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Council on Library and Network Development

July 10, 2009, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

125 S. Webster Street, Room 041

Madison, WI 53707

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| 1. | Call to Order | Kathy Pletcher, Chair | |
| 2. | Roll Call/Determination of Quorum | Roslyn Wise, DLTC | |
| 3. | Welcome to Department of Public Instruction headquarters (5 minutes) | Rick Grobschmidt, Assistant State Superintendent, DLTC | Information |
| 4. | Adoption of Agenda | All | Action |
| 5. | Approval of Minutes for May 15, 2009 meeting | All | Action |
| 6. | Report of the Chair (10:15 a.m. – 30 minutes)
a) Correspondence
b) Progress update – One Library One Card
c) Progress update – Summit on School Library Media Specialist Staffing Issue | Kathy Pletcher | Information, discussion |
| 7. | Approval of draft Biennial Report on Condition and Progress of Library Services in the State (10:45 a.m. – 15 minutes) | Mike Cross, DLTC | Information, discussion, action |
| 8. | Subcommittee report – Library services to correctional institutions (20 minutes) | Barbara Arnold, Kristi Williams, Susan Reynolds, Bob Koechley | Information, discussion |
| 9. | Library Legislation Update (20 minutes)
a. State
b. Federal | Rick Grobschmidt, DLTC | Information, discussion |
| 10. | Review of COLAND goals for 2008-2009 (in preparation for drafting goals for 2009-2010) (20 minutes) | Kathy Pletcher or designee | Discussion, action |

Lunch (12 noon – 45 minutes)

11.	Report on status of State Superintendent's Biennial Report to COLAND on Interlibrary Cooperation and Resource Sharing (in preparation for public hearing to be held at upcoming COLAND meeting) (12:45 p.m. – 15 minutes)	Sally Drew	Information, discussion
12.	Discussion with State Superintendent Tony Evers (1-2 p.m.)	Tony Evers	Information, discussion
13.	Update on COLAND appointments for terms ending July 1, 2009 (10 minutes)	Kathy Pletcher	Discussion
14.	Nominating committee report and election of COLAND officers for 2009-10	Kathy Pletcher	Action
15.	<p>Suggestions for Future Agenda Items</p> <p>a) Discussion about libraries dropping periodicals, part of a larger discussion on public library standards</p> <p>b) Bandwidth update for September</p> <p>c) Presentation by Larry Nix Wisconsin Library Heritage Project</p> <p>d) Presentation by Public Service Commission (future Madison area meeting).</p> <p>e) Presentation by the Dane County Library Service on the impact of the current economic situation; could be related to a previously suggested presentation by the Dane County Library Service, to include other library services in other counties and governance issues studies (Madison area).</p> <p>f) Discussion on library services in correctional facilities (pending report by COLAND subcommittee)</p> <p>g) Presentation about library services to foster families (suggested by Kristi Williams)</p> <p>h) Discussion/presentation about literacy in Wisconsin (suggested by Miriam Erickson, also an issue from the Visioning Summit)</p>	Kathy Pletcher/All	Information, discussion, action
16.	<p>Future Meeting Dates</p> <p>a) September 11, 2009 – TBA (Possible location – Sequoya Public Library, Madison)</p> <p>b) November 13, 2009 – TBA</p> <p>c) January 8, 2010 – TBA (possible video conference)</p>	Kathy Pletcher	Discussion, action
17.	Announcements	All	
18.	Adjournment	Kathy Pletcher	Action

COUNCIL ON LIBRARY AND NETWORK DEVELOPMENT

Meeting Minutes

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10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Members Present: Michael Bahr, Germantown
Mary Bayorgeon, Appleton
Francis Cherney, Milladore
Miriam Erickson, Fish Creek
Catherine Hansen, Shorewood
Bob Koechley, Fitchburg
Douglas Lay, Mosinee
Sandra Melcher, Milwaukee
Kathy Pletcher, Green Bay
Cal Potter, Sheboygan Falls
Susan Reynolds, Cable
Annette Smith, Milton
Lisa Sterrett, Viroqua
Kristi Williams, Cottage Grove

Members Absent: Barbara Arnold, Madison
Donald Bulley, South Milwaukee
Lisa Jewell, Madison
John Nichols, Oshkosh
Kris Adams Wendt, Rhinelander

DPI Staff: Nancy Anderson
Mike Cross
Sally Drew
Tony Evers
Rick Grobschmidt
Steve Sanders
Roslyn Wise

1. CALL TO ORDER

Kathy Pletcher, chair, called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Roslyn Wise called the roll; twelve members were present at roll call so a quorum was present.

