



## SELCO Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2008

### Minutes

#### NAME

Peggy Havener  
Renée Lowery  
Janice Kunkel  
Monica Erickson  
Liz Gibson-Gasset  
Bonnie Adams  
Linda Barsness  
LaVonne Beach  
Rhonda Burnes  
Donna Johnson  
Lynne Young  
Mary Kay Feltes  
Kathie Roussopoulos  
Beth Anderson  
James Lund  
Audrey Betcher  
Susan Hart  
Dianne Sikkink  
Sharon Grossardt  
Pat Johnson  
Jeanne Acker  
Michele McCaughtry  
Rita Hawes  
Jim Stetina  
James Hill

#### REPRESENTING

Albert Lea Public Library  
Buckham Memorial Library  
Cannon Falls Library  
Chatfield Public Library  
Houston Public Library  
Kasson Public Library  
Kenyon Public Library  
LaCrescent Public Library  
LeRoy Public Library  
Mabel Public Library  
Northfield Public Library  
Owatonna Public Library  
Plainview Public Library  
Preston Public Library  
Red Wing Public Library  
Rochester Public Library  
Rushford Public Library  
Spring Valley Public Library  
St. Charles Public Library  
Stewartville Public Library  
Van Horn Public Library  
Wabasha Public Library  
West Concord Public Library  
Winona Public Library  
Zumbrota Public Library

Also attending: Ann Hutton, Michael Scott, Aurora Jacobsen, Mollie Pherson, Aimee Lake, Angela Taylor, SELCO staff, Arlene Compton and Don Regelman, SELCO/SELS Board of Directors

#### Welcome and Introduction:

Michael Scott called the meeting to order and introduced Arlene Compton and Don Regelman, SELCO/SELS Board of Directors.

#### Approval of Agenda:

Motion by Linda Barsness, second by Susan Hart, to approve the agenda as distributed.

#### Approval of Meeting Notes:

Motion by Bonnie Adams, second by Renée Lowery, to approve the meeting notes as distributed.

#### Flood Update:

In light of the recent flooding and mudslides, attendees noted how their communities and libraries are faring.

#### FY 2009 LSTA Chatfield Brass Band:

SELCO has received a grant to bring the Chatfield Brass Band Music Lending Library online with the SELCO ILS system. This library is currently on a stand-alone system with software no longer supported by the vendor. Tyler Irvin has been hired as project librarian for this grant.

Legislative Update/MOE:

Ann asked for comments and questions regarding the Legislative decision to dismiss the minimum level of support and MOE for three years. Discussion ensued.

Structures Committee:

Arlene Compton, SELCO/SELS Board of Directors, was present to review a Power Point, explaining the changes proposed if the two organizations are to merge. A summary of the discussion is attached to these minutes.

FY2009 Proposed Budget:

Ann noted that SELCO and SELS are moving to a program budget for FY 2009. Questions about the budget included:

- Comparable worth study
- ILL dividends
- Money going into SELCO Foundation
- Hiring of consultants

With the Advisory Committee recommending approval of the FY09 budget, motion was made by LaVonne Beach, second by James Hill, to recommend approval of the budget. Motion carried.

Other:

Brainstorming for names of individuals to serve as consultants in SELCO/SELS focus areas will be carried over to another meeting or venue.

The August 5 Director's Roundtable will be a discussion of difficult patrons. Michelle Schick will be the guest speaker. Examples of difficult patrons/situations are requested.

Motion to adjourn made by Sharon Grossardt, second by Rhonda Barnes.

Next meeting: Director's Roundtable - August 5, 2008

Transcribed by Angela Taylor  
Administrative Services Manager



## STRUCTURE STUDY PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS SUMMARY

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- Merging of the two organizations
  - Overall impact of changing statutes and by-laws is not necessarily in the best interest of this Committee.
  - Recommend to the Board that legislative changes be made to ensure funding is retained and continues to flow for appropriate purposes.
  - Money currently brought in by SELS does not equate to the money public libraries bring in.
  - Reduces the voice of public library directors.
- Concerns about changing the SELCO Advisory Committee
  - Missions of the different types of libraries are not compatible. The proposed Multitype Advisory Committee is too limiting for public libraries.
  - Current configuration of public library directors' meetings is beneficial.
  - Suggest meeting quarterly as a public library directors then bring issues identified at those meetings to the elected representatives of the Multitype and ILS Operations Committees.
  - Public library directors' roundtables should be limited or done away with completely. Currently, roundtables are too topic specific, poorly attended, and not always beneficial.
  - Front line voice vs. representative voice. While knowing all meetings are open meetings, if one is not a member of the committee, that voice is lost and becomes an unofficial voice.
  - Zone or cluster meetings sound like a good idea
  - Size - concern of disparity of members to new Advisory Committee – 5 voices from a group bringing in only \$157,000 to the annual budget vs. 6 voices from a group contributing 1.7 million dollars.
- Makeup of the SELCO Board
  - Board size should be much smaller, perhaps 7-9 persons
- Membership
  - Do not want to be treated the same as other Multitype libraries. Oppose "one class of membership."
  - No membership agreement currently exists for SELCO public libraries. Possible timeframe for renewals varied widely with some agreement towards the proposed 5 years, others preferring every 3 years or possibly annually.
  - School delivery payment would remain the same with SELS paying for two days and individual schools paying for one day.

- ILS Operations Committee
  - Confusion about the current nomination process.
  - Which libraries are considered large, medium and small?
- Positive changes associated with new meeting structure
  - In other states there are Multitype regions where libraries work together cooperatively and successfully.
  - \$22,000 annual savings realized.
- Motion made “to recommend rejecting the entire proposal as presented by the Board’s Structure Study Committee.” Roll call of vote resulted in 9 in favor, 14 in opposition and 2 abstentions. Motion to reject the entire proposal failed.
- Motion made “to create a committee of library directors from this group to work on structure input.” Motion carried on a voice vote.

Comments submitted by public library directors via email

- “Fully support the work of the committee and confident with their recommendation.”
- “It is time to seriously look at some changes in meetings etc. For some libraries the more meetings the better however with Internet we are able to keep in touch easily.”