



Resource Sharing Committee

4/21/2025

Minutes

Attendees: D. Fox, C. Tomberlin, J. Speer, J. Clifton, LA Johnson, J. Petrusa, T. Rue (Chair), R. Roethmeyer, K. Cleveland, R. Connell, E. Altemus, S. Asberry, L. Suman, L. Colbert

- I. Call Meeting to Order – Trista at 2:00
- II. Approval of Agenda: Robert moved (plus one addition); 2nd by Darlene
- III. Approval of Minutes: Robert; 2nd by Darlene (with one revision)
- IV. State Library Report
 - a. LSTA/IMLS
 - i. Jake – President issued an Executive Order, instructing to take IMLS down to ‘core functions,’ and many states have already received cancellation to grants. Many grants are extra things IMLS does, but the core grant is around 3.4 million annually that goes to ISL, which supports INSPIRE, InfoExpress, OCLC, etc. Three states (CA, WA, and CT) have received cancellation notices of their direct aid – but why? COSLA speculation is that DEI was mentioned in the 5 year plan those states submitted to IMLS, but that is not confirmed. Ironically, all three states had updated their plans and no longer included DEI language but were cancelled anyway. 21 other states have filed suit against the administration to stop the EO; this was filed by Rhode Island and was in court last week. RI and others gave arguments in court as to why all this funding is critical. ISL is still receiving payments from LSTA for now. Jake received an update from IMLS today, but they will wait on notifying states of their appropriation awards, with those sent in the upcoming days. Jake is cautiously

optimistic that large grants to states will continue; smaller one-off Laura Bush and digitization grants may not continue, but it's hard to say. While optimistic about continued funding, there may be future restrictions on funds – be more centered around 'patriotism?' COSLA asked for a friendly discussion and met with new IMLS leadership team to discuss IMLS funding's value and needs. If IMLS/LSTA funding is cut, InfoExpress would no longer be subsidized by ISL, leading to increased cost to libraries, likely resulting in fewer days selected by libraries, which would have obvious cascading effects. Also, ISL might have to go to academic libraries to help fund INSPIRE, or renegotiate the contract with EBSCO. Evergreen is in a better position, but has a number of LSTA funded positions – they might have to transition to a higher level of direct funding support provided by Evergreen members. OCLC WorldCat/FirstSearch subsidy would likely have to fall back to academic/large publics to pay full freight. ISL is also seeing potential cut to operating funds from IN state budget, but the expectation is that statewide services like resource sharing will be prioritized. Public Services in building would most likely to be impacted by state budget cutbacks – will know more by the end of April.

- ii. Ruth: The new email expected from IMLS – any indication about when you'd know about partial/full funding?
 - iii. Jake: I expect to have an update on April 22.
 - iv. Trista: We're all getting ready for our next budget cycle; should we know about the LSTA decision before then?
 - v. Jake: Yes
 - vi. Ruth: Will there be a public announcement?
 - vii. Jake: That depends on what the information is; if we're fully funded, then yes – assume it'll be national news. Wish we had certainty at the state level, but that's not the case.
 - viii. Trista; thanks for the update, sure you're as stressed as we are.
 - ix. Jake – I'll be joining the ALI annual meeting in May to discuss as well
- b. Indiana Digital Library update

- i. Jake: Still creating bylaws for the group; submitted a draft which got review by counsel to formalize the group's operations. Jen Clifton will be main liaison moving forward.
- c. Evergreen update
 - i. Leigh Anne: Courtney sent notes; Remington, Jasper County, Wells County, and Jeffersonville Township have sent in applications; looking at 10 new additions total. Ohio County's launch is set for June 10. Brook-Iroquois is going up also, while Edinburgh is cataloging into the system. The E-Content is evaluating subscriptions
 - ii. Robert: that puts Evergreen up to 142, which is great!
- d. IN-SHARE update
 - i. Leigh Anne: January through March have been way up – back where Fall numbers were. IN Share would also be affected by LSTA cuts – they would go back to charging for IN Share, with a larger amount for larger libraries (but that's speculation).
- e. InfoExpress update
 - i. Leigh Anne: 66k parcels in March – nearing back to where 2023 levels were after the 2024 up and down debacle. Per year stats are also in a good place
 - ii. Trista: Is the Evansville hub still a problem
 - iii. Leigh Anne: Evansville has been cleaned up, yes. The Indy hub also had personnel changes recently, effecting service for the better. They're back scanning parcels again.
 - iv. Trista: Thank you.
- f. INSPIRE update
 - i. Leigh Anne: Usage was way up last month! Hard to figure which database, but it was all over databases. This is good news for INSPIRE but we don't know what accounted for it. Rosetta Stone usage is going up as well now that all levels are included.
 - ii. Trista: glad to see those numbers going up!

V. Old Business –

- a. Discover To Delivery
 - i. Leigh Anne. The planning committee's next meeting is May 1. They have decided that IU-Indy university library will host – they have a big room plus breakout rooms. Will send a call for proposals and poster sessions in mid-May after the next meeting. Definitely looking for presenters from public libraries – send names and share the call for proposals
 - ii. Trista: Will there be a virtual option?
 - iii. Leigh Anne: Yes

VI. New Business

- a. Leigh Anne: Originally had IMLS issue as new business but already covered.
- b. Trista: Jake, you'll send more information once available, correct?
- c. Jake: Yes – we can give an update when we know something. InfoExpress renewals are usually sent around now but we are waiting until more news
- d. Ruth: Is the decision state by state or national?
- e. Jake: Expect this to be a general announcement from the program officer – “your grant is renewed for the coming year” is the typical statement; hopefully it's business as usual, renewed for the coming fiscal year.
- f. Trista: If we get the grants can't the president just take them away?
- g. Jake: Probably; unfortunately even if sued we don't know what the president can do. Senators have advocated regarding IMLS and etc., and it seems like the acting director realizes the cascading effect that cuts would have nationwide on matching dollars and etc. Hope it's behind us all soon.
- h. Trista: Thank you.

VII. Set next meeting date

- a. Leigh Anne: Will send a Doodle poll – early June? Or sooner?

VIII. Announcements/Questions

- a. None

IX. Adjourned at 10:29 PM Robert moved; Ruth 2nd