

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

Winnefox Library System

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

RESOLUTION FOR OUTGOING SYSTEM TRUSTEE – VERN HESS

Board has appointed Pamela Strey to join the board at this meeting. Exhibit A. contains a resolution thanking Vern for his service. **Action Requested:** Approve the resolution in Exhibit A.

Vern Hess's appointment to the Winnefox Board expired in April. He asked not to be re-appointed. The Waushara County

ELECTION OF WINNEFOX BOARD VICE-PRESIDENT

Action Requested: Elect a Vice-President.

With Vern Hess's departure from the Winnefox Board, the by-laws call for a new Vice-President to be elected at this meeting.

WALS ASSOCIATE FEES

reviewed and approved by the WALS Executive Council on May 30, 2007. The fees are based on a formula that uses the library's service population, expenditures, and circulation. The increases range from a low of 1.16% for three libraries to a high of 6.45% for one library. The average increase is 2.52%. Discussion. **Action Requested:** Approve 2008 WALS Associate Fee proposal in Exhibit B.

The 2008 WALS Associates Fee proposal is contained in Exhibit B. This proposal was

WINNEFOX BALANCE SHEET – QUESTION FROM MAY MEETING

showed a deficit in the "Retained Earnings" category (page 153 of the May meeting board packet). Exhibit C. is a memo explaining a change that we have made to the Balance Sheet to communicate more clearly the financial health of the organization. Discussion. **Action Requested:** None.

At the May 30, 2007 Winnefox Board meeting, Trustee Barbara Asmus expressed concern that the Winnefox Balance Sheet

WINNEFOX STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

the staff organization and funding report presented to you at your May 30, 2007 meeting; progress on engaging a consultant to lead discussions with system member library directors on significant challenges they face as well as on satisfaction with system services; and a sub-committee has been formed to draft an initial set of goals. Minutes of the May and June meetings of the committee are included as Exhibit D. Please note that the June meeting minutes have not yet been approved by the committee. Discussion. **Action Requested:** None.

The strategic planning committee has continued its work over the past two months. The meetings have included discussion of

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR
CROSS-COUNTY RURAL USE
(ACT 420)**

All eligible member library boards have now decided which adjoining counties to bill for rural resident usage. Assistant Director Mark Arend has reported usage statistics to county clerks and has billed counties on behalf of those system members that desired this service. Mark's wrap-up report is included as Exhibit E. Three bodies within the Winnefox Library System have approved resolutions opposing the cross-county reimbursement provisions of 2006 Wisconsin Act 420. They are Marquette County, Waushara County, and the City of Wautoma. Copies of those resolutions are included as Exhibit F. Discussion. **Action Requested:** None.

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS -

- **Report of System Activities, July 18, 2007:** Mark Arend's latest report of system highlights is included as Exhibit G.

Respectfully submitted,

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