

**DRAFT Minutes of the December 13, 2013
Meeting of the Executive Council of the Pioneer Consortium**

President Pam Soreide called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2013 in a telephone conference call.. The meeting was conducted in compliance with the Nebraska Public/Open Meeting Law, posted at http://www.ago.ne.gov/pulic_records/open_meetings_act, linked to our web page and also inside the meeting room. Member libraries received notices and copies of the Agenda on December 11, 2013 to post locally. The agenda notice was also posted on the Pioneer website.

Attendance

Voting members present were Executive Council President Pam Soreide, (Holdrege Area Public Library), Vice President Robin Reed Brooks Clark (Sump Memorial Library, Papillion), Treasurer Vicki Perrie (Superior Public Library), Secretary Laureen Riedesel (Beatrice Public Library), and Immediate Past President Pat Leach (Lincoln City Libraries.) Also present were Tammy Teasley (Lincoln City Libraries), Andrew (Sherm) Sherman (Sump Memorial Library, Papillion), Sarah Lee (Central City Public Library) and Merillene Wood (Western Nebraska Community College, Scottsbluff.)

Minutes

The minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting were approved (moved by Clark, seconded by Leach, 5-0.)

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was accepted as submitted. The beginning balance was \$88,191.28 with the addition of interest in the amount of \$35.49 for an ending balance of \$88,225.77

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

The recommendation of the Committee was that the application and assurances of the Hoesch Memorial Library in Alma be accepted so they can become a Pioneer member. A motion was made by Robin Clark (Papillion) that the recommendation related to Hoesch Memorial Library, Alma be accepted; it was approved by a vote of 5-0.

The need for a checklist for new members including information about ISBNs, staff skill sets, migration, added fees and bar codes will be mentioned to Steve Fosselman. Pam Soreide will contact Alma about their acceptance.

Technical Committee

Pat Leach reported on specific LCL concerns that had been monitored by Pat Sloan: fees and fines were working well but there are some differences in the look of the screen and the location of the fine history. Tammy Teasley indicated that SCLS has been doing extensive testing which will be done by February. An effort should be made to see if more checklists from this group can be shared. Sherm noted that there was a fix related to maximum fines and lost items returned. Correct calculation of fines, "lost" status and undercharging as well as fees charged for cancelled holds are all issues and can be related to function changes that are library specific.

Information from Julee Hector came through a PTFS Liblime/WALDO conference call. PTFS has a new government contract. This is the first of a five year commitment. This will involve bibliographic and digital content with ArchivalWare and KOHA together. There are no plans to add anything in the first year to KOHA. There is concern about getting the resources needed to develop what has already been approved. Tammy indicated that 2 new programmers have been hired (for a total of 4.) They will be starting from the academic version of KOHA, not the public library one. The programmers want to merge code lines (their dream since they bought the product.) The academic side was selected because of their customer base.

Testing will be distributed to the entire membership. Everyone was encouraged to familiarize themselves with the sandbox and check back with the Technical Committee. The deadline is February.

(Sherm also mentioned Facebook ads as a potential Library Foundation fundraiser. The cost is \$50 with the potential to raise \$1,000s!)

Old Business

Pat Leach reported on the ILS review conducted by Lincoln CityLibraries staff. Their conclusion was that KOHA was not meeting their needs. They have moved to educational sessions about what is available from ILS vendors with the intent to begin the RFP process through the City Purchasing Dept. Their next biennium budget begins in Sept. 2014; so it is hard to predict a time frame. How KOHA through Pioneer could be included in the process is unknown since it is so different from a proprietary system. Pat is exploring this. The RFP process includes a comparison of their needs with the amount of money needed to meet them. In addition to the cost of another ILS, there are also operational budget expenditures and the expense of the migration which must be funded.

In Contingency Planning, some reorganization of the committee was required. Since Pam is retiring, Robin will become the new President. She was the Chair of the Contingency Committee, but that responsibility was delegated to Lauren Riedesel who will call the first meeting of the group.

New Business

There was no new business.

Public Participation

The gratitude of the entire group was expressed to Pam Soreide for her leadership in the Pioneer Consortium right from the start as well as appreciation for all she has done to bring Pioneer to the place it is today. Pam indicated she was now the "migrated Pioneer" and stated that as a result of this project, she had more than a job, she had a group of friends.

The meeting was adjourned by the President at 10:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lauren Riedesel, Secretary