



**Minutes: April 29, 2020 Online**

**(via Skype)**

**Approved**

CRPLSA attendees: Ann Hokanson, Stephanie Johnson, Michele Leininger, Carla Lydon, Liz Lynch, Laurie Ortega, Karen Pundsack, Krista Ross, Erin Smith, Jim Trojanowski, Scott Vrieze, Jim Weikum

State Library Services attendees: Jen Nelson, Hannah Buckland

Guest: Sam Walseth, Capitol Hill Associates

The meeting started at approximately 9:00 a.m. Jen welcomed everyone.

#### **Maintenance of Effort/Minimum Level of Local Support**

Neither Jen nor Sam are aware of any current conversations at the Legislature concerning library maintenance of effort. It is likely to be an issue in 2021. On a related note, it appears that the RLTA eligibility requirement that a public library be open at least 20 hours per week will likely be a non-issue for 2020 as the coronavirus pandemic would seem to constitute a “natural disaster” and allow libraries a waiver from the required open hours.

#### **National Emergency Library**

Jen wanted the regional directors to be aware of the National Digital Library <<https://archive.org/details/nationalemergencylibrary>> and the potential access for libraries. Mention was also made of Controlled Digital Lending <<https://controldigitalending.org/>> by libraries.

#### **Public Library Data Alliance**

Jen provided an update of the activities relating to the Public Library Data Alliance created by COSLA (Chief Officers of State Library Agencies). The group continues to welcome participants.

#### **Regional Library Telecommunications Aid (RLTA) Language Changes**

Jen and Hannah presented some possible methodologies for distribution of the amount of currently uncommitted dollars in the RLTA fund. There is still an opportunity for some of the remaining dollars to be allocated under Category 2 eligible expenditures. Options included, but were not necessarily

distribution formula; using the formula recently developed for the so-called “Hot Spot” grants; and using the Legacy (ACHF) distribution formula. Systems were encouraged to align the benefits of expenditures with “students and families.” Since any recommendation would not be binding for subsequent years, the group ultimately compromised with the even distribution method for this year only. Jen indicated that she is working on the application form and application process, as well as reporting requirements. Her office would like to expedite this process.

**Once again, the CRPLSA Secretary failed to record the time that the meeting concluded.**

*Jim Weikum, 2020 CRPLSA Secretary*