

OWLS Director Report

November 17, 2022 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

Joint System Strategic Planning

The survey and community questionnaire have closed. WiLS is compiling a data packet and worksheet for system board members to complete as our last data point. I anticipate that this will be shared with OWLS trustees this week or next. The planning team will participate in a webinar on December 19th and 4-hour framework development meeting in early 2023.

Expiring Board Terms

Three OWLS Trustees' terms will expire on December 31, 2022. Michelle Frola and Brian Looker will seek appointment for new three-year terms. Mark Marnocha will step down at the end of his term, and I am seeking candidates for an Outagamie County appointment, ideally representing the western half of the county.

System Standards Process

DPI is facilitating a process to develop standards for library systems in partnership with system directors. System standards would be used as a tool to encourage the ongoing development of quality system and library service in the state through the collection of data and information which will help us collectively, DPI and systems, identify strengths, recognize areas for improvement, and support the growth of system services. Any system service and administrative standards that are developed would be voluntary - i.e. not a requirement for compliance through any state authority nor connected to system aid funding. DPI plans to embed the standards framework within System Annual Plan and Report forms. DPI will also work with system business managers to establish a common accounting model for reporting system revenue and expenses in the annual plan and report in a manner that aligns with how system service and administrative areas are organized within updated system plan and report forms.

County Funding

Our budget requests were passed by the Outagamie County finance committee on 10/25 and by the Waupaca County finance committee on 11/2. The next step is approval of the county budgets by the respective County Boards of Supervisors.