

INCOL Director's Meeting  
October 16, 2009

Introductions – Jennifer Ashby, Asotin County Library; Bette Ammon, Coeur d'Alene Public Library; Pat Kelley, EWU Library; John Hartung, Kootenai-Shoshone Area Library; Dawn Wittman, Lewiston City Library; Ann Johnston, Molstead (NIC) Library; Joe Reiss, Post Falls Public Library; Bob Pringle, Riverpoint Campus Library; Mary Carr, Spokane Community College Library; Mary Ann Goodwin; Spokane Falls Community College Library; Pat Partovi, Spokane Public Library; Amanda McKeraghan, Stevens County Library; Kristie Kirkpatrick, Whitman County Library; Hans Bynagle, Whitworth University Library; Mary Newman, Asotin County Library.

Motion to approve Spring 2009 minutes, John Hartung; second, Dawn Wittman.  
Approved.

Treasurer's report – Balance of \$13,472.36 includes carryover of \$11,427.32 plus membership and CE revenue of \$5,348.20. Expenditures totaled \$3,303.36.

Mileage reimbursement will continue for two years and will be deducted from the Other (Misc.) account. Form available on INCOL website.

Continued Education event will be November 20 at the Hayden Library and will feature Kate Laughlin (two sessions). Her fee is \$1800 plus expenses.

The group appreciated having Mary Newsman present representing the CE group. The CE budget for the year is \$5,000. It was also noted that the CE committee can change the traditional format, if they like. They could explore distance education and maybe piggyback on existing programs through WSU or the University of Seattle using something like Adobe Connect (which INCOL could possibly subsidize in order to facilitate webinars for CE).

Other suggestions for the CE committee included choosing two different days so workshops could be offered in two sites, sponsoring online training through Info People.

Policy review - Changes in CE committee guidelines are suggested in the policy review developed by Mike Wirt and John Hartung. These include recommending that the committee have up to 7 members (recommendation from group that this be "at least 7 members"). Discussion followed – if the CE committee drops below 7 members, others could be appointed looking at libraries that haven't had a participating member for a while.

Should the CE chair always be from the INCOL chair's library? Not necessarily – the committee can self-select a chair with fallback being the director's committee chair.

Also noted was the importance of geographic and library type representation on the CE committee.

Wirt and Hartung also suggested removing language pertaining to the planning of an annual director's retreat. The group recommends keeping that but not as a mandate.

Get Lit! speaker Danielle Ringwald.

Other business:

John Hartung spoke about the Post Falls Library and KSAL consolidation ballot issue.

Website discussion – maintained by EWU, repository of INCOL documents. Members' page needs updating. What needs to be there? Just list INCOL libraries with links to each library homepage. Hans will work with Lisa to update this.

Should draft minutes be posted? Yes after the director's group gives a preliminary OK.

Listserv – Gonzaga maintains a listserv for INCOL. Who moderates? Jennifer will contact Eileen.

Get Lit! sponsorship – Kristie and Amanda suggest that INCOL become a Get Lit! sponsor – underwriting a speaker and possibly obtaining some free tickets for our libraries. Sponsorship would be by Public and Academic libraries of the Inland Northwest. The finale speaker for 2010 may be Ken Burns.

Motion by Mary Carr – INCOL should expend \$2,500 to support a speaker for the 2010 Get Lit! festival (Ken Burns, if possible). Furthermore, INCOL would like to provide support for future festivals with a committee of directors working on author recommendations. Second, John Hartung. Approved.

Economy – how are libraries coping?

Cutting journal subscriptions.

Negotiating with journal vendors.

Whitworth's budget is enrollment driven and enrollment is up so they are doing reasonably well.

EWU – 15.5 % cut on operations. They've been unable to fill 3 vacancies and have had 2 terminations, reduced open hours and are looking at different ways to deliver services to students since the provost would not allow cuts in the materials budget.

Asotin has a couple of vacancies and half as many books as in the past. But they have a great staff and are hopeful about a levy election that will take place in February.

Whitman County – small towns struggling. They have a levy lift on the ballot in November.

CdA – cuts in training and materials. One full time vacancy filled with no medical benefits.

Library service to Generation Y – great handout from Asotin.

Surprise guest – Jess Walter! Thanks Kristie.

Adjourned.