3. WELCOME TO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION HEADQUARTERS

Rick Grobschmidt welcomed the group to the Department of Public Instruction headquarters. He talked briefly about renovations to the fourth floor of the building, which are in progress. Rick mentioned that State Superintendent Tony Evers is attending a UW Regents meeting and will speak to COLAND members after lunch.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR JULY 10, 2009

Mary Bayorgeon asked to add a brief report on the situation facing health libraries in Wisconsin. Miriam Erickson moved to adopt the agenda; Mary seconded. The motion passed and the agenda was adopted.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 15, 2009 MEETING

Doug Lay moved to approve the minutes as submitted; Sandra Melcher seconded the motion. The motion passed.

6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

a) Correspondence – Kathy Pletcher reported that one item of correspondence was included in the packets. Roslyn Wise reported another letter that was voted on at the last meeting (letter to the legislature supporting Joint Finance Committee's (JFC) version of the budget) was not sent. Rick Grobschmidt explained further that the letter was not sent because right after the May COLAND meeting, the JFC changed the library portion of the budget and the letter was no longer appropriate. He will discuss the issue further under the legislative update. Also, letters were sent to the two COLAND members who did not wish to be appointed to new terms. Copies of these letters were not included in the packets because they were personal acknowledgement letters.

b) Progress Update on One Library, One Card – Rick explained that DPI staff members are doing their best to move forward with work on this effort this summer; efforts have been hampered to a certain extent by Sally Drew's involvement with the BadgerLink rebid negotiations. There are also continuing staffing issues (unfilled vacancies) for Reference and Loan and the Public Library Development Team. Rick assured COLAND that work does continue on this initiative, even though progress might seem slow. The initiative has been brought before SRLAAW and LITAC. Sally said she has been working on some of the technical issues. Mike Cross commented that SRLAAW

is urging a cautious approach to the initiative because they are worried about raising expectations that cannot be fulfilled. Mike Bahr commented that COLAND owes it to the attendees of the visioning summit to provide an update on the status of the initiative. Kathy Pletcher asked if it would be helpful to put together a task force. Rick commented that a task force should include members of COLAND and people from the field, such as people from SRLAAW and libraries around the state. There does seem to be some question about what “One Card, One Library” means. Kathy suggested having a “pilot” program might be a good idea, but she isn’t sure how to do this. Bob Koechley said that Colorado has “done this” and has probably worked out the technical problems. Sally responded that she had done a summary for LITAC of what other states were doing and that Colorado has done some preliminary work on this but they have not “done this,” meaning they have not worked out the technical problems. Rick commented that Nebraska has worked on a similar system. Mike Cross commented that libraries can promote the fact that they participate in a “one card” program but the technical piece of having one card that works at all libraries has not been worked out, although it does get closer to “statewide access.” He commented that the Milwaukee County border has never been open to cross-border borrowing, because it opens up certain libraries to huge increases in borrowing without any increase in revenue. Mike Bahr suggested that a task force could decide what it means and that DPI should go ahead and put together a task force. Rick said DPI can proceed with looking at what other states have done. Mary Bayorgeon said DPI could draw from the interest list from the visioning summit for possible task force members. Lisa Sterrett suggested also drawing from the original committee that came up with the concept. There was some discussion about whether or not a motion is needed; after some discussion it was decided a motion and vote is not needed because DPI has already been tasked to work on this. Cal Potter asked what Sally thinks LITAC will do with this; Sally responded that she has presented this to LITAC and they have given her feedback on the technology. The DLTCCL not yet put together the list of names for a statewide advisory committee. She hopes this will happen before the end of the summer. Some of the problems on the technical side relate to the vendors of the circulation software not yet committing to testing their products. Catherine Hansen suggested some kind of communication to participants at the visioning summit to let them know COLAND is working on the initiative. Mike Bahr suggested an announcement on Channel Weekly and on the WISPUBLIB list serve.

