

ND Coordinating Council meeting
April 14, 2000
1:00 p.m.
Brynhild Haugland Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, ND

Friday, April 14, 2000

Council members in attendance: Dennis Page, Phyllis Bratton, Tom Bremer, Jerry Kaup, Mary Bianco, Mike Jaugstetter, Marilyn Johnson, and LaDean Moen

Others in attendance: Tom Jones, Bismarck Public Library; Jan Hendrickson, Hazen Public Library; Cheryl Bailey, Welder Library (University of Mary); and Cindy Larson, Assistant State Librarian

Dennis Page reported that the last 6 months have been pleasant with little controversy.

Marilyn Johnson has suggested more detailed minutes from the Council.
Jerry Kaup feels better communication is needed and would like more detailed minutes.

Tom Jones presented a survey facilitated by the public library section of NDLA's sanctioned platform committee (see attached). A major concern of public library directors was funding, including state aid, local funding, and mill levy caps. (¾ want area cooperation for shared collection development, 80% were happy with communication and assistance with State Library, ½ were happy with Coordinating Council and ½ were not, or didn't know what the Coordinating Council did or what their role is.)

LaDean Moen questioned what type of financial request will be made for LaND. The process and the funding path were discussed. The question was posed if there was going to be an ILL component of Site Search.

Tom Bremer mentioned we need to look at alternative delivery systems. Minitex has expanded its delivery services to northwest Minnesota, and South Dakota has also expanded its delivery systems. Minitex may have figures on expanding delivery systems to western North Dakota and Minot.

The State Library's supplemental budget was requested to include:

1. State aid increase
2. LaND (ILL component)
3. Databases \$363,000
4. LV 2004 increase

Various groups need to develop priorities within their sections. They then will communicate through the Coordinating Council members at the May meeting what needs to be included in the State Library supplemental budget.

Marilyn Johnson mentioned having a letter go to chairs of NDLA section heads for them to begin the process of developing priorities.

A request was made to have the State Library prepare a state of funding for the above 4 areas to Coordinating Council members.

There was a request to have a Thursday night meeting with Coordinating Council members to discuss funding issues (4 topics) on May 18.

Discussion included how databases would be funded if no state money is received – options included one based on formula, or one based on ODIN use. OCLC libraries are currently carrying the “weight” of the funding of databases for the state. Mike has contacted school libraries for financial support of databases, and had good response. Mike will be sending personal letters to superintendents for financial support.

The governor was at the banquet for those involved in handicapped services and showed an interest in libraries. This interest in libraries will be helpful one last time.

The issue of how to address the areas that don't fund themselves for funding support was discussed. Tom Jones said the Coordinating Council needs to investigate the status of public libraries: funding, to determine standards, and to do something about the bad state of public libraries. Jerry Kaup mentioned that citizens in underserved areas have better library services on the Internet. Thus, they would not always support local (poor) library services. Tom Jones said we need to work towards a plan of action for statewide library coverage.

State Library Report: LSTA is up for reauthorization. People are discussing specific target areas (ex: children's services, etc.), but generally states want local control, not tight federal guidelines. President's 2001 budget is similar to 2000. Forward funding was presented by Mike for projects. It was suggested to use forward funding in a special round beginning every year in May/June for the following October/November/December.

Wilber Stult has been hired at UND Library (7/1/00). Pamela Drayson has been hired for the NDSU Library (7/1/00). Dave Davis at the Fargo Public Library has been formally reprimanded and has asked for medical leave.

The next generation of LV 2004 needs addressing, as early as the summer of 2001, to plan for the next 2003 session.

Jerry Kaup suggested regrouping in late fall to evaluate what 2004 has done, and to come up for a timeline this fall for 4-6 years and beyond.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

NDLA PUBLIC HEARING SECTOR
PLATFORM COMMITTEE

Jan Hendrickson – Hazen Public Library
Colleen Wiest – Beulah Public Library
Roberta Steckler – McLean-Mercer Regional Library, Riverdale
Dennis Page – Grand Forks Public Library
Diane Briggs – Fargo Public Library
Dave Davis – Fargo Public Library
Jim Chattin – Carnegie Public Library, Devils Lake
Miriam Arves – West Fargo Public Library
LaDean Moen – Adams County Library, Hettinger
Bonnie MacIver – Leach Public Library, Wahpeton
Marlene Ripplinger – Harvey Public Library
Agnes Jensen – Stutsman County Library, Jamestown
Cynthia Schaff – Williston Community Library
Cheryl Tollefson – Dickinson Area Public Library