

MATS Business Meeting
WLA Conference, Middleton, WI, October 30th, 2002

Present: Bob Bocher, Beth Carpenter, Terrie Howe, Mellanie Mercier, Stef Morrill, Jennie Stoltz,, Vicki Teal Lovely

- MATS currently has \$700 in the budget. Last year, only \$33 was spent.
- The new officers were announced. They are:

Chair: Stef Morrill, South Central Library System
Chair-Elect: Beth Carpenter, Outagamie Waupaca Library System
Director-at-Large: Terrie Howe, Nicolet Library System
Director-at-Large: Mellanie Mercier, Waukesha Federated Library System
Secretary: Jan Holmes, Sun Prairie Public Library
- This year, two directors-at-large were elected because of an issue in a past year which resulted in both directors' terms expiring this year. One of the directors elected for 2003 will serve a one-year term and the other director will serve a two-year term. In the 2003 election, a two-year term director will be elected, putting everything back on track.
- The WAPL planning meeting was discussed. Stef will go to the meeting on 11/1/02 to represent MATS.
- Defining the roles of the board members was discussed. Clearly defining these roles may be something the Board should do in the next year so it is clear who is responsible for what WLA planning meetings, etc.
- Possibilities for WLA and WAPL presentations were discussed:
 1. DLTCL is sponsoring a WAPL program on Privacy, Chapter 43, and Internet Sign-ups. It was suggested that MATS co-sponsor this program.
Decision: MATS will co-sponsor this program for WAPL.
 2. This year, the only program we did was in conjunction with WPLC. Doing something with WPLC was suggested for next WLA.
Decision: MATS will not be doing this for either WAPL or WLA this year.
 3. Jan Dibble from Oshkosh PL sent an email suggestion to Stef about a doing a program in conjunction with the Readers Advisory section to talk about technology/databases related to Readers Advisory.
Decision: MATS will not be doing this for either WAPL or WLA this year.
 4. Creating local databases: process for doing this.

Decision: This may be a program for WLA or WAAL.

5. A New Technology Forum: Discussing new technologies from the year and how libraries are employing them. Could include things like wireless, satellite technology. The session would include information from both the “techie” and end-user perspectives.

Decision: This may be a program for WLA.

6. How to create and maintain a useful library website without a lot of money.

Decision: This program will be suggested for WAPL, and may be repeated at WLA if desirable.

7. Technology on the cheap: Creative uses of old technology and ways to find cheap new technology.

Decision: This program will be suggested for WAPL.

8. DLTCL is sponsoring a WAPL program on the BadgerNet rebid. It would include information on where libraries fit into the process to develop a new BadgerNet. Someone from the Department of Electronic Government will be presenting this workshop.

Decision: MATS will not co-sponsor this program.

9. Circulation issues: Putting holds out for the public to pick up, self-checkout, and privacy issues, RFID and “circulation innovation”. MATS could co-sponsor this program with the Circulation Roundtable of WLA.

Decision: This may be a program for WAAL or WLA.

10. Digitization: Digitizing from a small library perspective, projects done by small libraries.

Decision: MATS will not be doing this for either WAPL or WLA this year.

11. Gates computers: A program was suggested to help Gates Grantees by giving them some additional information about the software on the machines and how to help people use all of this software, and discussing how people are spending the extra Gates money. A roundtable discussion on this topic was suggested.

Decision: A Gates Grantee Roundtable will be suggested for WAPL.

12. “5 things you need to know about...”: Quick 10 minute presentations about a variety of software packages, giving 5 practical tips about each package.

Decision: This may be a WLA program or may be covered in the newsletter.

13. Assistive technology: Have a session demonstrating and talking about different adaptive products or have a place where people could try some of the technology.

Decision: This may be a WLA program.

- Jennie mentioned the creation of a new logo for MATS. Someone has been working on this.
- Ideas for next year's WLA store were discussed. MATS didn't sell anything at this year's store. The group was asked to think of ideas for next year, but some suggestions were a shareware/freeware CD and a long-sleeve T-shirt of some kind.
- Having a booth at next year's WLA was also mentioned. Many of the sections and roundtables do this, but MATS has not done this in recent years. The group wondered if MATS currently had a brochure that might be used at a booth.
- This year, MATS did not put out any newsletters. Possibilities for next year include having shorter, more frequent newsletters which would be distributed electronically and then included on the MATS website. It may be desirable to do one print newsletter.
- The MATS website was discussed. The group agreed that the page needs to have more information about MATS but also more helpful information for members. A project to collect training and support materials related to technology from the WLA membership was discussed. It was decided that MATS would work on this project next year. MATS board members for next year are interested in taking a more active role in developing and maintaining the MATS website. Stef will investigate this.