



## SELS Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

<u>Name</u>	<u>Representing</u>
Angie Meyer	Public libraries
Stephanie Silvers	Public libraries
Bonnie Adams ( <i>alternate</i> )	Public libraries
Charles Sparks	School libraries
Renita Irvin	School libraries
Russ Dennison	Academic public
Ann Hutton	SELCO
Michael Scott	SELCO

The meeting was called to order by Angie Meyer and introductions were made.

### Approval of agenda

Motion by Charlie Sparks, second by Russ Dennison, to approve the agenda as distributed.  
Motion carried.

### Approval of Minutes

Motion by Charlie Sparks, second by Stephanie Silvers, to approve minutes from the previous meeting. Motion carried.

### Budget Report

Ann noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter check from the State has not yet arrived and Aimee is checking on the delay. The budget survey for SELCO and SELS was released today and all are encouraged to participate. Ann, Michael and Aimee are working on the budget for next year and will bring a draft to the next meeting.

### SELCO/SELS Quarterly Board Meetings

- a) Stephanie Silvers reported the following discussion topics at the January 22 meeting:
  - Salary study will be taking place
  - Structure study continues
  - LGA/CPA resolution was discussed and passed by the SELCO/SELS Board of Directors
  - Smart Investing Grant was discussed by Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran
  - LSTA update - Ridgeway Schools came online January 22 and cataloging continues for Crossroads College and Pillsbury Baptist College. The Digital Audio Books project is going very well.
  - Strategic Planning workshop with Toni Garvey will occur on March 3-5
  - *23 Things on a Stick* program was introduced
- b) April representation: Michael Scott will email the Committee for a call to attend the April Quarterly Board meeting.

### LSTA Update

Michael Scott reported on the following:  
Community Academic Libraries as Online Partners -

- So far, 45,000 out of 66,000 items have been catalogued for Crossroads College. Barcoding personnel will be hired soon. Work on the records for Pillsbury Baptist College has begun. There is a change in staffing, as one of three catalogers hired for this grant project is leaving. SELCO staff person, Carla Johnson, will catalog on Mondays and Fridays.

#### Community School Libraries as Online Partners -

- Chatfield Elementary School and Ridgeway Community School are now both on-line. Renita Irvin stated there is great excitement amongst her students. Weeding continues at Chatfield. Ridgeway held an Open House recently and is working on setting up the community component of their library.

#### Digital Audiobooks for Seniors -

- Training sessions are going very well.
- Russ Dennison suggested getting information on the use of playaways out to the State. Ann stated that programming for MLA is now being requested and perhaps Jonya Pacey, SELCO staff member, as chair of the Library Management Roundtable, could suggest highlighting several successful grant projects.

#### Structure Study

Ann reported that the Structures Study Committee is close to finalizing a possible restructuring recommendation. She noted that membership has been discussed and the Committee is committed to equality for all members. All indications appear to favor a formal merger of SELCO and SELS and, at this time, the Committee is still working on board size. Once options have been narrowed down, a recommendation will be presented to the Board in April. Meetings will be scheduled for public comment and reaction throughout the next 6 months.

#### 23 Things on a Stick

At this time, there are 157 registered blogs within the SELCO region, with a majority of SELCO staff and three board members participating. Five people, three within the region, have completed the entire program.

#### Legislative Update

Big initiatives in the public library arena were increases in Local Government Aid (LGA) and County Program Aid (CPA) and, with the February forecast, these will probably not happen. Regarding construction projects for public libraries, the bonding bill has one million dollars in the Senate and ten million dollars in the House. The initiative for requirement of licensed school media specialists was introduced but did not fare well in committee.

#### Other

##### Strategic Planning:

Ann extended her thanks to all who came in for interviews with Toni Garvey. Michael and Ann have been taking information garnered at the focus groups and have a draft plan started. This draft will be shared for public comment. Renita and Russ both described the experience with this process as a very good one. The Toni Garvey workshop was videotaped and will soon be on the SELCO website.

Next meeting, June 4, 2008 – 4 p.m.