MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

June 7-8, 2001

Conference Room
Provincial Library, 1352 Winnipeg Street, Regina

Thursday, June 7, 2001

The Multitype meeting on June 7th consisted of a full day Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Training seminar. The seminar was Module 1 -- "Historical and Contemporary Issues," part of the ACAP Module Series developed by Saskatchewan Indian and Metis Affairs Secretariat (SIMAS), the Public Service Commission (PSC), and the Saskatchewan Indian Federated College (SIFC). Facilitators were: Gene Ouellette and Marjorie Lavallee. The session began with an introduction and prayer by Elder Beatrice Lavallee.

Friday, June 8, 2001

In attendance: Audrey Mark, Jeff Barber, Brenda Kondra, Valerie Laliberte, Janet Merkosky, Hélène Stewart, David Fox, Sharon Doepker, Joylene Campbell, Merrilee Rasmussen (Chair), Marilyn Jenkins, Melissa Bennett.

Regrets: Bob Foley

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA, MINUTES, COMMUNIQUÉ, ANNUAL REPORT

Merrilee Rasmussen called the meeting to order.

Agenda was approved as distributed.

The objectives for the meeting were to:
- Prepare for the Joint Ministers’ Meeting planned for this fall;
- Review and approve the Database Licensing Partner Agreement drafted by the Multitype Database Licensing Committee;
- Share information, issues, and feedback from sectors;
- View a demonstration of the GODOT Interlibrary Loan system; and
- Receive a presentation on the Provincial Library’s Strategic Plan.

It was noted that in section 5 (Promotion) of the Minutes from March 19, 2001 Alison Nussbaumer's name should be deleted and replaced with Susan Murphy.

Minutes of March 19th were approved as amended.

Board members were referred to the distributed Annual Report and advised that it will be included in the Department of Municipal Affairs and Housing Annual Report.
2. **UPDATE FROM MULTITYPE LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS (ROUNDTABLE)**

**Public Libraries**

Public libraries are putting together a proposal to develop e-library services. The Saskatchewan Library Trustees' Association is coordinating the proposal. Several public libraries have also submitted proposals to the Saskatchewan Information Technology Office to receive funding for Digital Divide projects. The intent of the projects is to improve public training in computers and information literacy. Target groups are Aboriginal people and low-income groups.

**Saskatchewan Library Association (SLA)**

SLA will be sending a letter to the Multitype Library Board requesting that it review the *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act* (2000, c.5) (Federal Act) and identify possible implications for libraries. The Act concerns the protection of personal information collected and stored in electronic formats.

**Saskatchewan School Trustees Association (SSTA)**

The *Role of the School: Final Report*, prepared for the Saskatchewan Minister of Education, was recently released. Schools have been asking for direction on how to deal with health, justice and social issues that arise in the school context. The report focuses in part on school, community and human services partnerships.

To ensure that libraries and schools can work in productive partnerships, it would be useful to create a workshop on joint library/school ventures and the steps involved in making such ventures successful. The training session could include an overview of the legislative requirements in *The Public Libraries Act* and the importance of full consultations between the school board, regional library board, local library board, and the municipal council. It could also include case studies of joint ventures that have worked and those that haven't worked. It is important to emphasize that the purpose of creating a joint school/library facility is to improve services rather than cut costs.

**Northern and Native Residents**

Valerie Laliberte is serving on the Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services for Aboriginal People. The Committee will hold public consultations throughout the summer and provide recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in the Fall 2001. Northern Lights School Division has increased the number of library technicians on staff and is standardizing the OPAC systems used by its libraries. Forty communities in northern Saskatchewan created a project called "Headwaters" that was accepted as a pilot project for Industry Canada's "Smart Communities" initiative. This project will put more computers in libraries.
School Sector

There is a new award in Saskatchewan entitled *Saskatchewan Young Readers' Choice Award*. A brochure on the award was distributed to board members. A national report card has been developed for school libraries. Provincial organizations will compile statistics using the report card checklist and then submit the statistics for compilation at the national level. There is an increasing need for Internet use policies and training for schools. Of particular concern are security and privacy issues when children post information about themselves on school-related web sites. Web awareness training would be very useful for school trustees. It was noted that the web site *Webawareness* ([www.webawareness.org](http://www.webawareness.org)) is an excellent resource that offers training on these issues.

