

MEETING NOTES

Library System Standards Committee

July 23, 2009; 10 a.m.

Meeting #8

Illinois State Library, Springfield

Present: David Carlson, Chairman
Tom Dorst
Tina Hubert
Marilyn Boria
Jane Sharka

State Library staff:

Anne Craig
Kathleen Bloomberg
Pat Norris
Lawren Tucker
Joe Natale

Audience

Amanda McKay
Bev Obert

Approval of Minutes

The committee corrected and approved the minutes of the June 23, 2009 meeting. The approved notes will be posted on the Illinois State Library web site.

Administrative Leadership Standard

There were three comments posted on the WJIL site concerning the administrative standards, including one with a wording suggestion regarding the systems “promote” rather than “ensure” system membership. The language change was accepted.

Technology Standard

The subcommittee is working to make the standards more succinct and is working to expand the assessment section. The subcommittee views technology as a means to an end, not an end in itself. The goal is for the standards to provide access but not specifying a particular technology, which changes constantly. The draft standards were reviewed with a recommendation that system staff contact information be posted on a system’s web site. The subcommittee will revise the draft and it will be posted on the system standards blog for comment.

Cooperation & Collaboration Standard

As directed at the June 30 meeting, draft standards with a more over-arching approach were presented. The committee discussed whether the contents of the standard should stand on its own, or be incorporated in the preamble or introductory sections of the overall standards document. The consensus of the committee was that cooperation & collaboration, based on

system level cooperation among the various systems, would be a separate set of standards. The version presented at the meeting will be further refined --- with the terms cooperation and collaboration being synonymous --- and presented at the Aug. 31 meeting.

Core Services

The subcommittee presented its initial concept of core services, namely basic or fundamental services that are offered to members at no charge. The basic services identified are advocacy, consulting, continuing/continuous education, delivery and on-site visits. The subcommittee will define the minimum levels of service required for the core service. A challenge of this portion of the standards is when a core service becomes an enhanced service and a fee is subsequently charged, if desired by the library system. Also, Illinois has heavily invested in shared automation systems (LLSAPs, OCLC, etc.), which raises the question about whether or not an automation component should be a core service, even though it is not “free.” A draft document on core services will be presented at the Aug. 31 meeting.

System Standards Blog

A WordPress blog dedicated to the system standards revision process is now available at <http://illibrarysystemstandards.wordpress.com>. The web site is designed to be more streamlined and easier to use than the WebJunction Illinois site.

Progress to Date

The committee set a timeline for completing the resource sharing and cooperation & collaboration standards, as well as the core services. The drafts will be reviewed at the Aug. 31 meeting, with a goal of posting the drafts on the System Standard blog after the Sept. 30 meeting. The committee needs to address a preamble and introductory comments, and the State Library staff is developing a glossary.

Next Meeting

The Standards Committee will reconvene at 10 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 31, 2009 at the Illinois State Library. .

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

-----Notes by Joe Natale, Illinois State Library