**Meeting Minutes**

**Council on Library and Network Development**
July 8, 2022
9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

## Council Members

**Present:**

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner
Amy Thornton
Charmaine Sprengelmeyer-Podein
Dennis Myers
Ellen Kupfer
Isa Small
Jaime Healy-Plotkin (Chair)
Jennifer Stoltz (Officer)
Joshua Klingbeil (Secretary)
Kristi WilliamsMartha Van Pelt
Nick  Dimassis (arrived 9:54am)
Svetha Hetzler
Terrence Berres
Terri Muraski

**Absent:**

Anna Lewis
Joan Schneider
Miriam Erickson (Vice Chair)

**Vacancies**:
1 (professional)

**DPI Staff:**

Allyson Hanz
Ben Miller
Beth Tomev
Monica Treptow
Martha Berninger

**Guests:**

Eric Plum
- Director of Waunakee Public Library

Dr. Barbara Van Haren
- Interim Division Administrator

1. **Call to Order** (9:38am) - Jaime Healy-Plotkin, COLAND Chair

   Waunakee Public Library director, Erick Plumb, welcomed COLAND members and DPI staff to the library.

   Out of respect for available time, Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin invited Dr. Barbara Van Haren, Interim Division Administrator, to introduce herself to COLAND. Dr. Van Haren shared some of her personal history and professional background in relation to libraries. She discussed the role she is currently filling as "Interim" and noted that DPI is seeking quality candidates to fill that role permanently. After presenting a brief overview of the State's / DPI budgeting proposal process for the upcoming biennium, Dr. Van Haren thanked Officers for service and COLAND in full for their service toward libraries in Wisconsin.

   Dennis Myers asked about the timeline for hiring a permanent administrator for the division. Dr. Van Haren indicated that the position would hopefully be filled by fall but that DPI will not be rushing, and is intent on finding a quality candidate.

   Dennis Myers asked if there will be any funding proposed for Broadband support. Dr. Van Haren indicated that broadband is definitely a priority, but she was not certain what part it may play in the DPI budget proposal development.

   **Roll Call/Determination of Quorum**
   Quorum present

   **Adoption of Agenda**
   No action to adopt an agenda was recorded. (proceeded without objection/point of order)

   **Approval May 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes**
   By error of the Secretary, the minutes of record were not shared prior to this meeting. The minutes of the May 13, 2022 meeting will be presented for review and adoption at the September 9, 2022 meeting.

2. **Report of the Chair** -Jaime Healy-Plotkin
   **Discussion**:

   Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin briefly reviewed COLAND member tasks and responsibilities.

3. **Officer Election** - Jaime Healy-Plotkin
   Bylaws - Article III, Section 2

   Kristi Williams noted that Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner was unable to participate in the Nomination Committee efforts. Kristi Williams presented the Nomination Committee's slate of nominees shared in the Nomination Committee Report: Candidate Biographies.

   **Nominations by Committee:**

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| Chair | Isa Small |
| Vice Chair | Ellen Kupfer |
| Secretary | Terri Muraski |
| Member at Large | Joshua Klingbeil |

   No other nominations were received.

   Call for motion to elect officers from the uncontested slate of nominations by committee:
   **Motion**: Kristi Williams **Second**: Dennis Myers
   **Discussion**:
   Motion carried

4. **COLAND Committee Reports**

   **Library Development Committee:**
   **Reporting**: Terrence Berres

   Terrance Berres referenced the Library Development Committee Evaluation as Standing Committee report noting that committee members were enthusiastic about the idea of the committee early on, but the bottom-up nature of these committees did not seem confluent to the overall nature of COLAND and participants at this time.

   **Network Development Committee:**
   **Reporting:** Joshua Klingbeil

   Joshua Klingbeil read through theNetwork Development Committee report, indicating that Ellen Kupfer would accept the role and responsibilities of Chair - for a one year period - if the committee is to continue beyond the July 2022 meeting.

**Library Cooperation Committee:**
**Reporting:** Jennifer Stoltz

Jennifer Stoltz noted that she will no longer be on COLAND and unable to chair the committee. She reinforced the sentiment that top-down assignments (to committees from the full council) may prove more constructive and productive in the future.

5. **Dissolution of COLAND Committees -** Jaime Healy-Plotkin

Call for motion to dissolve the [non-standing] COLAND Committees
**Motion**: Terrence Berres **Second**: Martha Van Pelt
**Discussion**:

Ben Miller affirms to COLAND that DPI staff members remain available as resources and will still continue to act within the contexts of DPI's institutional efforts and DPI staff members' specific efforts.

Ellen Kupfer noted she would still like COLAND to consider having some voice for more information curation and sharing regarding Broadband availability and accessibility. Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin indicated that Broadband could become a standing item on agenda and acknowledged that new leadership in the COLAND Executive Committee will have the opportunity to shape COLAND's discussion and efforts around Broadband.

