Present: Andrea Buka, Galadriel Chilton, Debbie Herman (via phone), Barbara Johnson, Roger Kemp, Christina Russo, Marie Shaw, VivianLea Solek, Kendall Wiggin

Absent: Elizabeth Joseph, Michael Murphy, Paula Orbe

Others: Steve Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley, Dawn La Valle, Bill Sullivan

1. Call to Order
Christina Russo called the meeting to order at 1:01.

2. Approval of Minutes
Christina Russo MOVED (2nd Galadriel Chilton) to approve the minutes of February 4, 2015. VOTED unanimously.

3. Approval of Agenda
Christina Russo MOVED (2nd VivianLea Solek) to approve the revised agenda. VOTED unanimously.

4. Public Comment
There was none.

5. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Ken reported that the House voted on a budget that partially restored cuts to statewide library services. The State Library received about 80% back but CLC received a large cut that they will need to work through. There was enough restored to protect our federal funds. There is a hiring freeze and there will be five vacancies when Bill retires. Ken is hoping to fill some positions in early July. The CEN budget was also partially restored to a little under three million.

There was $3.6 million put in the budget for a fiber build-out to the remaining libraries not on CEN. Since this was in our budget, the FCC had orders for special construction, where if a state has the money, the FCC will add 10% to the discount you would have received. There is also money for wireless that is calculated based on square footage, but there are restrictions in terms of requiring libraries to filter.

In terms of the iCONN/reQuest budget, Ken was faced with a dilemma in April in light of the budget rescissions and decided to end the RFP process with no award being made. Instead, the State Library will partner with Bibliomation to provide an open-sourced based union catalog with interlibrary loan capability using FullILLment, which is a fork of Evergreen. In addition, the State Library will join Bibliomation as a member. We are not merging into Bibliomation’s catalog and are not forcing libraries into network memberships. This is also not a statewide ILS. We hope to have the union catalog in place by early September. The catalog will have marc records but no current holdings so the system will need to go out to find the latest holdings, which will require connectors. Since the catalog will reside directly on CEN, libraries on CEN will have direct (off-Internet) access to it. Steve Cauffman will be the point person at the State Library for this project.

Ken gave an update on the e-book project. Ken was in contact with IMLS and they suggested talking to NYPL about their “Library Simplified” project http://www.librarysimplified.org/. Ken and Eric went to NYPL this Spring. Library Simplified will be the platform for President Obama’s ConnectED initiative. Ken has been working with the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology (CCAT) in East Hartford, and would like the authority to work directly with them rather than going out to bid to do the implementation. Another component besides the e-book platform is the content. NYPL talks to publishers in NY and could do a joint venture with us to create a marketplace approach where publishers would sell through the marketplace rather than libraries having to do separate deals with each publisher and having separate
license agreements. So we would co-develop the marketplace and build the e-book platform. If we get Library Simplified up this summer we may need to get some content in. Ken attended the DPLAfest and attended the track on e-books. The Sloan Foundation is interested in this initiative. We are one of the few groups that actually has the money to do it.

When Ken was testifying on the budget, it was confusing for the legislators and others to distinguish between terms like connecticard, connecticar, etc. So, Ken is working on a set of logos that will hopefully clarify the services and not use the "c" words.

The State Library launched the WWI project last week at the library. The project lets people bring in their personal collections to exhibit, scan and/or donate to the State Library or archives.

6. Old Business
a. PsycINFO Pricing / CCALD meeting (update) - William Sullivan
Bill reported that it is APA's standard practice to increase license fees for PsycINFO by 4-5% each year. An ongoing increase of this magnitude is not sustainable on a flat budget. Bill brought the issue before CCALD on February 6 after obtaining an estimate from APA/EBSCO of what PsycINFO would cost in FY 2017 (a 4.9% increase over FY 2016). The consensus of CCALD members present was that they would not be willing to drop another academic-only database (CINAHL or ABI Inform) in order to keep PsycINFO, nor would they be willing to drop PsycINFO. Instead, they would prefer to pay the difference between the 2016 and 2017 rates for PsycINFO amongst themselves, allocated amongst members based on usage. The budget situation is a bit different now but in principle we need to decide whether to continue to pay these kinds of license agreement increases. EBSCO continues to assure us that PsycINFO's rate is discounted as compared with the aggregate cost of libraries subscribing to it individually. Ken noted that CCALD is an advisory board and can't vote to offer to cover the price differences on behalf of the individual academic libraries, and also, iCONN was set up statutorily to be fully funded by the state. CCALD also expressed interest in acquiring and paying for new resources not currently part of iCONN, if the state could negotiate competitive rates. Ken indicated this would be an appropriate role for CLC.

