

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR

### Winnefox Library System

Wednesday, January 31, 2018

#### **WINNEFOX STAFF GUEST – MELISSA KLEIN**

The staff guest for this meeting is ILS Specialist Melissa Klein. ILS stands for Integrated Library System, which is the basis for the WALs automation platform that includes materials circulation and acquisitions system, and its online public catalog. Melissa will introduce herself and describe the nature of her work for the board. **Action Requested:** No action is required.

#### **BOARD OFFICERS ELECTION**

A nominating committee was appointed at the November 29, 2017 Board meeting.

The committee has forwarded the following slate of officers for 2018:

Jerry Letcher - President  
Randy Fieldhack - Vice President  
Vicki Huffman - Secretary / Treasurer

Discussion. **Action Requested:** Decide whether to elect nominated slate of officers.

#### **2018 SYSTEM PLAN APPROVED BY WI DPI - DLT**

Exhibit A. contains the letter of approval from the State Superintendent of Public Instruction for our 2018 Annual System Plan. Approval of the plan triggered an electronic transfer of our first state aid payment, which represents 75% of the 2018 total. Total system aids for 2018 will be \$915,389, an increase of \$29,504 over the 2017 level. The state legislature last year approved a \$500,000 increase in total 2018 state library system aids. The increase is to be used to support system efforts to improve broadband Internet access, workforce participation, and lifelong learning. Winnefox is working on plans for using its \$29,504 share of that increase. **Action requested:** No action is required.

#### **RESOLUTION TO EXPLORE SHARED ILS**

Exhibit B. contains a resolution to initiate discussions and analysis of the feasibility of the Winnefox and Outagamie-Waupaca Library Systems creating a shared integrated library automation system (ILS). Such a shared automation system would be intended to serve the libraries now participating in the WALs and OWLSnet automation systems. Exhibit B. also contains a January 5, 2018 memo from me and OWLS Director Bradley Shipps, in which this exploration process is proposed. A straw poll of the member library directors attending the January 16, 2018 Winnefox Annual Meeting resulted in unanimous support for the proposal to explore a shared ILS with OWLS. Discussion. **Action Requested:** Decide whether to approve a resolution to begin an exploration of a shared ILS with OWLSnet, as contained in Exhibit B.

## **MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS**

- **Winnefox Assistant Director's Report** – the report of the Assistant Director is included for your information as Exhibit C.
- **Public Library System Redesign (PLSR) project update**

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Gilderson-Duwe  
Director