

**COMPASS USERS' GROUP**  
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, October 26, 2005  
Mt. Iron, MN

**Members Present:**

Shari Fisher-ALS, Mark Koukol-ALS, Rebecca Patton-ALS, Shelley Rogers-ALS, Jim Weikum-ALS; Paula Chapman-Aurora, Mary Lukkarila-Cloquet, Ginny Richmond-Gilbert, Linda Chappell-Grand Marais, Janet Coy-Grand Rapids Public, Terry Moore-Hibbing/Chisholm, Nancy Riesgraf-Hibbing, Sue Sowers-Hoyt Lakes, Diane Adams-International Falls, Deb Fena-IRRC, Julie Billings-Silver Bay, Sue Thompson-Two Harbors, Nancy Maxwell-Virginia, and Linda J. Wadman, NCLC.

President Mary Lukkarila called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Jim Weikum will need to leave by 11:30 am so order of business was revised.

The minutes of the September 28, 2005 meeting were presented. Moved by J. Coy, second by T. Moore to approve minutes. **Motion passed.** Corrections to Secretary Richmond are welcome.

**COMPASS AND COMPUTER RELATED ISSUES:**

**Meet Shelley Rogers, new ALS Technical Services Librarian Vacancy:** J. Weikum introduced Shelley, this being her very first day on the job.

**Questions or problems with Horizon functions:** M. Koukol reported that extended (13 digit) ISBN are searchable in Horizon 7.4 and iPac 4.1. Bib records should allow for both 10 and 13 digit.

**Reports by Jim Weikum:**

**Legislative update** – Latest draft of MLA/MEMO Legislative Platform for 2006 was handed out. Ideas for 2007 were also included. Linda Wadman and Marge McPeak participated in the meeting. **Public Library Accessibility and Construction Grants** – application materials finally available with a very short deadline.

**LSTA Grants:** training for the Federal Fiscal Year 2006 grant cycle will be held Nov. 7, 2005.

**State Library Town Meetings:** “Bright Ideas for Minnesota Libraries” ALS draft poster was handed out. Highlights Grand Rapids and Mountain Iron meeting dates (Nov. 28 & 29) but also lists remaining locations & times throughout state on back. Members were asked if they wanted copies sent via email in pdf or print (and how many). Handouts of questions to be discussed with Librarians and Community and Plan Outline from 7/05 were shared. Try to read through before meetings.

**MN Link Users Group** - meeting on Oct. 31

Return to regular agenda ~ **COMPASS AND COMPUTER RELATED ISSUES:**

**Proposed mass deletion of expired Borrower records:** M. Koukol recommended deleting all borrower records that have had no action in the past two years and no current blocks. He provided counts of number of Borrowers by Location that would be deleted and retained (with 10/26/03 as cut-off). He also noted that individual libraries could request different deletion dates. All were very much in favor of cleaning up the Borrower database. Koukol will begin deleting immediately and send reports to each library as to the numbers deleted.

**Interlibrary loan of Audio and Video circuit titles:** discussion of whether or not libraries can or should send items in their current rotating collections out for ILL requests. It was noted that Nancy King is very selective about titles she requests, noting the popularity (circ.) of items. Koukol stated that the default is for No Reserves if ALS itypes for such collections are used. It was felt that each library could make individuals decisions about what let go to ILL remembering that items may be out of circulation for six weeks.

**E2T2 Grant funded:** Shari Fisher is waiting for a time-line. Seven school media centers will be added to COMPASS under this grant: 3 Eveleth-Gilbert, 2 Cook County, Ely, and Net Lake.

**SpamAssassin:** Because automatic tagging of \*\*\*SPAM\*\*\* still results in many unwanted messages with the threshold at 7, Level 6 messages have been tagged since the September meeting. Still plenty of junk getting through but some legitimate mail is also being tagged. Forwarded mail seems to be one specific problem. Will now try tagging Level 5 messages as well. Please let Mark Koukol know if you have wanted messages tagged as \*\*\*SPAM\*\*\* .

**Update on exchanges with Alpha-G:** M. Koukal reported on his discussions with John Craig. Preoverdue e-mail reminders are available using Horizon 7.3.3. \$1,000 appears to be a one-time subscription fee/cost for ALS. Members seemed interested in this possibility.

**2005 CODI Conference:** 16<sup>th</sup> annual will be held in Minneapolis Nov. 6-9. Four people from ALS will be attending.

**Staff reports (re: COMPASS and computer issues):**

**Mark Koukol:** Replacement data backup system is scheduled for installation on Friday, Nov. 11. Nancy Riesgraf asked if NESC is still working on this. Janet Coy asked if there is any reason for the slow response, such as when trying to place a hold/request for a patron. Koukol noted that in general network stability is in question.

**Rebecca Patton:** Can make arrangements for demonstrations of downloadable audiobooks by two vendors. Preferred dates were Tuesdays and Thursdays in mid-January. Jan 11 or 18 will be suggested to the vendors.

**LIBRARY ISSUES (non-computer):**

**Licensed databases:** Cost Sharing and Use Statistics spreadsheets were provided. Gale reports show use of databases available: those provided through ELM as well as the Biography Index that is paid by ALS and members. After discussion, **T. Moore moved, N. Maxwell seconded, that ALS libraries continue subscribing to Biography Index for 2006 but also keep researching the issue of how and when updating of entries is done. All approved.**

**Gates “Staying Connected” grant for public libraries:** S. Fisher reported that nearly \$40,000 will be available to 29 ALS libraries starting Jan. 1, 2006. Of that total ALS provides \$13,000. More information will be sent out in early January.

**Staff reports:**

**Linda Wadman –NCLC:** The first Soaring to Excellence event is “Google and Your Patrons”, to be broadcast Friday, Nov. 18, 11-12:30 available at ALS and St. Scholastica. Koukol shared a related article from Oct 31, 2005 Newsweek entitled “Google’s Book Battle”.

**Other:** N. Maxwell stated that Virginia PL has lots of money in their supplies budget that needs to be spent and asked for ideas of new, different things she might buy. She gave an update of what was lost and how cleanup is going. They are now hoping to open by November 15 except for the North wing that won't be repaired until 2006. This means that there will be no A-V materials available for checkout until later.

The next COMPASS meeting is scheduled for November 30. All agreed to cancel the meeting because of other events that week: the State Library Town Meetings on Nov. 28 & 29 and the Every Child Ready To Read workshop on December 1.

The January meeting will be planned to coincide with the audiobook demonstrations.

**Motion by J. Coy, second by D. Adams to adjourn. All approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

**Submitted by Ginny Richmond, COMPASS secretary, 11/22/05.**