

OWLS Director report

July 19, 2018 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

I will be on vacation July 30-August 8.

County Funding Requests

OWLS's budget meeting with the Outagamie County Executive's office is scheduled for August 13th. We have created three infographics – one for each county and one for OWLS as a whole – to share with county boards and other stakeholders.

ILS Exploration

The ILS merger exploration with Winnefox is proceeding. The committee will meet again on July 18th, and OWLSnet member libraries will discuss the process at our AAC meeting on July 20th. Library and system trustees are welcome to attend that meeting. Please contact me if you plan to attend. Key topics under discussion are resource sharing, governance, and cost sharing with the goal of making a recommendation by the end of July whether or not to continue the exploration. The committee has a web site where you will find a list of members and various background documents, including meeting agendas, minutes, and more to come: <https://sites.google.com/view/samarbeid/home>.

PLSR

Over the past several months, members of the PLSR Steering Committee along with the Core Recommendation Collaborators have been discussing possible structures for providing services to public libraries in Wisconsin. These discussions have been facilitated by Russell Consulting, Inc.

The preliminary results from those administration/funding/governance structure model discussions are now available for comment on the PLSR website at <http://www.plsr.info/recommendation-development-phase/>. There are currently two framework models under consideration.

Service model W would maintain the current system structure and update library system standards of service and the accountability structure. Model W proposes adoption of a new library system funding formula.

Service model Y proposes reducing the number of systems from 16 to between 6 and 8 to create efficiencies of scale. A statewide management team would be responsible for delivering services. Proposed boundaries are based on delivery regions proposed by the delivery workgroup.

Library staff, library boards, system staff, system boards and other interested individuals are encouraged to share comments. **The comment period for the models runs June 11 - July 20.** PLSR steering committee members will present to OWLS and NFLS member directors on the 20th at Appleton Public Library. Library and system trustees are welcome at that meeting. Please contact me if you plan to attend.

Your feedback will provide information for the Model Development Summit schedule for July 30 and 31 that will include the Steering Committee, Core Recommendation Collaborators, DPI Staff, and 45

additional Model Development Summit Participants. Comments will inform their work to help develop the final recommendation for inclusion in the final Steering Committee report later this year.

Directors Meeting

There will be a meeting of OWLS member library directors on Friday, August 10th in Hortonville. Topics will include the 2019 System Plan, PLSR, ILS Merger Exploration, and workforce development.