

**Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries
Annual Conference – Valparaiso, Indiana
County SIG Meeting Minutes – October 18th, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 3:55 by Juanita Henniger, incoming Chair. Other members present were Angela Baldree, Melissa Barney, Kendal Croston, Kim Duncan, Judith Gill, Joseph Hodnicki, Anna Paczelt, Amber Repp Barnhouse, Laura Dixon-Caldwell, Carla Lenhoff, Ron Vest, Kathy Moreland, George Baker, Judith Maxwell, Keith Blough, Melinda Worthen, Monica Overly, Kathy Dugan and Ardis Stein. Guests attending were Steve Anderson, Maryland State Law Librarian and Susan Boland, Director of Cincinnati University Law Library. The first item of business was to approve the past meeting minutes from the April 26th Spring meeting in Delaware, Ohio. Kathy Dugan made a motion to approve and Joe Hodnicki seconded the motion.

To start off the meeting, Angela Baldree gave an update on the Statewide Consortium for Ohio County Law Libraries. She wanted to remind everyone about returning their Grant Refund Proposal by Oct. 31st. She said that it was not necessary to have a board member sign the proposal since no money was changing hands, however the county auditors should be given a copy of the proposal so that they are made aware of this deduction in expenses. She will be notifying anyone who has not returned their proposal yet.

Angela also wanted to make sure that everyone was aware that the total amount that would be set aside for County Law Library Optional Grants in 2013 has increased from \$50,000 to \$80,000. The maximum awarded to each library would be \$7,500. Categories would still remain the same – Programming for Patrons, Technology, Career Development and Collaboration – but the multi-county collaboration was changed to multi-agency. Also, all grant proposals submitted must have an actual quote of costs for the services requested..

In regard to the free books from Lexis offered through the consortium, Angela stated that the School Law titles would be replaced by the Rules Governing the Courts of Ohio. She also mentioned that all libraries should begin preparing an inventory list for the Library World software which has been offered free for one year to all law libraries in the consortium. Helpers will be needed to upload all the libraries' inventories and they will be paid for their services through a grant. Those interested will have to submit a proposal in order to be considered.

As for the Lexis Patron Access proposal, Angela said the consortium would be seeking a lower number of licenses to trigger the current cost of \$385.00/month/terminal for 88 licenses. Libraries will have the option to join in January, or wait until their current contract date expires.

Lastly, Angela announced the next meeting date for the Statewide Consortium for Ohio County Law Libraries to be November 29th at 11:00 am at the Ohio Supreme Court Building.

Moving on to the next item of business for the SIG meeting, Juanita asked for nominations for Vice Chair for the 2012-2013 year. Melinda Worthen was nominated by Kathy Dugan and all members present were in favor.

After giving the Ill Report, Juanita asked if there was any old business. Some discussion then took place about the new State Auditor Flow Chart and the differences in financial reports provided by county and municipal auditors. Angela mentioned that if anyone has questions about their fine distributions, they should first ask their county prosecutor. If that is not helpful, they can call Angela who will in turn contact the new State Auditor rep, Brendan Enisco.

Juanita then asked if there was any new business to be discussed. Since there was none, Keith Blough made a motion to adjourn and Joe Hodnicki seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Ardis Stein