

OWLS Director report

Feb 18, 2016 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

- January 15 was the OWLSnet AAC meeting. The agenda for that meeting is posted at <http://www.owlsweb.org/owlsnet/aac-meeting-january-15-2016>
- Jan 9, I attended the Outagamie County finance meeting. We discussed the Outagamie County Library Service plan, which they have referred to the full board to be endorsed. They also had a number of questions about cross county payments, due to a resolution from Shawano County that was sent to all County Clerks. **The WLA position paper on cross county payments is included in your board packet.**
- Jan 20 to Jan 21 was the Wild Wisconsin Winter Web Conference, hosted by the Nicolet Federated Library System with support from OWLS and other library systems.
- Jan 23, I visited Madison for WWIG (Wisconsin Women in Government)
- Jan 26, I visited the Weyauwega Public Library, and discussed the joint planning survey with the director.
- Jan 29, I visited the Fremont library, and discussed the joint planning survey with the director.
- Feb 2, I attended the Outagamie County finance meeting.
- Feb 2, we had a Sierra upgrade. It went remarkably smoothly, thanks to all of the work by Evan and the support staff.
- Feb 4, I attended the Black Creek board meeting. The new board is working very hard, and will be posting an advertisement for a director on Friday, Feb 12.
- Feb 5, we had the first OWLSnet fees committee meeting in Shawano.
- Feb 8, I attended the SRLAAW meeting in Madison, and the Charles Bunge presentation on the history of Library Systems in Wisconsin.
- Feb 8, I attended Library Legislative Day in Wisconsin, and a leadership panel presented by WWIG.
- Feb 13 will be the last day of our WWIG leadership seminar class. This was a terrific experience, and I appreciate the board's support in letting me attend.

We have a number of technology projects in the works. Eset, our antivirus program, SAM, the computer management program and Windows 10 all need to be upgraded this year. Thanks to the hard work of Dave and the computer support staff at NFLS and OWLS, we've made great progress. The Eset upgrade is complete, and SAM is well underway. Bradley Shippis will be assisting with managing the rest of the project, which we hope to complete by summer.

OWLS has finished sending out statistics to OWLSnet member libraries for the annual report. The project was spearheaded by Laura and Bradley who did a terrific job getting the data out accurately and on time. This is the first time since 2006 that I haven't been the lead on this project.

Currently, Bradley and I are working on reviewing annual reports from member libraries. All annual reports are due to the state by February 29, and they must be approved by the system.

SRLAAW update

We again had a long discussion about the important of our legislative support and discussed ways to ensure more consistent funding for WLA. OWLS will likely be asked to contribute 1/10 of 1% of our state aids as membership fees to WLA in 2017. I will be recommending this change.

Wisconsin Library Legislative Day

Wisconsin Legislative Day was held February 9, 2016 in Madison. Several legislators were recognized as library champions for their efforts on behalf of libraries in the past year.

Library Legislative day 2016 ended with passage of the Return of Library Materials (SB466/AB609) by the Senate on a voice vote after no debate. The Assembly vote is expected on Tuesday, February 16. **The WLA position paper on this bill is included in your board packet.**

Also in your packets are handouts from Library Legislative day titled Public Library Systems in Wisconsin and Wisconsin Libraries Transform!

OWLSnet agreements

We have received all of the OWLSnet agreements back from OWLS libraries. According to Mark, the agreements will be completed and signed by the February NFLS Board meeting.

Wisconsin Library System Redesign Steering Committee

PLSR (Public Library System Redesign) Workgroup leadership has been appointed. The list is available at <http://www.iflsweb.org/sites/default/files/wlsrsc/PLSR%20Workgroup%20Leadership.pdf>

Meetings and agendas are available at

<http://www.iflsweb.org/wlsrsc#meetings>

I have volunteered to be a part of the workgroups.

OWLS board appointments

The Waupaca County Board is planning to appoint Diane Forsythe to the OWLS board next week.

Assuming all goes well, she will be an official member of the board by the time of the meeting.

Welcome, Diane! We will also have a guest at the meeting, Ben Spindler, who is also interested in the OWLS Board. OWLS is still searching for another board member from Outagamie County.