



Structures Study Committee

June 19, 2007 - 5:30 P.M.
SELCO Building, Rochester, MN
Meeting Notes

Structure Study Committee in Attendance:

Don Regelman
Teri Hill
Arlene Compton
Marcy Irby
Bonnie Williams
Allan Nilson
Gretchen Schade
Jane Ryan

Structure Study Team in Attendance:

Ann Hutton
Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran
Aimee Lake
Angela Taylor

Absent: Fran Johnson, Lorin Pohlman, Barbara Misselt, Donovan Lambright, Aurora Jacobsen

Motion by Gretchen Schade, second by Arlene Compton, to accept the agenda as distributed. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Regelman, second by Arlene Compton, to accept meeting notes as amended. The word 'be' in the first sentence was corrected to read 'by.' Motion carried.

Ann Hutton explained that everyone received a revised copy of the two models Allan Nilson had previously submitted. The plan for tonight's meeting was to move into creating a model, using bits and pieces from the models already discussed but the consensus was that there would not be enough time to do justice to that process. Determining how to do this will be discussed later in the meeting.

At the last meeting, when discussing equity of representation on the SELCO/SELS Board, a list was requested that would show how many academic, public, school and special libraries belong to SELS. The prepared spreadsheet was reviewed with the following areas of discussion:

- Ann will check on the number of school districts, rather than the number of school buildings
- Population numbers – student population by district numbers can be easily attained
- Size of collection – information is easily gathered from annual reports submitted by public libraries but not available as of yet for public schools. Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran will check collection size for the public libraries, academics, and special libraries and add these numbers to the spreadsheet.

Discussion of Models:

- Wisconsin –
 - Affiliate members stipulation is questionable
- Weighted County –
 - With a smaller board, each member could potentially have a place on a committee
 - Multitypes would have a direct voice to the board
 - Gets the representation more in line with population distribution
 - Could be an issue of having the County choose representatives
 - Public libraries to be *mandatory* members – public libraries would probably balk at this, would be a hard sell – requirement would have to come from the state.

- Committee –
 - Committee involvement would be a prerequisite for governance participation
 - Liked formation of strategic planning committee

Meeting Comments:

- Very important to have a better educational process for those persons serving on a committee. Persons should have a passion or reason to participate. Ann outlined the orientation process she uses with new board members and/or library boards.
- Suggested talking to other regional boards to find out how they get people to serve willingly
- Suggested glossary of various acronyms that libraries can give out to their local board members
- Questioned stability of board with the amount of annual turnover

Next Steps:

- It was suggested that, before the August meeting, Committee members begin marking up their copy of models, noting likes and dislikes. Before breaking into small groups at the August meeting, points of agreement and disagreement should be discussed and then work can begin on composing a new model.
- The Committee discussed a possible option of putting together a model that is the synthesis of all the options.
- A positive PR effort will need to take place in order to convey to the Board in July and to the librarians the information that has been gained by this Committee throughout all of these meetings.
- Financial information on merging two organizations will be discussed.

Meeting Dates:

August 27 and September 24

Motion by Don Regelman to adjourn.

Transcribed by Angela Taylor
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