- Adult learning disabilities
- Washington State Library portal
- Libraries for democracy
- OCLC Environmental Survey update