

**MCLS Executive Committee Meeting
September 27, 2007
Cerritos Library**

Minutes

Present: Kathy Gould, PVP, Chair; Janet Sporleder, ARC; Greg Shapton, POM; Jean Scully, RED; Carolyn Crain, SMAR

Also Present: Rosario Garza, Jeri Takeda, MCLS

Absent: Roger Possner, COV; Robin Weed-Brown, DORA; Nancy Hunt-Coffey, GDL; Patricia Sullivan, IRW; Fontayne Holmes/Pat Kiefer, LAPL; Greg Mullen, SAM; Gloria O'Donohoe, SAB/BUR

Kathy Gould, PVP, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. **Public Forum.** There were no guests or members of the public who wished to address the committee.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** It was MSP (Shapton, Scully) to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2007 Executive Committee conference call meeting as distributed.
3. **Financial Update.** Rosario Garza reviewed the September 2007 FY08 Forecast, noting that the budget projection for the end of the year is now positive by \$23,000 rather than a deficit budget. MCLS may be receiving an LSTA grant for a project titled Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros which will result in additional revenue not reflected in the forecast. Ms. Garza also mentioned other changes that have been made to help decrease costs, such as a change in conference call service to Simple Toll Free which charges \$.06 per minute and has resulted in savings of over \$100 per conference call. Committee members commended Ms. Garza on the positive budget report.

Ms. Garza then reviewed the MCLS Member Libraries FY06-07 Reserves Allocation showing each library's share of the reserve. The full Excel spreadsheet of historical data from 1974 was not included as it has been in the past but is available from MCLS Headquarters upon request.

4. **Consolidation Meeting Report.** Rosario Garza reported that South State directors have approached her regarding consolidation of South State with MCLS. Four systems in northern California are currently discussing consolidation and have formed a task force that has been meeting with consultant Maureen Sullivan. These systems will be forming a new 501c3 that will exist over the existing JPA's for each system. They have been receiving legal advice from attorney John Shupe who specializes in JPA law and also worked with the 49-99 system. Redesign of the

CLSA law could affect future funding and is currently not being considered. Rosario distributed a questions document initiated by Greg Mullen which provides some issues to be considered. The Santiago Library System has been contacted regarding consolidation with MCLS and South State and will be discussing it at their next Council meeting.

Questions and comments included the following:

- With two MCLS members in the Ventura County area, the question of including the Black Gold system was raised, however there has been no interest expressed from any Black Gold libraries and there was concern that the geographic boundaries of the system could become too large.
- One of the benefits of MCLS membership is in-person networking which would be more difficult if system becomes too large.
- It may be possible for South State libraries to join MCLS, leaving the MCLS JPA intact and dissolving the South State JPA.
- MCLS considered forming a separate 501c3 organization in the past for different reasons; this status could be used to benefit MCLS in other areas as well.
- Fontayne Holmes at LAPL has been contacted regarding consolidation and will discuss it with her management team and let Ms. Garza know of any concerns.
- There are concerns from libraries that receive revenues from nonresident fees.
- Having MCLS and South State exist in the same areas is confusing to patrons.

The four northern California systems will have an all-day meeting on November 30 to discuss the consolidation as individual systems and as a large group; MCLS representatives have been invited to attend. The four systems plan to file for a 501c3 and submit their letter of intent to the State Library in January; they intend to submit their proposal to the State Library and implement the new structure in spring of 2008; the proposal will be presented to the LoC Board for approval in August to become effective July 2009. Current programming and existing JPAs, dues structures, and Plans of Service will continue for two years while work toward the transition takes place. System staffing and benefits need to be considered.

If there is interest in MCLS in pursuing consolidation, it was suggested that a task force be formed with representatives from MCLS, South State, and Santiago if they are interested. MCLS will apply for LSTA funding to assist with exploring the options for consolidation.

5. **Other.** There was no other business for the committee.
6. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.