



Structures Study Committee
November 26, 2007 - 5:30 P.M.
SELCO Building, Rochester, MN
Meeting Notes

Structure Study Committee in Attendance:

Don Regelman
Teri Hill
Arlene Compton
Fran Johnson
Allan Nilson
Gretchen Schade
Bonnie Williams
Lorin Pohlman

Structure Study Team in Attendance:

Ann Hutton
Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran
Aimee Lake
Angela Taylor
Aurora Jacobsen

Absent: Donovan Lambright

Motion by Don Regelman, second by Lorin Pohlman, to accept the agenda as amended to add the approval of the new timeline. Motion carried.

Motion by Don Regelman, second by Arlene Compton, to accept meeting notes from September as distributed. Motion carried.

New Timeline:

Ann discussed revisions to the timeline and general activities for the SELCO/SELS Structure Study which reflect more accurately what has been done, what will happen in FY08 and how to proceed in FY09. Motion by Allan Nilson, second by Arlene Compton, to accept this revised timeline. Motion carried.

Continuation of Prototype Model:

Regarding a question of asterisks on the Membership Questions handout, Ann will verify that these indicate state law and add a footnote stating such.

Governance and Finance:

An additional model proposes board membership based on legislative recommendations. This would allow for a much more equal method of distributing representation because legislative districts are fairly equal to one another.

Comments from the group include:

- Minnesota legislators have been strong supporters of SELCO over the years that it's hard to determine what could go wrong
- How to guarantee that appointees are here because they believe in libraries rather than returning political favors – potential of legislators recommending a slate and this board could pick the person, thus exerting some control over who comes to the table
- Not getting members that are passionate about libraries like we have now
- Is this just giving the legislators one more job or would they have a pool of people to pick from – may have same problem as we currently have with Winona and Olmsted County where the board has not appointed a county representative
- Appointments for a three year period? Could coincide the appointments with the legislative election cycle. Question of continuity of longevity on Board.

- Will legislators take this seriously?
- Small libraries would lose representation
- By using this model, will we find those people that are truly passionate about libraries?
- Would we be treated better by the local legislators if they had some buy-in?
- Proposal logically makes sense but potential of not a good outcome for SELCO
- What sort of balance are we looking for – how many persons are representing schools, public libraries, history centers, etc.

Another way to do this could be that libraries within the legislative district could nominate a potential board member.

Governance and Financial Questions for Conversation:

Discussion continued while Committee members worked through the following three questions, filling out an online template containing current structure specifics for both SELCO and SELS and possibilities for a potential new model:

1. How is the organization governed?
2. What is the governing body?
3. How is the governing body organized?

For the next meeting in February, a flow chart will be created, using the existing committees, to plot out how the suggestions would look. The rest of the governance questions will be discussed and the cost analysis will be looked at.

Next Meeting Date: February 25

Motion by Arlene Compton, second by Bonnie Williams, to adjourn the meeting.

Transcribed by Angela Taylor
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