Special Libraries


The Saskatchewan Information Technology Office is funding Digital Divide Training projects for public libraries. Proposals are in the selection process. The Information Management Framework distributed at the previous meeting has been revised and was presented and well-received at the Lac Carling Conference. Recommendations were that the Framework should be communicated more widely.

The development of an email discussion list for the Special Libraries Network in Saskatoon is underway. Carol Shepstone will be the special library representative on the Multitype Promotion Committee. Special libraries are concerned about the closure of special libraries and the effect on other libraries. There is also concern that there be a library-based infrastructure to deliver government information in Saskatchewan.

Post-Secondary Education Libraries

Both university libraries are in the midst of recruiting and interviewing for vacant positions. Expansion of electronic resources is a primary focus of activity. The University of Saskatchewan Library has appointed an Electronic Resources Librarian, who will serve on the Multitype Database Licensing Committee and liaison with Consortia Canada. The National Site Licensing Project has been a tremendous success overall. Through this project, 700 full text electronic journals were acquired for professors and graduate students. Approximately $2 value was gained from every $1 invested. The Steering Committee is currently de-briefing with partners about the status of the project. It is noteworthy that the project hired a professional negotiator.
to bargain with vendors. Hard negotiations took place and a climate has been created where vendors are bringing down their prices.

The project built expertise and a model for cooperative licensing at a national level. University of Saskatchewan has obtained funding for an e-book research project. They are also partnering with Computing Services to build an Information Commons.

**Provincial Library**

Provincial Library recently attended a "Six Plus One" meeting. "Six Plus One" includes the Provincial Library, Saskatchewan Archives Board, Legislative Library, Regina Public Library, Saskatoon Public Library, University of Regina Libraries, and University of Saskatchewan Libraries. The Government of Saskatchewan has established a fund to support Technology Enhanced Learning (TEL) projects in the post-secondary education sector. Post-secondary education institutions are eligible. Six Plus One is concerned because TEL funds are not available to libraries and there appears to be no library representation at the TEL table.

The Minister's Advisory Committee on Library Services to Aboriginal People is in the process of public consultations. Consultations have been productive and are providing good feedback.

The Provincial Library has developed a Strategic Plan. Presentations on the Plan to public library systems have received positive feedback, particularly two objectives related to Multitype: library promotion and a bursary program.

We could make school libraries aware that they can use the public library Gateway System for copy cataloguing (many school libraries are doing original cataloguing).

**Saskatchewan Library Trustees Association (SLTA)**

SLTA is preparing its annual brief to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. The brief will focus on the development of e-library services in public libraries, the costs incurred by municipalities to support these services, and the need for provincial government funding for e-library services.

**3. JOINT MINISTERS' MEETING PREPARATION**

- Meeting time frame -- aim for a meeting in October 2001; two hours maximum.
- Who -- as many Board members as can attend.
- The Board reviewed the draft briefing document and provided extensive revisions. Board members are welcome to email any additional suggestions and revisions to Provincial Library.
- A revised copy of the brief will be emailed to the Board and will be discussed at the September meeting.
4. DATABASE LICENSING PARTNER AGREEMENT

A status report on Multitype Database Licensing was provided. There are several areas of serious concern that must be addressed:

- level of contributions are not equal for all libraries and may not appear equitable;
- participation is voluntary and there is no long term program;
- one database product is only offered to selected library sectors (e.g. the special libraries were not offered EBSCO – Canadian Newspaper Source);
- representatives on the Database Licensing Committee do not have authority to speak on behalf of their entire sector and they don't necessarily have the authority within their own library to determine purchases;
- there is no formal decision making structure;
- there is no responsible corporate body to be able to sign agreements;
- host agency issues;
- taxation issues; and
- increasing costs.

The proposed Partner Agreement provides greater stability and clarity but does not resolve the issues identified. Six Plus One has discussed some of these issues and will advise the Multitype Library Board on their recommendations.

The Board determined that the Partner Agreement should be tabled for discussion in conjunction with a debate of all the identified issues.

5. EDD GODOT DEMONSTRATION -- TABLED

6. REPORT FROM PROMOTION COMMITTEE -- TABLED

7. PROVINCIAL LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN -- TABLED

8. OTHER

- Next meeting September 27-28, 2001