Dennis Myers noted the interests in Broadband efforts he's pursued and regular communications with Ben Miller (DPI). Ben Miller indicated that the DPI Report may be a reasonable place to discuss more about Broadband from the perspectives and collective awareness of DPI faculty.

Motion carried.

Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin thanked committee chairs, members, and DPI facilitators who participated in this particular committee experiment for their time and efforts.

6. **DPI, ARPA, PLSR , and School Libraries Updates** - DPI Staff

**Federal Grants Support:**
Ben Miller reviewed the written report, focusing on federal awards program status (IMLS: ARPA/LSTA). He noted that the 2020 SPR (State Program Report) was submitted and accepted by IMLS without notes or requests for revision. The CARES Act process is also completed.

**Broadband:**
Ben Miller noted that in working with Dennis Myers to learn more about what public libraries are using for Broadband services, there were some disconnects between established/known information about TEACH (**T**echnology for **E**ducational **Ach**ievement) membership and reported use of TEACH. The indication is that there may be a need for increasing awareness of resources available and in use and for DPI to learn with more detail and certainty the state of Broadband services used by public libraries.

**BadgerLink:**
DPI is working to understand resources available through BadgerLink vs resources libraries and library systems are directly sourcing aside from BadgerLink to see if there are other resources BadgerLink should be focused on including. A report is expected to be published early fall 2022. The end of the current BadgerLink contract period is up in 2023.

Amy Beth Bahena-Ettner asked how data is being gathered from individual schools/libraries who may directly source various resources without involvement from districts/CESAs/library systems?

Monica Treptow indicated that there was a significant amount of communication with the districts, and though DPI did not receive feedback from 100% of them, it was a "very high" percentage.

**School Libraries:**
Monica Treptow referenced the School Libraries section of the report, highlighting efforts supporting awareness building and information sharing regarding book challenges. An in-person full day workshop on Intellectual Freedom and diversity/inclusivity was held for school media specialists on June 14, 2022 in Marshfield, WI. There were close to 100 registrants with about 70 actual attendees participating.

She also noted the School Library Work Group met in May, focusing on creating tools to help school districts create successful library plans.

Terrence Berres asked if there is a process for validating self-reported data from libraries on annual reports? Ben Miller responded yes, but also noted that a question like this acts

as “canary in coal mine” for validity of data around the point that might diverge from known data.

Nick Dimassis asked if there will be an effort to repackage the school library focused intellectual freedom workshop to focus on public libraries? Monica Treptow responded yes, there is intent and effort to lead discussions and guidance efforts for the public library side. Ben Miller noted that there is a bit of structural change in the related consultancy roles and he hopes to be able to introduce new staff members soon at a future COLAND meeting.

Nick Dimassis mentioned that the Library Development and Legislation Committee (LD&L) expects there may be some attempts to introduce legislation affecting intellectual freedom and it will be important for there to be clear and consistent messaging and clarity of issues in communications with the various appropriate representative associations.

Ben Miller noted that the PLSR final report is expected to be published in fall of 2022.

Joshua Klingbeil asked if the LSTA grant cycle process from the Public Library Systems perspective seems on track for the 2022-2023 cycle. Ben Miller responded yes, as much as it has ever been. DPI is about one month behind at this point due to administration changes, but otherwise in a good place.

7. **Review of 2021-2023 COLAND Goals** - Jaime Healy-Plotkin

   Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin reminded COLAND and the upcoming Executive Committee leadership of the Biennial Report which will be due for the July 2023 meeting.

8. **Review Meeting Dates and Locations -** Jaime Healy-Plotkin
   **Discussion**:

   - September 9, 2022 (Jennifer Stoltz) - UWM Library School
   - November 11, 2022 (Isa Small) - L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library - Eau Claire
   - January 13, 2023 - Virtual
   - 2023 - Discussion: Chair Jaime Healy-Plotkin reminded COLAND of previous discussion about possibly having the May 2023 meeting look again to Bayfield and Madeline Island, which was scheduled for May 2022 but had to be withdrawn.

9. **Review Member and Committee Tasks** - Jaime Healy-Plotkin
   **Discussion**:

   Committees were dissolved previously in this meeting.

10. **Announcements** - Jaime Healy-Plotkin
    **Discussion**:

    - The Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) 2022 Conference is being held in Lake Geneva. Pre-conference events start November 1, 2022.
    - The minutes of the May 13, 2022 COLAND meeting are published (shared, during the beginning of this [July] meeting) and will be available for adoption during the Sept 9, 2022 COLAND meeting.

**11. Adjournment** - Jaime Healy Plotkin

**Motion**: Dennis Myers **Second**: Martha Van Pelt
**Discussion**:

Adjourned 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Klingbeil - Secretary