



SHARE Finance & Policy Committee Minutes

Wednesday, August 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by chair Miranda Shake.

Roll Call

Members present: *Janet Cler, Esther Curry, Amanda Doherty (left at 10:50 a.m.), Betsy Mahoney, Jill Pifer, Miranda Shake, and Diane Yeoman.*

Members absent: None.

Others present: *Jennifer Baugh, Jace Cook, Rhonda Johnisee, Dena Porter, and Cassandra Thompson.*

Approval of July 19, 2023, Minutes

A motion and second were made to approve the July 19, 2023, minutes. Miranda Shake – yes, Janet Cler – yes, Esther Curry – abstain, Amanda Doherty – yes, Betsy Mahoney – yes, Jill Pifer – yes, and Diane Yeoman – yes. Motion carried.

SHARE Update

The contract with ByWater Solutions for Aspen has been signed, and implementation meetings are underway. Communications are being developed to send to members who signed up during the reservation period and to libraries who expressed further interest.

The affiliate expansion program is moving forward slowly, and delivery schedules are being evaluated and tested for those who have joined the program. School is back in session, and as more school librarians settle into the year, they will be contacted about the program.

Bibliographic Services has welcomed a new cataloger to replace a recent retiree. Aspen cleanup is ongoing, and the final lists should be sent in the coming weeks.

SHARE Administrative Services are focused on the back-to-school season and imports of student records. The newest SHARE members have all been schools, and the transitions are going well.

SHARE will be present at a few upcoming conferences, and members are encouraged to stop by the booths to interact with staff and pick up some SHARE swag items.

New Business

- **Other** – None

Old Business

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- **SHARE Member Fee Proposals**

- **Membership Fee Models** – Discussion focused on comparing the fee scale models presented by the SHARE Director. Considerations were made of libraries that would be most impacted by the F proposal, if there were any areas in which SHARE could trim the budget to reduce the needed increase, and how to best communicate to members that an increase is required regardless of moving to an all-inclusive model. SHARE does not have any areas in which cuts can be made. IHLS makes in-kind contributions through the support of the IT department, marketing and communications department, and more, which help keep the SHARE budget lean. Without the support of IHLS, SHARE would require much more funding for operations. Membership fees have also not been raised in four years.

A town hall meeting of the SHARE Finance and Policy Committee could serve as a place for members to ask questions of the committee and to evaluate for themselves what the best fee model would be overall. The following dates and times were decided upon for the town hall meetings: Sept. 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., Sept. 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and Sept. 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. A motion and second were made to approve dates and times for the town hall meetings and send the proposals out for member comment afterward. Miranda Shake – yes, Janet Cler – yes, Esther Curry – yes, Amanda Doherty – absent for vote, Betsy Mahoney – yes, Jill Pifer – yes, and Diane Yeoman – yes. Motion carried.

- **cloudLibrary Scale** – Tabled until next meeting.
- **Aspen Scale** – Tabled until next meeting.
- **Cataloging Fees** – Proposals were discussed to help balance the use of barcoding services with the fees members pay. Overall, having SHARE catalog items is typically much cheaper for libraries than having a full-time cataloger on staff, which means that even if the fees are increased for cataloging services, libraries are still saving money. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting due to time constraints.

- **Other** – None

Public Comment

None

Announcements

None

Next Meeting

Town Hall meetings: Sept. 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., Sept. 13, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., and Sept. 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled committee meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the chair adjourned the meeting at 12:03 p.m.

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