

25 June, 2006, 8-10 am  
ALA Annual Conference  
Rural, Native and Tribal Libraries of All Kinds Committee Meeting

Members present:

Carol Barta  
Satia Orange  
Carlene Engstrom  
Mary Anne Hansen  
Jane Pinnell-Stephens  
Sarah Dowson  
Cassandra Osterloh  
Danny Hales  
David Ongley  
Cosette Ratliff

- Meeting was opened at approximately 8:00 am by **Committee Chair Carol Barta**.  
- Minutes from the last meeting were read and approved.

- **ALA President-Elect, Loriene Roy**

-- President-Elect Roy spoke about her use of an Envisioning Circle and Personal Cultural Advisors whose mission will be to provide support on infusing her presidential initiatives with indigenous and international expressions, and about the Events Planning Circle which will support the above three Task Forces

-- President-Elect Roy advised that the White Papers are out in reference to an IMLS grant. She will send the web site information to Satia for dissemination.

-- WGBH- Boston is creating a 5 part series on Native history titled We Shall Remain. Mentoring of emerging Native filmmakers by seasoned documentary filmmakers will be an integral part of the making of the series.

Initial results are coming in from research done on the Between The Lions Headstart program. This program is now being expanded to Alaska

WGBH is also a sponsor of a new Pre-K science program titled Peep and the Big Wide World.  
-- Circle of Literacy Task Force. The mission of this task force is to produce tangible expressions reflecting on the support of literacy across the lifespan with special focuses on indigenous youth, immigrants, and those incarcerated.

-- Supporting LIS Education Through Practice Task Force. The mission of this task force is to assist LIS students in acquiring practical experience and distributing results of these experiences to other students and prospective employers.

-- Workplace Wellness Task Force. The mission of this task force is to produce tangible expressions that promote healthy workplaces and lifestyles among library workers.

-**Staff Liaison Satia Orange** advised that we may receive an additional grant for the Toolkit which would supplement the World Book grant.

- **Legislative Liaison Emily Sheketoff**

-- IMLS has approved a \$1.3 million dollar grant for native tribes library services. The initial grants will be of \$5,000 with an opportunity to apply for a supplemental \$1,000.00 for continuing education.

-- LSTA is up for reauthorization next year. Request members to think about possible changes to LSTA. Want to provide a united front.

--E-rate. Work is on-going to make it easier to apply for e-rate. Requested ideas from members re: working with e-rate.

**-Executive Board Liaison June Pinnell Stephens** spoke about the recently approved dues increase.

-- advised that budgets were prepared using the existing dues structure which means there will be approximately \$100,000.00 in additional funds available.

-- funds will be channeled toward: Advocacy Resources and Training, Public Libraries, School Libraries and Rural/Tribal Libraries.

-- advised that they are continuing to improve the website and that the new system uses cascading web sheets.

-- The Campaign for America's Libraries was extended for another 5 years. The Executive Board is requesting ideas and suggestions about the campaign.

**- Carol to Exec. Board**

-- Needs assessment for rural libraries

-- Working on companion piece to the Toolkit focusing solely on Native & Tribal Libraries.

Working with MILA. The committee is asking for more \$ for this task because more travel will be necessary.

-- Request Toolkit to be translated into Spanish.

-- Need to re-focus website between rural & tribal/native.

-- Need support from Grant Writing office.

-- Need to make sure that everything we have on-line is also available in hard copy (paper, disk etc) for those who don't have access.

**- Toolkit Report-**

-- There was a question as to whether it would be legal to download the toolkit to a CD and distribute it that way.

--- **Satia** – more about process than approval, but she will check on it, probably with staff and material resources. If ok, there should be a statement on the website stating same.

-- **Carol** – Print form of the toolkit is easier to deal with. Don't make the on-line version the primary dispersal media.

- Putting the Tip Sheet in American Libraries is a great idea, then members can go to the website if they need further.

**\*\*\* Satia will send notice to committee members requesting how many copies of the Tip Sheet they need, and have them sent out.\*\*\***

**- Website Discussion –**

-- There are three pages of problems with the website. Among the more critical are that many cultural sensitivity issues, many photos aren't cited properly and the need to clean out "dead" links.

-- Need to form a website committee. **Mary Anne Hansen** will be the new website Committee Chair. **Carol** will send names to her for possible committee members.

--- **Sandy LittleTree** will be functioning as the tech person, but committee will guide her. She will be focusing on the Native/Tribal portions only.

--- **Amy Stone** will be working on the Rural portion.

**\*\*\* Satia will send info reference on-line training for the on-line community \*\*\***

**- Web Junction –**

- **Carol** – need to have conversations with Web Junction people to make sure work isn't being duplicated even though there is some overlap between us and Gates.

**-Saturday's Town Hall Meeting-**

**-- Issues**

--- Civic engagement – needs assessment. Be clear about discussion parameters (ok not to agree on priorities)

--- Step up on-line access to advocacy training

--- Need to raise awareness of this committee and its resources

--- Get Divisions more involved in Rural Lib. Issues (specifically ALTA)

--- Need more training resources for small libraries

--- Tip Sheet or toolkit on determining what community needs really are. Needs to be jargon free. What are the needs, what are the questions?

--- Need proposal to ask for \$ to put together a toolkit for community needs assessment.

**\*\*\* Carol and David will work on this proposal \*\*\***

**\*\*\* Carol and David will work on request to Council for \$ for communication costs\*\*\***

--- Town Hall group wants to have a brown-bag lunch/town hall meeting at both Mid-Winter and next Annual Conf.

Meeting was adjourned.