c) Progress update on Summit on School Library Media Specialist (SLMS) Staffing Summit – Nancy Anderson distributed a preliminary draft planning document for the SLMS staffing summit. She noted the summit will somewhat model the visioning summit, but also will follow a school

improvement planning process. Steve Sanders commented that DPI is looking for input from COLAND on this draft document. Catherine Hansen remarked that she thought COLAND already knows the answers to all of the items for discussion at the summit (i.e., funding/budgets are the reason for the decline in staffing numbers). Nancy responded that the stakeholders are a diverse group so input from the field is needed to determine what other issues are out there (that DPI is not aware of). Steve added that he was not sure we do know the answers; Standard H clearly requires that secondary students at least should be receiving services, so why are library media services not being supported when math, for example, is being supported. He also said he doesn't think the larger education community understands the significance of the issue. Susan Reynolds agreed with Steve that the people making decisions, such as administrators and boards, do not have the same view as the library community and they need to be informed on the issue. Cal Potter commented that these "decision-makers" are currently making decisions to cut budgets with impunity, and if you can get them together and get them to agree to the importance of some kind of standards then it might make a difference. Catherine suggested that, under purpose, instead of developing guidelines there should be something firmer. Steve said it might be possible to try to strengthen one of the standards but he wasn't sure it would be successful because when you start doing that all of the other groups impacted by the standards also want to be included. But it might be possible if a "champion" in the legislature could be found. Mary Bayorgeon added that there is a section in the Wisconsin Administrative Code requiring hospitals to have libraries but the section is totally ignored (and not enforced at all). Steve said DPI does send letters to districts out of compliance (zero or below minimum); responses tend to be along the lines of not funding or not able to hire anyone at the limited number of hours offered. DPI has been able to work with some districts to get them to split FTEs. Cal suggested there might be too many districts that are too small to really provide a quality product and it might be time for some mergers to take place. Mike Bahr asked if changing the language of the guidelines to give them "more teeth." Catherine said superintendents need to be held accountable. Nancy commented that there has been some verbal support expressed but all groups do need to be part of the discussion. Kathy said she thinks recommending strategies for reversing the trend is key. Rick said that Superintendent Evers is aware and wants to make sure all impacted groups are a part of the planning process for the summit. Nancy reiterated the importance of making sure the process continues beyond the summit. Miriam Erickson remarked that she is pleased with the planning process so far. Kathy said that those who are interested in volunteering for the executive planning group should send an email to Roslyn.

7. APPROVAL OF DRAFT BIENNIAL REPORT ON CONDITION AND PROGRESS OF LIBRARY SERVICES IN THE STATE

Mike Cross reported on the updated version of the Biennial Report. Once the report is approved it will be sent to the state legislature and the governor; it will also be widely available to libraries for use within their communities during upcoming budget discussions to show the importance of libraries. He said he tried to incorporate the suggestions by COLAND members; he asked if they had any additional suggestions for additions to the report. Mary Bayorgeon asked to add to the “Challenges” section something about the situation with health sciences and hospital libraries, which are being closed and staff are being laid off. She listed some of the recent closures and layoffs. The situation is similar to that being faced by school library media centers. She talked about the lack of enforcement of the state’s administrative code related to health sciences libraries. She said she did not have any suggestions for follow up by COLAND but she has been in touch with the Wisconsin health sciences libraries board for suggestions on how to address the situation. The situation is also impacting the participation in the professional organization for health sciences librarians. She remarked that the situation looks bleak but maybe there are some solutions. She commented that she would look to the outcome of the SLMS summit for possible solutions. She suggested this should be a separate bullet point in the report, instead of being included with the bullet point for increased prices for professional journals. Mike Cross said he would expand the sentence and list the types of special libraries that are closing. Cal Potter commented that medical libraries do have the advantage of being addressed in the administrative rules; he suggested she should get the board to contact the officials (from Department of Health and Family Services) about enforcing the rules. Bob Koechley asked if the medical libraries were primarily for the use of physicians; Mary responded that the libraries are used by everyone; the most recent focus has been on use by consumers (patients). Lisa Sterrett suggested a future COLAND meeting at a health sciences library. Kathy asked for other suggestions for the report; Kristi Williams asked about the statistics in the report on libraries not currently receiving WIFI services – who are the 37 percent without WIFI service. Mike commented that by the end of the year almost 100 percent of Wisconsin public libraries would have WIFI services. Lisa Sterrett asked if he could include how much of an increase this would be from previous years. Miriam Erickson asked, considering cuts to school library media specialist positions in Sheboygan, who will administer the Common School Fund (CSF) for Sheboygan. There was discussion about the list of materials that can be purchased using CSF money and how these purchases are tracked. Rick Grobschmidt commented there is a code used for materials purchased with the CSF and DPI can tell how much is being spent (or not). He suggested that a report on CSF spending could be presented by Brad Adams from DPI at the

