
Absent: Dawn La Valle, Rob McCoole.

Others: Stephen Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley

1. Call to Order

Pam Graham (Vice-Chair) called the meeting to order at 1:08.

2. Introductions

Introductions were made and we welcomed new Board member Eileen Robinson.

3. Approval of Minutes

Jenna Stebbins MOVED (2nd Chris Hemingway) to approve the minutes of April 4, 2018. APPROVED.

4. Approval of Agenda

Barbara Johnson MOVED (2nd Frank Skornia) to approve the agenda as amended. APPROVED.

5. Public Comment

There was none.

6. State Library Report

Ken Wiggin reported that the budget finally passed with no future reductions to the databases. We will continue to get CINAHL, PsychInfo and ABI. We will need to cancel Christian Science Monitor, and will be talking with ProQuest about reducing the cost to the Hartford Courant Historical database.

7. Old Business

Update on findIT / requestIT - Steve Cauffman reported that he will be conducting general sessions in June and July on the "Do's and Don'ts of requestIT CT" for those libraries who have been trained and have been using requestIT. He also reported that we will start to bill libraries in July who are participating in requestIT. There are currently 143 participating libraries.

Update on eGO - Eric Hansen reported that Lyrasis has now installed 16 public libraries in each of the three regional library networks' circulation managers. They hope to add more libraries in batches of 5 every 2 weeks. Eric is working with Lyrasis on how to deploy this across the state. The Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is going through the Government Printing Office (GPO) to get content to add to their Open Bookshelf initiative.

8. New Business

Approval of Bylaws - The Bylaws Committee brought revisions to the CDLAB April 4 meeting and to this meeting for a vote. Frank Skornia MOVED (2nd Pam Graham) that the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board adopt the proposed changes to the bylaws as discussed at its April 4, 2018 meeting. APPROVED. It will now go to the State Library Board for approval in July.
eResources Focus Group Feedback - Eric reported that the focus groups were held and participants were asked questions such as: Where do you go first?, What are your must-haves in researchIT and outside of researchIT?, and others about the usability of the researchIT interface. Trends were looked at from May compared with the January survey results. In January there was a continuing demand for historic newspapers; comments on needing to enhance the user friendliness of EBSCO; no comments about ProQuest’s interface; the need for more images for the K-12 audience, and comments on reducing the need to login. In May, Google was the most preferred, easy to use and flexible search engine. Academic Premier was preferred by Academic libraries. People would like access to the Hartford Courant (complete run), New York Times, Reference USA, and the full Consumer Reports.

Chair / Vice Chair - Barbara Johnson’s term as Chair ended 12/31/17. Frank Skornia volunteered to be Chair through 12/31/18 as a 1st term. Pam Graham will stay as Vice-Chair through 12/31/18. We will need a new Chair and Vice-Chair beginning 1/1/19. Barbara Johnson MOVED (2nd Matt Puhlick) the appointment of Frank Skornia as Chair through 12/31/18. APPROVED

9. Reports

Commission on Educational Technology - Ken reported that the CET met and talked about the CEN Conference that was held. There was talk of possibly making the conference a 2-day one. A survey will be sent. The CET talked about how to help people understand the value of the CEN. This is especially valuable to schools given the number of “Denial of Services” that have been caught. Fiber grants are continuing and we are down to only a few public libraries that are left. It is not only a library resource, but a town resource as well. Ken also reported that the State Board of Education adopted the ISTE technology standards for schools, that were endorsed by the CET.

eResources Advisory Task Force - Eric Hansen reported that there are vacancies on the task force to fill in the public and academic library categories. The RBDigital usage is good and the Nutmeg Award winning books were purchased for RBDigital. Eric demoed eGO at a number of conferences and staffed a table at the CEN conference. Gail Hurley demoed the free, digitized historic newspapers at the task force meeting. Dawn held focus groups at the meeting as well.

ACLPD Committee on Resource Sharing - no report

10. Adjourn

Barbara Johnson MOVED (2nd Matt Puhlick) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35.

The next meeting will be August 1, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hurley, Connecticut State Library