

L-net advisory board meeting, 9/12/2007

Present:

Edith Fuller, Rebecca Gabert, Cindy Gibbon, Darci Hanning, Tina Hovekamp (telephone), Loree Hyde, Valery King, Allen Kopf (telephone, part of the time), Linda Malone (telephone), Carrie Ottow, Emily Papagni, Steve Roskoski, Liisa Sjoblom (telephone), Caleb Tucker-Raymond

Agenda, in order of discussion

1. Funding
2. "Trainer" Job description
3. Follow-up on student usage and co-browsing
4. In person meetings vs. teleconferences
5. Collaboration with Ohio
6. Future members

1. Funding

We discussed the features of a funding model that public library directors had responded to, negatively or positively. It was brought up that 60-80% of L-net traffic is coming from K-12 schools, and that the Oregon Department of Education might be willing to be fiscally responsible for part of L-net. We discussed possible incentives for potential partner libraries, such as purchasing databases, offering federated search and the availability of L-net's software as a utility for local IM service.

We will:

A - Find out what the Oregon State Library wants/expects in the way of us raising cash.

B - Develop a relationship between L-net and the Oregon Department of Education and work towards finding funding from that department.

C - Find out from current and potential partner library directors what incentives might get them involved in L-net.

2. "Trainer" job description

The L-net "trainer" job description has been re-written and updated as "L-net partner support librarian" and will be posted as an internal recruitment. We discussed the description and clarified the fine points.

D - Cindy will make sure the position is posted in early October.

3. Follow-up on student usage and co-browsing

We discussed student use of L-net and class visits. It was suggested we follow up with teachers and see how well L-net meets the needs of their students. We talked about setting expectations about the length of time

it will take, and about emphasizing that the web may not always be the best place.

We discussed co-browsing and agreed there was no need to emphasize it any more as part of our service. We should explore patron expectations and needs.

E - L-net staff will work more closely with OSLIS and Patty Sorensen to try to cut back on class visits.

F - Explore patron expectations.

#### 4. In person meetings vs. teleconferences

It was agreed that future L-net advisory boards should follow the model of meeting in-person a few times a year rather than having monthly teleconferences. It was suggested we have at least one meeting on a Saturday, and that we not try to meet at the annual conference of the Oregon Library Association. We should plan the schedule very far in advance. Once in January/February, once at the L-net Summit and once in mid to late October would be good, with the possibility of occasional brief teleconferences as needed.

G - Caleb will update the Advisory Board Charge and Structure and send it to the group for review.

#### 5. Collaboration with Ohio

We discussed the proposed collaboration with Ohio and agreed we should seek collaboration on more than just software development. Sharing coverage may cut down on staffing costs for all of us. We should explore patron expectations (F, above) in order to determine how necessary 24/7 service is. We should treat the software as an opportunity to offer it as a utility to Oregon libraries.

H - Caleb will talk to the Ohio backup staff coordinator about what could make the 24/7 service less expensive

I - Caleb will approach a few potential additional partners

J - Caleb will discuss the nature of the collaboration with the Cleveland Public Library

K - Caleb will try to get a sense of what other public libraries in Ohio think of these ideas.

#### 6. Future members

Many people will rotate off the Advisory Board this year (see [www.oregonlibraries.net/advisory](http://www.oregonlibraries.net/advisory)). We should identify new people and recruit them to join the board. People from partner libraries that haven't been represented on the board are welcome.

L - The group will brainstorm people to recruit.