November meeting. Kristi Williams asked if CSF money could pay for staffing; Rick said no, that would require a change to the constitution. Catherine Hansen moved to approve the Biennial Report with the changes suggested; Mary seconded the motion. The motion passed without further discussion.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT – LIBRARY SERVICES TO CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Susan Reynolds talked about her experience as a teacher in the GED program at Lac Courte Oreille Community College (LCOCC). She said a majority of her students are either coming from or going to an incarceration situation. Most of these people have never had a successful experience of any kind, so getting a GED provides the first successful experience for many of these individuals. She said there are 22,000 incarcerated individuals in Wisconsin; the number in Minnesota is 9,000. The biggest problem, to her, seems to be recidivism. Employment is the number one factor in keeping these individuals from re-offending – if they can get a job they stand a better chance of staying out of jail. They need an education to get a job, so if they can get an education while in prison or jail it will help them be successful. Less than 50 percent of these individuals have high school diplomas or GEDs. Prisons tend to have libraries; county jails may or may not – it depends on the attitude of the sheriffs and staffs. She commented that she was at the Wisconsin Literacy Conference awards banquet in May and the prison at Stanley stood out; they won two awards: one for their Fathers Reading Books program, as well as the award for Adult Learner of the Year. She mentioned that Jay Dressler, the education director at the prison, had agreed to let COLAND meet at the prison library. Kristi Williams then reported that she had talked to someone at the Dane County Jail. They have a volunteer program through the UW-Madison library school and it is possible someone from the jail could give a report at a future COLAND meeting. Bob Koechley reported that someone from the state (he couldn't remember the person's name) had prepared a report on the variety of state institutions and this person is also willing to come and talk to COLAND. There was some additional discussion of which individuals are housed in what facilities, and the library services that are available in and to various institutions. Annette Smith asked how juveniles are being served; Rick responded that juveniles are served through the state juvenile correctional facilities and that they received educational services because they are under the age of 18. There was additional discussion about how to proceed with exploring the issue of library and literacy services to inmates. Bob Koechley talked about books not being available for prisoners who followed unusual religious beliefs. He continued, "The last thing about this that is very upsetting, I'm afraid to say and believe it's true, that Wisconsin is number one in the likelihood that black males will be put in jail, so that just adds to our long-term problems of equity of outcome for the kids." Kathy Pletcher asked if we

knew the (racial) percentages of the 22,000 inmates. Susan responded that in the Bayfield County Jail, 43 percent are from the Red Cliff Reservation. Bob K. continued that “This is really a program where particularly vulnerable groups are paying victims. I’m not trying to make them out to all be heroes – if they have committed a crime they do their time in jail – but it’s only sensible that we try to address group services for the people who would like to learn something.” There was some discussion about a COLAND meeting some years ago at Boscobel where a presentation on services at the “Super Max” took place. Sandra Melcher asked about the possibility of following up with Minnesota (about their lower incarceration rates) to find out exactly what they think the factors are, just to compare with Wisconsin. She also said she agreed (with Bob K.) that “Yes, we are number one in the country in terms of jailing black men/African American men, and so if we do turn it around or be that catalyst to turn it around to provide library services, educational services, resources, and employment resources to jail populations – all the populations in Wisconsin -- then we are more effectively supporting education and eventually decreasing the number in jail.” Susan said she didn’t think Minnesota was particularly unusual (in their incarceration rates). Mike Bahr asked how COLAND should proceed with this issue. Kathy said one of the issues before the group is whether or not they should meet at the Stanley correctional facility. Bob Koechley put forth a motion that the council should meet at the Stanley facility; Sandra Melcher seconded the motion. The motion passed. Kathy then commented that the other issue is how to approach learning more about the county jail system and suggested a presentation at a future Madison meeting from a representative from the Dane County jail. Bob remarked that the report he spoke of earlier addressed literacy issues in state facilities. There was more discussion about why Wisconsin has so many more incarcerated persons than some other nearby states, as well as additional discussion about prison jail services. Mike Bahr asked if COLAND should include something about this special library issue in the biennial report; Lisa Sterrett suggested it might be more appropriate to add a statement addressing the subject in the COLAND goals. The consensus was that the issue should not be included in the current biennial report. Cal suggested September would be a good time for the group to go to Stanley. Susan confirmed the plan is for the group to go there in September. The Sequoya library, listed in the minutes as a possible location for September, will be held for a later date. Catherine suggested November be held as an option for Stanley in case the September date does not work out.

