

VSLA Board Meeting
Main Street School, Montpelier
September 9, 2007

The meeting began at 4:05 PM.

Attending: Lauren Chabot (Main Street School librarian), Caroline DeMaio, Christine Eldred, Jean Fournier, Anne Gallivan, Dan Greene, Karen Hennig, Peter Jones, Cheryl Kissel, Dollinda Lund, Marsha Middleton, Merlyn Miller, Sue Monmaney, Bonnie Richardson, Donna Smyth, and Kelly Wood.

Karen Hennig is planning to send welcome letters to new school librarians. There was a question as to whether the one-year free VSLA membership that is offered to new librarians be offered to all or to only those who are certified. This discussion was put on hold to be discussed later in the meeting.

Minutes. Marsha made the motion to accept the minutes. Sue seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Discussion of calendar draft. Possible changes to the meeting schedule were discussed. There was an error for the May meeting – it read Thursday, May 2, but was corrected to Thursday, May 1. Jean suggested meeting via conference call for the January meeting. The board agreed, and the meeting date was changed from January 17 to January 24, and the time was changed from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM. (see attached amended schedule). Merlyn proposed we move one of our meetings from a weekday afternoon to a Saturday to accommodate those driving a long distance. Jean suggested we revisit this issue at another time.

Treasurer's Report. Donna handed out copies of the report. (See attachment.)

Grant requests. Some committees or groups (GMBA, for example), do not have bank accounts, so there is no place for the grant money to be deposited. Therefore, as bills are incurred by the group receiving the grant, they are sent along to VSLA and paid by VSLA, not exceeding the amount of the original grant. Questions that arise: What was the money actually used for? Do we need to know beforehand or should the money be accounted for after expenses are incurred? Perhaps we can still request information as to where the money will be spent but it could be changed afterwards, if needed. Is this stated in back minutes? Jean will work with Donna on this. Donna noted that selling ads in the VSLA newsletter netted the association \$400 and that Pat Mraz deserves a big “thank you.”

Five-year Plan. Sue and Dan met with Sybil this past summer to discuss the DOL 5-year plan. The following were discussed:

- 1) Yearly renewal (or every five years) of the K12CAT catalog. This would mean that participating libraries would export all records (maybe from a certain date range), and they

would recreate the catalog from scratch. This would eliminate the problem of having records in the system of items that are no longer in our collections.

2) According to the contract with Gale, libraries who had already subscribed to some of the newly added VOL databases should be receiving credits, not rebates. Those libraries who still have outstanding credits should contact Sybil.

3) Sue is checking with Ed Barry about whether or not there will be a workshop on the VOL at VTFest this year. If not, Dan and Sue felt that perhaps VSLA and DOL should try to offer additional trainings since this is such a tremendous resource.

4) PR on Webjunction. How can we help get information out to library people about this resource?

Sue also mentioned that the VSLA board was much appreciated.

Vermont Library Conference. A new coordinator was needed to replace Maureen McLaughlin. Jean reported that Anne Blake was hired on August 31. A brief bio, picture, and her plans for the conference will appear in the VSLA Newsletter for September. She is willing to commit for more than just one year so there will be continuity. The cost will be \$10,000, up from \$9,812 the previous year, but still reasonable. The website was moved out of the conference, and sponsorships were moved in. A large part of Anne's job will be to go after sponsorships including those that will appeal to academic libraries. Maureen was very helpful during the transition by writing ads for the position and starting the sponsorships before she left. She was paid for this on an hourly basis. All charges are split evenly between VSLA and VLA, going through the conference. The **MOA**, Memorandum of Agreement between Vermont School Library Association and Vermont Library Association, is a two year agreement. This is the year for renewing the MOA. Sue made the motion and Karen seconded to increase the conference seed money from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and the motion passed. *These figures were amended later. An email vote was called by the board, and they voted to correct these figures to read from \$15,000 (present contract) to \$20,000 in the new contract. The VLA will vote on the increase this month. If both associations vote "yes," the presidents will sign the MOA which would come up for renewal in 2009.

Kelly reported on the conference plans. She said that there had been much turnover on the committee, and there is a strong showing from VSLA. About 75% of the programs are already set, but a theme has not yet been decided. The committee is still considering programs, and Kelly suggested that anyone with an idea contact the committee. Dan suggested a program on *Assistive Technology*, technology to help all students access resources (magnifying screens, touch screens, etc.). Kelly also noted that there are co-chairs-in-training for next year.

VSLA Fall Conference. Conference chair Caroline DeMaio reported on the plans for October's conference. Information can be found on the NEA site, and information will be on the VSLA website and in the newsletter. Karen suggested lowering the registration cost from \$45 to \$35 for members and from \$50 to \$40 for non-members. It was agreed that this was a good idea, and if there is a shortfall of funds, VSLA will make up the difference.

Standing Committee Reports.

Intellectual Freedom. Christine – The Library Confidentiality Statute. While FERPA maintains that parents have the right to know, the legislature is trying to strengthen patron confidentiality. VLA supports this under Trina Magi's leadership. (See report) Sue made the motion and Cheryl seconded that we support this concept, however we need more information. Dan noted that if VSLA was to give active support to this, we would need to put it out to the full membership.

Membership. Karen's question about complimentary membership was continued from earlier in the meeting. This year there are known to be five or six new school librarians. Anne made the motion and Merlyn seconded that we give all new librarians complimentary membership, not just those with certification. The motion passed.

AASL 13th National Conference & Exhibition, Reno, Nevada, October 25-28, 2007.
Marsha and Dollinda will attend.

Vermont Fest Vita-learn, November 1 and 2.

2008 Emerging Leaders. Applications are now available

<http://cs.ala.org/hydr/emergingleaders>.

When and Where: Friday, January 11, in Philadelphia, and Friday, June 27, 2008, in Anaheim, 8:30-5:00, with virtual workgroups between the two sessions.

What: Two workshop days with Maureen Sullivan and Connie Paul, participating in projects, networking with 119 of your peers, getting an inside look into ALA structure, and having an opportunity to serve your profession. Regular conference fees apply.

There is no additional cost to attend the Friday programs.

Why: To enable 120 new librarians to get on the fast track to ALA and professional leadership.

Merlyn will be attending.

Mock Caldercott. Friday, November 16, at Vermont Technical College in Randolph.

VSLA Grant.

DCF - \$500

GMBA - \$500

VSLA Name change. Donna has been in touch with Citizen's Bank and made the name change from VEMA to VSLA. **Logo contest:** Sue will get the information about the contest out on the listserv, and Marsha will put it in the newsletter. Jean called the office of the Secretary of State to let them know about the name change. She was asked if we wanted to fill out a 503 form (Articles of Incorporation?). A VSLA member with longevity on the board felt it was best not to pursue registering the association name with the state.

Public Licensing. Sue reported that it will happen.

Chalkboard 2007. Dan, Sue, and Jean attended this 3-day conference held at UVM. The conference included a review of the state of technology now and where it is going in the future. The culminating activity was a dinner. Dan will write an article for the newsletter about this conference.

Jean reported that the **Graphic Novel** workshop given by Philip Crawford this summer in Barre on July 10, was a great workshop and was well attended.

Sue reported that there will be VOL workshops around the state. The question also came up about **Webjunction** - how can we get people to use it?

Open Board Positions. A Southwest Representative is still needed. Anne will try to organize a meeting for that region.

Adjourned. Marsha made the motion to adjourn, Cheryl seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Dollinda Lund, Secretary