



COLAND Meeting Report For LEAN WI Partner Directors

July 10, 2020

This report summarizes the presentations, discussions, and actions taken during the [July 10, 2020 Meeting](#) of the Council on Library and Network Development (COLAND), held via web meeting. It tracks closely with the meeting agenda for ease of reference. At the time of writing, a draft of the minutes for the July meeting is not yet available to share.

COLAND Goals

Terrence Berres presented a [memo](#) regarding the Statutory Responsibilities, Goals, and Committees of COLAND. In discussion, there was general agreement that further review and potential action was appropriate. A working group including Jenny, Amy Beth, Jamie HP, and T Berres volunteered to review prior to the next meeting to bring back additional information and a possible recommendation. A request for inclusion of a staff person from DPI was intended though Kurt Kiefer was not present to expressly commit to such.

Officer Elections (for Aug 2020 – July 2021)

The nominating committee presented a [slate of candidates](#) for nomination: Jaime Healy-Plotkin - Nominated for COLAND Chair; Miriam Erickson - Nominated for Vice-chair; Joshua Klingbeil - Nominated for Secretary; and Joan Robb - Nominated for Member at Large. There were no other nominations. The slate of nominees passed unanimously and will be in effect starting with the September 2020 meeting.



Wisconsin Library Association (WLA) Overview

WLA Executive Director [Plumer Lovelace](#) presented a [brief history and current overview of WLA](#).

PLSR Update

Bruce Smith presented the [COLAND PLSR Update](#).

Points of Note:

- The original Implementation Summit goal is being altered to committing to supporting regular information sharing/input/feedback processes. There will be more on that to be reported in September.
- DPI has been and will continue meeting with Library System directors weekly. As time progresses, there is more room in these meetings to include PLSR discussion and feedback.
- Delivery recommendations/plans have been reprioritized as very high.
- UW accounts for approximately 70% of the budget for “Statewide Delivery.” Contract extension goes through June 2021. The U.W. has an RFP process upcoming or already in progress.
- Collaboration Ideas:
 - Databases and common platform subscriptions/licensing.
 - Cohesive consultation with library administration, municipal and county stakeholders and regional, overlapping organizations and associations.
 - Adequate (usable) broadband access. Broadband service quality awareness to the home. Continue pushing for fiber/broadband as utility.
- The professional development platform is moving forward. Details will be shared at Sept meeting.
- Funding Formula and Standards/Accountability categories are being looked at together.
- DPI is looking to secure a top expert in the country (someone on the order of Marshal Breeding) to consult on feasibility.
- There may be potential pressures for system mergers. A general guide of considerations for such a path is being developed.



DPI Updates / COSLA / Legislative Updates

The [DPI Updates Report](#) was presented and discussed.

Funding Focus:

The future of funding opportunities, including FY2021 IMLS/LSTA program funding is unknown currently. DPI is monitoring a bill in progress that is directly related to libraries (not specified in discussion but almost certainly this: <http://www.ala.org/advocacy/library-funding>).

The FY2020 Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS) Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Grants to States (G2S) program funding has been awarded to Wisconsin but there [was, at the time of this meeting] no specific timeline yet for opening up applications for the various sub programs (like the LSTA Technology Sparsity grant projects). **Note:** since the July meeting, DPI has announced the opening of various LSTA program applications.

Future Meetings

For now, COLAND meetings will continue to be held remotely. The September 14, 2021 meeting slot ended up still open and J. Klingbeil will be contacting the director of the EU Demmer Memorial Library in hopes of securing that venue again. COLAND planned to meet at that library in May 2020, but the meeting was held remotely as a Covid response safety measure.

Standing and new suggestions for future agenda items:

Rural Library Data Report, WLA, Delivery, Mobile Apps for Libraries

Announcements

COLAND members and DPI staff present discussed of the impacts of Covid-19 on the Wisconsin Library Community.

Discussion highlights:

Public libraries are working through this change period in a similar fashion to normal operations: making locale-specific decisions in response to community needs and demands.



Schools and School Media Centers are receiving information and guidance from DPI but for the most part are in the same boat as the libraries: working on decision making and policy adjustments on a locale-specific basis.

DPI staff are all working from home until “Phase 3” is met. Two people are in the building regularly, one in the Superintendent’s office and one in IT. Staff are coordinating efforts to minimize case by case office visits.

The State Law Library will NOT be opening for in person appointments yet.

Annette Smith provided a contextual update on broadband:

- CARES Act money can be used to “buy internet”. Filtering is required as the Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) still governs. More details on additional constraints and eligibility requirements may be necessary.
- Libraries and Library Systems can do this, as well as schools.
- T-Mobile is one mobile data provider that is looking into being able to offer filtering capability as part of service. Unsure of other providers’ interests in directly supporting such.
- DPI will investigate the concept of offering any kind of guidance on strategic planning regarding holistic budget and project planning leveraging grants, especially related to federal grants with certain constraints.

Shannon Schultz discussed the concept of requiring masks in a library. This is a local decision, and there may be as yet unknown legal challenges. For libraries that choose to require or strongly encourage masks, DPI recommends making accommodations for those who choose not to wear a mask but still desire service.

Respectfully submitted by:

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