

WYLD Network Governing Board Meeting – January 19, 2023

Linda called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

Members present: Linda Herget, Rachel Crocker Jon Harwood, Maggie Unterseher, Lorene Peterson, Cristine Braddy, Sarah Marino, Jamie Markus, and Des Saunders.

Also present : Kate Mutch

Members absent: Karen Horner

There were no changes or additions to the agenda.

Rachel Crocker moved and Lorene Peterson seconded to approve the November meeting minutes.

Jamie Markus presented his report. The legislative reception held on January 12th was well-attended. There were approximately 35 state legislators and three elected officials who attended. Megan Degenfelder, State Superintendent of Public Instruction attended. She was able to meet with several school librarians and was surprised to find that most elementary schools don't have certified librarians.

Several of this year's bills deal with property tax issues and it looks like those will be bundled together and sent to the revenue committee. HB87 has been sent to the revenue committee. This is the bill that would affect libraries and the ability to serve the public. WLA sent out information on this earlier this week. Continue to monitor your emails for updates.

Libraries have started receiving their updated WYLD contracts. These are going out 10 at a time. These updates were discussed at November's meeting and require written permission from the state library to allow non library staff access to the database and/or external vendors.

Linda Herget signed the contract for Content Cafe that the board approved at the last meeting that enhances Aspen content. She also signed a contract for Candid which is for grant searching. Laramie County received a grant to fund this service.

The state library is reviewing contracts to make sure an obscenity clause is included. They are also looking to make sure there is the ability to remove content if needed. Several states have already gone through this process and they are looking at the wording that those states have used.

Des Saunders presented her report. She referred to the e-mail report she sent out regarding the system restore that explained what happened and the processes in place to help prevent the need in the future.

Last week there was a successful update to Workflows.

The majority of libraries have gone live with the Aspen discovery layer and Enterprise services are becoming more limited. The older version of WYLDcat mobile has been removed from app stores. The Aspen/Lida mobile app updates monthly and fixes issues and/or enhances services. The WYLD Office has an FAQ session scheduled for January 26th.

Now that the Aspen project has reached a stage where most libraries are live with Aspen, they can begin to start exploring some of the fun features that will enhance the user experience.

There has been a holds issue with Enterprise and if that can't be fixed the ability to place holds in Enterprise will be turned off.

The WYLD Office is working with Unique Management for a quote on adding the MessageBee service for the consortium. MessageBee is an alternate solution for notices such as our pre-notification and overdue notices that are much improved over our current system. This product also offers a newsletter component which some of the libraries are interested in.

Old Business

The PII committee is now full and will be meeting soon.

Rachel reported that the OverDrive committee has had one meeting with 50% of the committee. She has started a draft Request for Reconsideration Policy for OverDrive content. It has gone out for the committee to review and comment on.

New Business

The Board voted to hold the next WYLD Annual Meeting on June 1 and 2, 2023 (Thursday and Friday). Katrina Brown would like to host the meeting at Casper College. The board is agreeable, with the condition that we have use of the UW center. If we don't have use of the UW Center the board will explore CWC in Riverton.

Governing Board Member Reports

- Linda reiterated she signed the two contracts Jamie referred to earlier in the meeting.
- Rachel had nothing further to report.
- Jon reported that school has started. NWC has a vacancy and if anyone knows of anyone who might be interested please let tell them about it. Their renovations are starting February 1st and they have been busy moving books.
- Maggie reported that she reached out to WYLD member school libraries and some schools are still working through the Aspen transition. She has referred anyone needing help to some of the links that are available through fresh desk. She just learned about the mobile app and has recently downloaded it and now will be showing it to her students so they can use it.

- Lorene had nothing to report but wanted to recognize the WYLD staff for how well they handled the issues a few weeks ago with the system restore. NCPL appreciated their help.
- Christine had nothing to report but also wanted to thank the WYLD staff for the great communication throughout the system restore.
- Sarah had nothing to report; she's busy working on funding and projects.

Next month's meeting will be February 16th at 11:00 AM through the Zoom link.

Lorene moved and John seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:49 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Mutch, Recorder