9. LIBRARY LEGISLATION UPDATE

Rick Grobschmidt reported Governor Doyle had signed the biennial budget bill (a handout outlining the library elements of the budget was distributed). He went on to briefly describe the history of the biennial library budget, which had been submitted by the state superintendent about a year ago. The governor then introduced his budget in February of this year. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) then looked at the proposed budget and approved a budget that substantially mirrored what had been submitted by the state superintendent. Members of the JFC took a brief hiatus and during that time, significant shortages in expected state revenues over the next two years were identified, so the budget was rewritten to include cuts to virtually every categorical state aid program, including libraries. But, in consultation with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, DPI determined that because library system funding had been increased in the original budget, they did not receive the same level of cuts that other categorical programs received. Rick referred to the handout to describe the cuts that were made. Some of the sources of funding for libraries was moved from general purpose revenue to the Universal Service Fund (USF), so now all of the state aid to library systems will come out of the USF. Cal commented that changing the source of funding to the USF was a change in fiscal policy.

Rick talked more about funding for BadgerLink and described how Sally Drew, during her negotiations on the new BadgerLink contract, was able to achieve a higher level of services with less money. Sally distributed a draft news release on the new BadgerLink services and talked about the contract process. She described changes in the services, particularly the dropping of ProQuest for newspapers. Newspapers will now be available through EBSCO. The end result is that there is nearly a doubling of overall content over what was previously available through BadgerLink. She also noted that Encyclopedia Britannica has been added, which includes a Spanish version. Lisa Sterrett remarked that this information should be shared with participants at the Visioning Summit. Kathy noted that many of the things asked for by individuals at the Summit were now included. Sally also noted, in response to a question from Catherine Hansen about how to get the information about BadgerLink out to teachers, that some of the stimulus money will be used to get information out to teachers. She is currently working on a strategy to market BadgerLink to teachers (as well as others).

10. REVIEW OF COLAND GOALS FOR 2008-09 (IN PREPARATION FOR DRAFTING GOALS FOR 2009-2010)

After the lunch break, Kathy Pletcher led a review of the goals for the previous years (copies were included in the packets). Goals for current year are on the back side of the page. Among the changes: modify the second goal to “Continue to work on implementation of the strategic direction identified at the Visioning Summit;” keep the fourth goal “Monitor implications of of...use of the Common School Fund;” modify the fifth goal – Investigate legislative and other initiatives...growing crisis in school library media staff and make recommendations...” by adding something about upcoming Summit; delete the first, third, sixth, seventh, and eighth goals (completed); need to add a goal related to investigating services provided to library services to prisons and jails. Kathy will make revisions and send to Roslyn for formatting into a new goals document.

