



Recommendation from the SELCO/SELS Structures Study Committee

Based on the input received during the public discussions on a possible merger of SELCO/SELS as conducted by the Committee during June – August 2008, the Structures Study Committee recommends that the SELCO/SELS Board of Directors extend the study time indefinitely.

Additional points of consensus from the Structures Study Committee

1. Having heard the strong general agreement from the public library directors to continue regular SELCO Advisory Committee meetings, the Structures Study Committee will withdraw an earlier proposal that the SELCO Advisory Committee only meet semi-annually.
2. The Structures Study Committee will solicit input from the SELCO Advisory Committee regarding meeting format and frequency, with recommendations to be referred to the Structures Study Committee.

Notes:

a) *This discussion was initiated at the October 7, 2008 SELCO Advisory Committee meeting and will continue until the public library directors and SELCO staff reach a successful agreement on meeting structure that is beneficial to the participants.*

b) *Depending upon the final decision regarding meeting frequency, the SELCO/SELS Board may need to modify the current SELCO bylaws.*

3. As there has been a benefit in having SELCO/SELS board representation at the SELCO Advisory Committee meeting and SELS Advisory Committee representation at the quarterly Board meeting, the Structures Study Committee encourages each group --- SELCO/SELS Board of Directors, SELCO Advisory Committee and SELS Advisory Committee --- to designate liaisons that will regularly attend meetings in a non-voting capacity.

Note:

This suggestion has already been incorporated into a proposal entitled, "Possible Multitype Meeting Framework" which was shared with the SELCO Advisory Committee for their meeting on October 7 and the October 8 meeting of the SELS Advisory Committee.

4. The Structures Study Committee will engage members of the Board of Directors, the staff and the public library directors in a dialogue to restore goodwill and trust.

Note:

While there have been several suggestions to engage an outside mediator to lead this process, the Structures Study Committee prefers to attempt this dialogue within the organization. It will review progress periodically and reconsider the possibility of mediation at a later date.

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