

Director's Report
June 2011

In preparation of the All Directors meeting and the 2012 budget, you have been given the ILS, Technology and Delivery budgets for 2012. You have also been given the pricing list for *Library Online*. *Library Online* is a software program that many members have on their public computers for time and print management for customers' use. These documents are part of the entire Board packet this month. All these documents have been shared with the members also.

The ILS, Technology and Delivery Committees have met and recommended their 2012 budgets to the Administrative Council. The Administrative Council voted on June 16 to recommend approval of the Technology and ILS budgets for use in calculating 2012 member fees. The Administrative Council will take action on the Delivery budget at their July 7 meeting. The Administrative Council also approved the Cost Formula Work Group's new formula for 2012 ILS and Technology fees. This will be a different formula than the one described in the current *Agreement to Participate in a Shared Automated Resources System*. A new addendum referencing the different formula and the addition of the Fitchburg Public Library as a member will be given to members to sign. A copy of the addendum is part of this month's board packet.

The libraries' member fees for ILS and Technology services are calculated by applying the cost formula to the recommended ILS and Technology budgets. The members vote on the fees at the All Directors meeting. The final 2012 budget is then approved by the SCLS Board of Trustees.

The voting weights to be used at the All Directors meeting were approved by the Administrative Council. They will be calculated in the same manner as last year. The All-Directors meeting will be held July 28 at the DeForest Area Public Library.

I've had the opportunity to visit several members in the last month including Nekoosa, Pardeeville, Pittsville, Rio, Rome and Wisconsin Rapids. I attended the grand openings of the Wisconsin Dells' remodel and Fitchburg's new library.

As requested by the Board of Trustees last month, Vicki Teal Lovely, Gary Poulson and I composed a response to the letter received from many Dane County Library Directors. The response letter was signed by Gary Poulson and sent via U.S. mail on June 22 to each individual director that signed the letter. The letter was an agenda item on the June 16 Administrative Council meeting. A discussion of an hour was devoted to the topic. Vicki Teal Lovely and the ILS Committee are creating a new and quicker process to collect input from all ILS libraries for prioritizing problems/issues to be fixed. The ILS Committee is also scheduling a special July meeting.

We are still waiting to hear from the Department of Administration and DPI on the timing and procedure to implement the Governor's budget mandate of employee contributions. We have been receiving questions from members about the proposed carry concealed law. Some of the members would like to be able to post signs prohibiting guns in their libraries or create policies prohibiting guns in their buildings. Cheryl Becker is researching the issue for members. The Support Services Manager position has closed and we are scheduling interviews with applicants for mid-July.

Respectfully submitted by Martha Van Pelt