

MATS Board Meeting

October 12, 2006 – Green Bay, Wisconsin

Present: Marlys Brunsting, Nichole Fromm (via phone), Paula Ganyard, Terrie Howe (chair), Beth Carpenter, Joy Schwarz.

- I. Approval of Board meeting minutes, May 2006 – approved
- II. Review of MATS events for WLA conference – We reviewed the schedule of MATS events and made sure we have room monitors set up for each.
 - a. scholarships
We will be awarding two scholarships to MATS members to attend the WLA conference at \$250 each. Two people applied, so two people win! Our winners are Cheryl Wilson from the Door County Library and Nanette Bulebosh from the Kiel Public Library. Terrie will notify the winners.
 - b. Webbies awards
A budget for the Webbies prizes was discussed. We will budget \$300 to include frames for the award certificates, a \$150 prize (to be selected) for the Best of the Best winner, and small prizes for all winners. Beth will take care of the awards and prizes.
After much debate, the winners of the 2006 Webbies were selected and are as follows: Coolest Design and Best of the Best goes to Hatch Public Library; Best Reference Site goes to Oshkosh Public Library; Best Site for Kids goes to Wisconsin's Water Library for Kids; Most Accessible Site goes to UW-Parkside. Terrie will contact the winners to invite them to the conference, so they will hopefully be present when we announce the winners before the keynote speaker on Wednesday.
 - c. blogging the conference
Nichole and Joy blogged the WAPL conference and received positive feedback from WLA, so we're going to blog the WLA conference, too. Joy suggested putting out a call to all MATS members to get more bloggers to post on the WLA conference. We all agreed that sounded like a good idea as long as it was okay with Lisa Strand and all details were approved by her first. We will also link to any other bloggers who will be posting info on their own sites about the conference. Joy also suggested linking to anyone posting conference photos on Flickr. We will recommend a tag (WLA 2006) for people to use on their Flickr

photos and blogs, so they can be easily found. We will give blogging participants contact info for MATS board members who can help them if they have blogging problems during the conference.

d. business meeting @ WLA

We briefly discussed agenda items for the business meeting at the WLA conference. Conference session suggestions for next year, Webbies modifications, and WAPL program selection were included. Terrie will email the MATS list to invite members to attend.

III. MATS website – Terrie asked for suggestions for additions or deletions on the MATS website. OPAL and SirsiDynix Institute were suggestions for additions. If you have any suggestions for the website or the next newsletter, please contact Terrie.

IV. Review budget from WLA office – Our budget is looking very healthy. We haven't seen any numbers for what we earned at the WAPL conference yet. Terrie will contact Tom K. to find out about this. We have \$2,264.32 and will have dedicated \$500 to our scholarship winners and \$300 to the Webbies.

V. MATS programs for WAPL 2007 – Nichole gave a brief report about where we're at with WAPL programs for 2007. Program forms are due in November. We will discuss our options and which programs we want to pursue at the next business meeting at WLA.

VI. Officers for next year – Congratulations to our new officers for next year: Nichole Fromm, Chair; Joy Schwarz, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; Kathy Setter, Secretary; Peter Gilbert, Director-at-Large; John Mark Bolthouse, Director-at-Large; Terrie Howe, Past Chair.

VII. Other business – none

Adjourned 11:40 a.m. (or thereabouts)

Respectfully submitted by your stand-in secretary,
Beth Carpenter