

Transportation Library Connectivity & Development
Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(237)
TAC Meeting – 6/20/13 – Minutes

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HS InFocus: Maggie Sacco, Kirsten Seeber

Agenda:

TOPIC: SLA 2013

1. The group reviewed what they learned at SLA, which can give us ideas for future topics/guests and new products.
2. Maggie Sacco's highlights
 - A potential new product that Maggie learned about is Techstreet. Both Dale Steele and Patricia Kirkwood mentioned this product to Maggie. Maggie would like to do a concurrent trial subscription to compare Techstreet and HIS.
 - The attending members had a meeting in San Diego. They discussed the upcoming annual meeting. They also met Mitch Ison, the new librarian at the Nevada DOT.
 - GTRIC was a good meeting. There was a lot of information and the shortened timeframe moved the meeting along.
 - The organizers asked for ideas on how to keep the group's momentum going. Maggie's group suggested short, online meetings in an open discussion format on various topics.
 - A name change was proposed for SLA. A survey will be sent out to get everyone's interest in a possible name change.
3. Inez Hopkin's highlights
 - Librarians as Intelligence Analysts seminar. Inez wasn't on this call, but Laura said that Inez liked the speaker and would like to see them as a potential guest speaker for the pooled fund. Here is a link to the presenter's slides, <http://tinyurl.com/LibIntelAnalysts>
4. Karen Perrin's highlights
 - An Introduction to Open Repository and its Role in the Repository Environment seminar. Karen tried to go to the open repository seminar but the speaker didn't show up. About 15 folks stayed behind to talk and learned what each others' organizations are doing with regards to open repositories.

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- The group started an informal email list to continue the conversation. Karen will add others to the email list if they want. Maggie asked to be added to this list.
 - Renee is following up with the no show vendor. Maggie suggested that maybe the vendor would do a seminar for the pooled fund and others to make up for missing SLA.
 - Karen met librarians from the Ford Motor Company and she made some good contacts. She may try to get them to join the MTKN. Kathy VanCamp is one of the Ford librarians from Michigan.
 - What Hard-Core Technologies does the Librarian Need to Know? session. Karen also went to a session and learned about project management software and hardware. She also learned about networking applications, such as Google Hangouts. Here is a link to the presenter's slides, <http://goo.gl/IH6dJ>.
5. Michelle Hancock's highlights
- This was her first time at the conference and she was impressed by the group of transportation professionals. She was excited to meet Matt Barrett and Kenn Bicknell from LACMTA and folks from Berkeley and RITA. The Digital Preservation Network session was a bit too technical but worthwhile. The session on hardcore technologies that librarians need to know was her favorite session.
6. Sheila Hatchell's highlights
- 60 Sites in 60 Minutes session. Three panelists shared websites that librarians might not be familiar with. She will share the sites from the handouts with Maggie to put on the pooled fund website.
 - Joyful Negotiating seminar by Mary Ellen Bates. This was a good seminar, especially related to women's negotiating techniques and how women can improve them. Finding a win-win in the negotiation is a great technique for all involved. Sheila will share her notes from this seminar.
 - Information is Beautiful: Using Design to Enhance Your Narrative, a continuing education seminar. The MnDOT library is doing an evaluation study and Sheila wants to learn about how to best present the results; how to make the information interesting and meaningful to her audience. Sheila will share the slides from the seminar with the members via the pooled fund website.
7. Carol Paszamant's highlights
- Organizing Knowledge session. This was interesting and the key is to do something with your knowledge. There are known, knowable, complex and chaotic categories of knowledge.
 - Climate Change through a Kaleidoscope session. She got a lot of websites from them.
 - 60 Sites in 60 Minutes session. Carol also really liked this one and recorded site relevant to her.
 - Transforming Libraries session. She took away that librarians should be known as knowledge services, not knowledge management. Knowledge management is a part of knowledge services. She likes knowledge services as a new name for SLA.
 - Karen – She agrees with Carol on this as a potential new name for SLA. She feels that losing the name librarian might make the group seem more professional to others. She likes the tradition of being a librarian or working at a library, but a knowledge specialist might go over better with others outside of libraries/librarians.
8. Mitch Ison's highlights
- Science and Engineering 101 session. Half of this session was on transportation and he got a lot out of it. Here is a link to the presenter's slides on transportation engineering resources, <http://tinyurl.com/SciTech101>. As a beginner, this session was very useful.

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Business meeting

Group Special Projects – Updates

Report Documentation page/Report Distribution

1. The two projects are combined. Right now MoDOT is figuring out what they are comfortable with in terms of contracting. Bill Stone wants to go forward with this project as an RFP to keep things within MoDOT's contracting parameters. The question is does MoDOT put out the RFP or Maggie? The RFP will come from Maggie, not MoDOT, and can be customized to what the pooled fund is looking for with the project. MoDOT will help publicize the RFP. The project subcommittee will figure out who will be selecting the final subcontractor for the project. MoDOT has final veto power on the subcontractor. The goal is to get the RFP written and out there ASAP so the work can get started on the project.

Multistate Cataloging

1. Chris Mulder is the contractor on this project and has started working on the project. Maggie is getting good updates on her progress. Chris is setting up the project using the methods/products John Gallwey is utilizing as a remote cataloger with the IL DOT. Eight members are in this project.

TKN Webs

1. The group needs to have another meeting. Laura will work with Kendra on setting up a meeting. A knowledge management calendar is going to be added to the WTKN website and Kendra will work on this. This will be a calendar feature that will have transportation knowledge management resources on it, that would be member-generated. The site would eventually feature opportunities that the state DOT engineers would find helpful, such as continuing education opportunities. The audience for this is mainly the AASHTO RAC researchers. There is an existing library site that has this calendar that WTKN will use as an example. The creator of this site, which is drupal site, will meet with Kendra to help her design it.

Annual Meeting

1. The members who were at SLA talked about the upcoming annual meeting in September and what we would like to cover. Our special topic is tentatively a copyright workshop with Nancy Sims of the University of Minnesota. This is a topic that many of our members have questions about.
2. We have a tentative tour of the St. Anthony Falls Laboratory on Wednesday afternoon. They do storm water research and research related to water quality.
3. Thursday morning will feature a tour of the MnDOT library and additional business.
4. MTKN will meet Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.
5. The WTKN might also have a meeting that would tack onto the annual meeting, like the MTKN is doing. Maggie is looking into this with Sheila/Arlene.
6. There will be a conference line and a WebEx option for folks who can't attend the meeting in person.
7. Maggie is trying to figure out the policy of mileage for folks who might drive to the meeting. Is there a cap on reimbursement for mileage?
8. Folks should start get their approvals for attending the annual meeting. Let Maggie and Kirsten know if you need a support letter ASAP.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting, September 18 -19, 2013