11. REPORT ON STATUS OF STATE SUPERINTENDENT’S BIENNIAL REPORT TO COLAND ON INTERLIBRARY COOPERATION AND RESOURCE SHARING

Sally Drew led a preliminary discussion on the State Superintendent’s Biennial Report to COLAND, which is a statutorily-required report. COLAND is responsible on holding a public hearing for responses to the report. A rough draft of the report was included in the packets for today’s meeting. The report covers activities of the Division for Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning for the previous two years, and anticipated activities for the next two years. Sally will submit the report to the state superintendent’s office for review and approval. The report is then sent back to COLAND. After the report is released, COLAND will hold a public hearing. The public hearings are generally tied to a regularly-scheduled COLAND meeting. There was some discussion of when to hold the public hearing; November was suggested as a possible time. Notices of the public hearing will be sent out to the leadership of all library-related groups; Sandra Melcher suggested that members of the legislature should also be invited, or at least made aware of the hearing. Lisa Sterrett suggested the public hearing could be held at the Wisconsin Library Association Conference (WLA) in October; Catherine Hansen said WLA has no open slots as of now.

13. (SKIP TO ITEM 13) UPDATE ON COLAND APPOINTMENTS FOR TERMS ENDING JULY 1, 2009

While waiting for Tony Evers to arrive, Kathy Pletcher led a brief discussion about COLAND appointments. Roslyn Wise reported there has been no word from the Governor's office about reappointments. The individuals who are up for reappointment also have not heard from the Governor's office. Lisa Sterrett commented on the need for someone from a small public library to serve on COLAND; Mike Cross pointed out that currently there are no individuals employed at a public library of any size currently serving on COLAND. There will be two vacancies that need to be filled. There was some general discussion about the need for professional members on COLAND, how appointments are made, and the need to encourage people to apply for appointment.

12. (RETURN TO ITEM 12) DISCUSSION WITH STATE SUPERINTENDENT TONY EVERS

State Superintendent Tony Evers, who took office on Monday, joined the group for a discussion. Rick Grobschmidt introduced the State Superintendent and read a brief biography. Rick noted that Cal Potter was Tony's social studies teacher in high school. Tony thanked Rick for the introduction and then asked the members of COLAND to introduce themselves around the table. He thanked them for their contributions. Tony talked about his goals as superintendent, particularly his "Every Child a Graduate" initiative. He said there are two ways to look at the issue: Wisconsin has one of the highest graduation rates in the nation (just under 90%), which is something to be proud of. But another way to look at it is from a money perspective – a student who doesn't graduate from high school equals about \$1 million in lost earnings. It is also a quality of life issue: kids who do not graduate from high school are less likely to contribute (to society); they are less likely to volunteer in their communities. Tony talked about libraries as being the center of lifelong learning in their communities, and libraries are particularly important resources in tough economic times. They provide consistent, nurturing places for kids who are suffering in times like these. He mentioned that he was aware of the Beginnings report and he looks forward working with COLAND in implementing the recommendations. He also expressed concern about the school library media specialist situation and can see that COLAND is addressing the issue head-on by planning the upcoming summit. He ended his comments by saying he values all of the department's advisory groups.

At the end of his comments he presented a certificate to Kathy Pletcher in appreciation of her service as COLAND chair.

14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT AND ELECTION OF COLAND OFFICERS FOR 2009-10

Doug Lay reported that the three-member nominating committee (Doug, Kris Adams Wendt, and Susan Reynolds) is nominating the following slate of officers for 2009-2010: Miriam Erickson, chair; Sandra Melcher, vice chair, and Michael Bahr, secretary. Kris Adams Wendt had emailed the biographies of each of the nominees to the members of COLAND on June 24. Kathy Pletcher then called three times for nominations from the floor; there were none. Lisa Sterrett moved to accept the slate as proposed, and Bob Koechley seconded the motion. The motion to elect the slate of officers as proposed passed. Kathy thanked the committee for their work on the nominations.

9. (Return to Item 9 -- LIBRARY LEGISLATION UPDATE)

