

ND Coordinating Council meeting  
Thursday, March 7, 2002  
Chieftain Hotel  
Carrington, ND

Council members in attendance: Quincee Baker, Phyllis Bratton, Tom Bremer, LaDean Moen, and Doris Ott

Council members absent: Mickey Butz, Jerry Kaup, Ilene Larson, Dennis Page, Lila Pedersen, and Rita Traynor

Others in attendance: Cindy Larson, Assistant State Librarian; Stella Cone, North Dakota State Library; and Sheryl Haldorson, recorder.

Meeting called to order by Chair Tom Bremer.

Bremer stated that Council did not have a quorum, so they would not be able to vote on any issues. The minutes from the January 14 & 15 meeting were looked at. Council did not have any changes or suggestions for the minutes.

Chair's Report: Bremer stated that he felt the Think Tank went well. Bremer mentioned that he spoke to Tony Stukel from ODIN about payment for services done on Sitesearch. Bremer said that Stukel mentioned there were six vendors who bid on the new system. He also mentioned Minitex is concerned about the budget cuts. He was unsure how this would affect North Dakota.

State Librarian's Report: Ott stated that the Gates Before Your Computer Arrives training has been completed across the state. Ott mentioned that there was a meeting on StageNet after each Gates training session. She also mentioned that a letter explaining StageNet and the options available had been sent out.

Ott discussed the focus groups; the first one was for the LSTA evaluation and the next two were for long range planning. The same facilitators had been hired to do the next two (they may subcontract them). The focus groups will be at the Minot Public Library on April 26 and the Valley City Eagles Club on May 3.

Discussion was held on the guidelines for the scholarship grant. Some items discussed included charging interest or a penalty for those who do not meet the requirements. Council thought the stipulation may need to be added that he/she may need to relocate for 2 years to find a job in North Dakota. Council also felt that preference may need to include willingness to relocate, good interpersonal skills, customer service skills, flexibility with job assignments, self starter, and the ability to multi-task. Council felt it would be okay to stay with the 1 year and 5 year option.

Bremer shared his handout on PSA announcements from ALA. He mentioned that there were 15 second, 30 second, and 60 second ads for television in different formats. He also stated there was an informative 3 minute video and also a 20 minute video with Laura Bush. Council felt

that 1 copy of the 3 minute and also 1 copy of the 20 minute video could be purchased for circulation, and 1 copy of each PSA should be purchased for each television station in the state. Cone stated that she had the information on which format each station preferred.

Council began discussion on the Think Tanks and LV2004. Members mentioned one priority from LV2004 they would like to have kept in was the statewide catalog. Ott stated she would like to see training added to the LV2004 rewrite. Council looked at the handout for the LSTA guidelines for State Grant Program. They thought the six goals outlined in the handout could be used for the next think tanks. The goals were: establishing or enhancing electronic linkages among or between libraries; linking libraries electronically with educational, social or information services; assisting libraries in accessing information through electronic networks; encouraging libraries in different areas, and encouraging different types of libraries to establish consortia and share resources; paying costs for libraries to acquire or share computer systems and telecommunications technologies; and targeting library and information services to persons having difficulty using a library and to underserved urban and rural communities, including children (from birth through age 17) from families with incomes below the poverty line. Council felt that the feedback from these could be used for the rewrite. Moen commented that these could go out on the electronic list. Bremer felt that would be a good idea. Council agreed that they would use these questions, list a few examples, and leave space for people to list their own ideas.

Discussion continued on the format of the Think Tanks. Baker felt it might help if the libraries ranked the questions for priority; Bremer also liked this idea. Council also felt that the groups should start out as small then come back to a large group. Council also felt it would be important to have individual sheets to get feedback from everyone, not just the spokesperson from each group. Bremer felt that we needed to be more direct in purpose when advertising the Think Tanks. Moen also thought that it was important to stress the legislative impact. Bremer also felt it would be important to let them know there will be two locations, but a person would only have to attend one of them.

Discussion began on adding training to the LV2004 rewrite. Ott mentioned that this would not be just for library courses but also Gale training. Ott stated that if the method of "train the trainer" is used, Council may want to consider giving a stipend. Moen asked if this would include some of the classes that Valley City State University offers. Council stated that a problem would be all of the paperwork involved and also money for support staff. Ott stated she was thinking more of continuing education, not credit classes. Other areas that were discussed included reimbursement for room, mileage, and also paying the cost for his/her replacement at the library that day. Other things mentioned were providing an outline of the class and also having the trainer submit quarterly reports. Bratton also questioned if the State Library would be able to video record the training session and circulate it. Cone stated she would look into this.

Bratton mentioned that one thing other librarians miss is having the old LSCA money to help with maintaining their building. Bratton felt this could be put in as a goal in the rewrite and ask for funding in the next session. Discussion continued on this. Council also thought they could include innovative ideas as a goal in the rewrite.

Council continued discussion on the format for the Think Tanks. Council felt they would use the 6 questions and also ask what's working well or going well, what needs improvements, what should be discontinued, and where each library wants to be in 8 years. Council felt it was important to end in a large group discussion and ask what other support is needed for other library services and what library services would you envision. Council felt the last 10-15 minutes could be spent on this question. Council also felt that each person should write his/her opinion down before going into the group discussion.

Council then began discussion on what the LV2004 rewrite should be named. Council felt it was important to keep Library Vision in the title. Council decided on LV2010. Bremer said he would compose a note to send out to the Council members to vote on LV2010 as the name. Council members thought it would help to have the name for the next Think Tanks.

Bratton asked about the terms of Council members. She stated that Jerry, Mickey, and her term expired in July of 2002. Ott replied that the State Library would look into this.

Meeting adjourned.