7. New Business
a. Statewide Library Catalog (changes effective July 1) - Stephen Cauffman
Steve reiterated Ken's report about being without a catalog over the summer months. The catalog is used for Connecticard, statewide interlibrary loan, and copy cataloging. He talked about three phases of the project: 1 - bringing the system down; 2 - working without it in the summer; and 3 - bringing it back up in the Fall. Access to the catalog will remain until June 30 at midnight. A libguide page was created for libraries that includes Ken's and Carl's letters to the library community as well as links to information about shutting down ILL and cataloging. The ILL pages contain information, such as when specific libraries are turning off reQuest ILL borrowing. There are pages for patrons and staff to see when they log into iCONN to alert them to the forthcoming shutdown. We will be getting an export of reQuest on or before June 30 that will be given to Bibliomation. Gail spoke about cataloging and CatExpress options for libraries going forward.

Steve has a set of pages for use over the summer months that include ILL policy listings, lists of individual and network library catalogs, ILL forms, and the ILL code. He has scheduled seven transition meetings in June where the focus will be on these sets of pages. He is currently piloting an online ILL form with ten libraries. When the new system comes up in the Fall it was decided that there will be no fees for this year while the system is being built. Staff had a meeting with Bibliomation, that included a call with Grace Dunbar of FulfILLment, and got information about how holdings and circulation status are pulled into the system using connectors. ILL functionality such as multi-copy requests and c-car slips will need to be developed. Bibliomation will purchase the hardware in July and use Digital Back Office for network connectivity. They stressed that the catalog will be on a separate server than Bibliomation's Evergreen catalog. We are hoping the catalog will be up by September 8 followed by a phasing in of ILL. Steve also noted that he may form an ILL steering committee.

b. Electronic Resources / iCONN.org website (changes effective July 1) - Eric Hansen
Eric showed our current landing page and noted that our current vendor furnishes us with a one-stop authentication to the resources. Since this was going away we needed an alternate plan. We have had an "alternate route to iCONN" page in place for a few years. All the links on this page work but go directly to the database vendors for authentication. It has been set up so an IP authentication will be done first. If this does not work it will next try a geolocation IP check. If this doesn't work, the person will be presented with a library card barcode login screen. The same setup is in place for the popular magazines pages. We do need a new landing page so this is in process using WordPress software. Eric had a crash course in WordPress in May and gave an overview of the site and screens and the limitations of the chosen template. Bill added that one of the reasons the particular theme template was chosen was because it was designated by WordPress to be accessible and responsive in design. Dawn added that once eGO is up, it will be a platform that will have links to all of our databases and electronic resources. Eric added that permalinks will open as before.

8. Reports
   a. Commission for Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
   Ken reported on this in the State Library Report.

   b. Digital Library Progress - William Sullivan
   Bill discussed the preparations being made to transition from Auto-Graphics to Bibliomation as the next service provider (using FulfILLment) for the statewide library catalog and interlibrary loan system, including goals, phases, challenges and communications. We will be relying on Ben Shum’s (Bibliomation) growing knowledge of FulfILLment to determine what will be required at the state and local library levels to keep the catalog up-to-date and to establish the interlibrary loan system using “connectors.” Key information has been disseminated to the library community through messages from Ken Wiggin and Carl DeMilia (Bibliomation), the April issue of the iCONN Times, separate LibGuides for patrons and staff, and a series of seven (7) regional ILL meetings that will begin next week.
   Announcement lists for iCONN and reQuest, now hosted by Auto-Graphics, will be brought back up through EsoSoft and we will also host a new discussion list on ILL. EBSCO will provide (at no added cost) geolocation service for all of its databases but ProQuest does not currently support geolocation. Links to all classic menu pages will remain the same but the database links now provided by Auto-Graphics must be replaced by links provided by EBSCO and ProQuest – these links have already been announced and posted. Steve and Gail are working on a to-do list. There are six libraries that use reQuest as their only catalog – we are securing individual exports of their catalogs but the libraries will need to acquire their own systems in order to work with FulfILLment.

   Dawn took the opportunity to praise Bill for 23 years of dedicated service, attention to detail, the level of dedication in building iCONN, and being an instrumental part of the State Library. Bill is retiring on June 30, 2015.

   c. Database Committee - Eric Hansen
   Eric reported that the Database Committee met on May 21. The Committee did a comparison of Family Search and Heritage Quest in an effort to look for cost savings. The consensus was that Family Search could supplement, but not replace Heritage Quest. Eric also spoke about EBSCO enhancements and bug fixes. He will be querying CCALD members about the continued setup of full text as a default for their resources. Eric also reported that he presented a program at CLA that was well attended on e-books. He spoke with Total BooX which is a pay-per-reading service that works with all platforms except for iPhone, which is why the State Library of Kansas, for one, has not implemented the service. Total BooX claims that Apple is responsible for the delay in iPhone access. The OneClickdigital budget was cut by 40% so Eric chose Nutmeg, Caldecott, and other award winning titles to purchase. He reported that Explora for K-5 is not K-5-friendly so they have been talking with EBSCO about keeping Searchasaurus and Kids Search through June 2016. Bill referred EBSCO to PebbleGo as a model K-5 interface. The Database Committee thanked Bill Sullivan and Laurie Averill for their service as they leave the Committee.

9. Adjourn
   The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for August 5, 2015 at the Middletown Library Service Center.
Respectfully submitted,

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