OWLS Acting Director report
October 26, 2017 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Project Updates
All but two OWLSnet member libraries have migrated to Office 365 email.

On October 16th, I presented a review of the OWLS Budget for member directors via GoToMeeting. The session was recorded and made available online for those who could not attend.

I have asked for volunteers from member libraries for the OWLS workforce development task force, and plan to schedule a meeting in November.

All OWLS board members whose terms are expiring on 12/31/17 have indicated their intention to seek reappointment. Thank you! For members representing Outagamie County, please let me know when you have submitted your application.

Library News
At their meeting on October 17, the Appleton Public Library Board of Trustees approved the proposed request for proposal (RFP) for a mixed-use library project. The deadline for proposals will be January 12, 2018. The RFP will next go before the City of Appleton Common Council for review and a vote. More information can be found at apl.org/planning.

The directors of the Hortonville and Shiocton libraries have both resigned. Their last days were October 16 and 19 respectively. I have reached out to both library boards to offer system support for their transition and hiring processes.

PLSR update
In late fall and early winter, the PLSR Steering Committee will be hosting facilitator-led library focus groups, with the goal of hearing from libraries about administration, governance, funding, and the workgroup models. Workgroup reports will be delivered to the Steering Committee by April 2, 2018.

The Steering Committee will be rescheduling the originally planned November/December regional meetings for March 2018. This will allow for the following:

- Having more information to base a discussion about overall structure. There will be more information from the workgroups, including Chapter 43, the Funding and HR subcommittees, and the library focus groups, along with any other activities that take place between now and March.

- Having more information about the post-April 2 process. The Steering Committee will have a clearer picture of their post-April 2 process by March and may have specific insights and questions to share and ask.
- Having more opportunity to discuss how to increase attendance at regional meetings. Options might include additional coordination with systems and/or system meetings, and holding meetings in the afternoon and evenings to accommodate small library schedules, etc.

Steering members are also willing to attend System member meetings upon request between November and March to gather input about the post-workgroup report process, determine what a stakeholder inclusive process might look like, and to offer updates on the process.

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