Cal Potter noted that the legislative report, started by Rick Grobschmidt early in the meeting, had been cut stopped before Rick got to federal issues. Rick continued his report, reporting that the Senate and House are in working in their conference committee. There will be a slight increase in LSTA funding over last year (about \$200,000). Mike Cross noted that the President has proposed only a small increase for next year but most people are satisfied because there was about a 6 percent increase for this year. Rick reported that Title IID (EETT) funding does not look so good; it received a significant amount of funding in the last budget as well as a significant amount of funding in the Stimulus package. Steve Sanders reported that there is a big cut for 2010 – proposed funding is \$100,000,000 nationally, down from \$269,000,000 last year. Many groups have sent letters to Washington (including WEMTA, COLAND) to try to get the funding restored. Rick then reported on other anticipated stimulus funds packages that will go to school districts. Rick also reported on the Microsoft anti-trust settlement; the IMTT team is disseminating the funds from this settlement to schools in areas with poverty levels of 33.3 percent or higher. He also reported on recent E-rate audits of several school district technology plans. Rick added that Bob Bocher is at the ALA meeting in Chicago doing a presentation on the broadband stimulus package; lots of money is available through this package for areas in the state that are un-served or underserved by broadband service. BadgerNet and WiscNet will be applying for funds; some private entities might also apply. State Superintendent Burmaster sent letters to the federal government during the

comment period indicating Wisconsin's goal is to bring fiber to every school and library in the state. There will be three rounds of applications for the funding; the guidelines have recently been issued and the first round of applications can be submitted beginning August 14.

15. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items were suggested as topics to be addressed at the September meeting:

- a) Bandwidth update .
- b) Library services in correctional facilities.

Items suggested and carried forward from previous meetings (not discussed at today's meeting):

- c) Discussion about libraries dropping periodicals (part of a larger discussion on public library standards).
- d) Presentation by Larry Nix on Wisconsin Library Heritage Center Project.
- e) Presentation by Public Service Commission.
- f) Presentation by the Dane County Library Service and the impact of the current economic situation. This could be related to a previously suggested presentation by the Dane County Library Service, to include other library services in other counties and governance issues studies
- g) Presentation about library services to foster families (suggested by Kristi Williams)
- h) Discussion/presentation about literacy in Wisconsin (suggested by Miriam Erickson, also an issue from the Visioning Summit)

Cal Potter suggested Tony Evers could send an email to legislators about the new BadgerLink contract and the substantial money-savings it provides (Sally reported an estimated savings is about \$66 million across the state). Miriam Erickson commented on the need to get information about BadgerLink materials to school district administrators. Cal moved that COLAND should ask DPI to expand its promotion of the savings provided by BadgerLink. Sally commented that EBSCO has agreed to help with public relations efforts for BadgerLink. If COLAND has a specific message/audience for BadgerLink marketing, they should let her know so she can communicate that to EBSCO. Rick Grobschmidt thanked Sally for her work on BadgerLink. Sandra Melcher seconded Cal's motion. There was more brainstorming about ideas for marketing BadgerLink. The discussion continued with Sally's comment that the BadgerLink website has been revised; Cal

suggested flyers promoting BadgerLink could be included in mailings from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Bob Koechley suggested public service announcements; Miriam suggested sending compact discs with a PR message to teachers. Rick mentioned the impending increase in the tax on phone service to pay for the Universal Service Fund (USF); he commented that DPI will need help in publicizing all of the things the USF pays for, including BadgerLink.

16. FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS AND DATES

- a) September 11, 2009 – Stanley Correctional Institute (to be confirmed)
- b) November 13, 2009 – Sequoia Library, Madison (to be confirmed) (Report on library services in state correctional facilities; public hearing on biennial report)
- c) January 8, 2009 – By videoconference. There was some discussion about the pros and cons of meeting by videoconference; Steve Sanders had some ideas for improving videoconference meeting. He suggested limiting the conferences to four sites or using a web-based system.
- d) Other future meetings -- UW-Milwaukee Golda Meir Library, which is currently being renovated. Also, meet at a health sciences library. Kathy suggested adding monitoring services to health sciences libraries as a goal.

Before moving to the next agenda item, Cal asked if there should be a vote on the motion he made earlier in the meeting regarding the expansion of BadgerLink promotion to other groups in order to get the work out about the cost-savings involved in the new BadgerLink. Kathy called for a vote; the motion passed.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roslyn asked that everyone submit their reimbursement claims as soon as possible because of her impending vacation. Annette Smith announced she is no longer at UW Oshkosh; she is now the technology director at Central High School in the Westosha School District. Susan Reynolds announced the Northwoods Children's Book Conference will be held September 24-25 in Cable.

18. ADJOURNMENT

Bob Koechley moved to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Lisa Sterrett. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Bahr". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Michael Bahr, Secretary