

SLS Council Meeting Minutes
2-11-14

Present: Kristie Miller; Chris Harris; Chris Allen; Joan Ellison; Renee Burns; Jill Feine; Nicki Lerczak; Ann Marie Gordon; Pat Finnerty; Matthew Perry

Meeting was called to order at 3:28 p.m.

Minutes for 12/10/13 were reviewed. Chris will adjust the specific revisions required. Nicki moved to accept minutes with corrections; Chris Allen seconded.

Updates to Bylaws: These updates were accepted at the last meeting with new office positions added to the current positions. We will create a handbook for officer positions; the creation of this handbook will be an ongoing process.

Report from the Travel Award Committee: Renee reported on the progress of the Travel Award committee. The original application was reviewed; the committee came up with several changes including that applications must contain narrative that is at least 500 words. Pioneer will send a copy of their travel award application to Renee. The decision was made to not make these award available to non-library certified staff. The language will be changed to reflect from "certified member librarian" to certified Teacher Librarian. Applications will be accepted in May for the 2014-15 school year so that awards can be used for Summer Institutes as well. The budget for this year will be \$500; awards will be made in increments of \$50, \$150 and \$250.

New Business: Chris expressed his thanks for achieving consensus at the meeting to consider another Database Regional purchase. An attempt will be made to approach districts to have the funding come out of textbook budgets, not library budgets.

Next meeting planning: Some discussion occurred about running a joint session with discussion about what do the kids need, when they move to the next level - involving librarians at all levels, elem/me/hs/GCC/University. Concerns from GCC include the proliferation of plagiarism; the fact that students cannot write, etc. It was suggested to included public libraries too in a panel. There was also some discussion as to how to share database access information with the public librarians.

Online database discussion: There was some discussion as to the issue of negotiated pricing for schools. A suggestion was made to get a "scaled" pricing structure (i.e., if 5 schools take it, it's this much, 10 schools it's this much, etc.). Chris explained that some of the vendors will not work like this, but an attempt will be made to work this through. SLS will distribute a survey to all communication coordinators regarding the databases.

Chris H. has been asked to present to superintendents and principals at their institute on Google Glass and other wearables.

At 4:05 Anne Marie moved to adjourn the meeting; Renee seconded.