

## **Minutes of the May 3, 2012 Pioneer Consortium Meeting**

At 10:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2012, Vice Chair Robin Clark called to order the scheduled meeting of the Pioneer Consortium group by telephone conference. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, which is posted at [http://www.ago.ne.gov/public\\_records/open\\_meetings\\_act](http://www.ago.ne.gov/public_records/open_meetings_act). Member libraries received notices and copies of the Agenda on April 26, 2012, to post locally. The agenda notice also was posted on the Pioneer Blog.

### **Attendance**

Voting members present were Laureen Riedesel, Beatrice Public Library; Lisa Flaxbeard, Bennington Public Library; Judy Grandstaff, Blue Hill Public Library; Steve Fosselman, Edith Abbott Memorial Library (Grand Island); Robin Quinn, Hastings Memorial Library (Grant); Vicki Casper, Hildreth Public Library; Pam Soreide, Holdrege Area Public Library; Greg Mickells, Lincoln City Libraries; Laura Martinsen, St. Paul Library; Diana Johnson, Stromsburg Public Library; Robin Clark, Sump Memorial Library (Papillion); and Maria Cadwallader, Valparaiso Public Library.

Also in attendance were Andrew Sherman, Sump Memorial Library; and Richard Miller, Nebraska Library Commission.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the April 5, 2012 meeting circulated before the meeting by email. Laureen Riedesel moved and Pam Soreide seconded the motion to approve the minutes, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report circulated before the meeting by email. The April 1, 2012 balance was \$31,021.65. Income totaled \$950.94 – \$924.82 in member payments, and \$26.12 interest. Expenditures totaled \$8,817.45 in migration fees to Liblime/PTFS. The April 30, 2012 balance was \$23,155.14. Maria Cadwallader moved and Robin Quinn seconded the motion to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Steve Fosselman moved that the Consortium accept the membership application of Western Nebraska Community College, which has submitted the required agreements. Lisa Flaxbeard seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Technical Committee Report**

#### Formation of Cataloging Subcommittee

Greg Mickells reported that the new Cataloging Subcommittee will hold its first meeting on May 9, to establish MARC record standards for imported and created MARC records. The subcommittee members include Tammy Teasley from LCL, Gerianne from Grand Island, Michelle from Beatrice, and Cynthia from Holdrege.

Diana Johnson asked that the subcommittee provide directions for items needing created MARC records even though they lack ISBN numbers, such as self-published material by local authors. Lisa Flaxbeard and Diana also asked for step-by-step directions for creating new MARC records, as well as directions for the mandatory fields one must complete. Greg said he would communicate the requests to the subcommittee.

#### OCLC Questions and Issues

Greg reported that the Technical Committee is investigating the possibility of the Consortium giving up its relationship with OCLC, because of the cost. One problem is that new MARC records therefore would lack the OCLC code, which causes some concern for the NLC, which needs that code in order to loan items it has borrowed (for interlibrary loan).

Pam Soreide said she contacted the OCLC and asked them to re-evaluate the actual use of OCLC by the Consortium libraries and OCLC agreed to do that. She said it might lower the cost. Greg said that libraries are indeed importing far fewer records as Consortium members than they were individually.

Robin Clark asked if Greg knew how many member libraries used OCLC vs. Cat Express vs. some other source and he said he did not. Lisa Flaxbeard said that Bennington had been using Alliance Press through Follett. Maria Cadwallader said that Valparaiso had been using the Follett source, too, and now relied on Library of Congress. Richard Miller said he would provide a list of the libraries that use OCLC.

#### How Developments are Added to Koha

Greg explained that improvements to our version of Koha come both from development we specifically have ordered and from improvements made through other Liblime libraries. He monitors what others are doing. Right now we are testing some improvements on our sandbox; other groups are testing different improvements. When the testing is done, the new version of Koha becomes, for example, Liblime Koha 12, and all the Liblime libraries get all the upgrades for that version. Also, the various groups now are having the developments made so they can be toggled on or off (often these are consortium rather than individual library choices).

Greg said that on July 16-17 LCL is hosting a meeting with as many representatives of other Liblime Koha library groups as can attend, for development planning.

Richard Miller, Steve Fosselman, and others congratulated Greg and his committee for all their work and for their continuing outreach to other Koha libraries.

#### Initiation/Migration Task Force

Andrew Sherman said that a group of members is needed to help new members handle their migration of data to Pioneer. He said that the process went well for Sump because of information he was able to find on the internet but that Liblime does not provide any real migration help, which can make the process difficult for new members. Greg asked if Andrew would be willing to chair this Task force and Andrew agreed to do that.

### **By-laws Change**

Steve Fosselman moved and Pam Soreide seconded the motion to adopt the proposed change in by-laws circulated before the meeting, including the suggested addition of the past President as the fifth member of the Executive Committee. The proposed change reads (underlining = changed language):

#### Section 3

Regular meetings of the Pioneer Council shall be held on a minimum of an annual basis for the purpose of electing officers, approving an annual budget, and setting the assessment of fees for member libraries. Special meetings shall be called by the President or when requested by two or more members, provided that at least one week's notice is given to the membership prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called on at least a quarterly basis to transact on-going business of the Pioneer Council. Special meetings shall be called by the President or when requested by two or more members of the Executive Committee, provided that at least one week's notice is given to the membership prior to the scheduled date of the meeting. Meetings of the Executive Committee will conform to Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 of Article VII.

#### Section 6 (additional section)

The Executive Committee will consist of the four elected officers of the Pioneer Consortium. [Suggested addition : include the immediate past president as a fifth member]

Lauren Riedesel explained that including the Past President as the at-large Executive Committee member provided valuable continuity to the Committee's membership, eliminated possible conflicts about who the at-large member should be, and let the committee include an odd number of members.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Maria M. Cadwallader, Secretary