

Steering Committee Meeting, April 27, 2006 Salve Regina University

The Meeting was held at Salve Regina University

Attendance: Eileen Socha, Janet Levesque, Carol Brouwer, Kathy Ellen Bullard, Donna Longo DiMichele, Patricia Redfearn, Ruth Sullivan, Jackie Lameureux, Bob Aspri, Kathy Boyd, Tom Evans, Cindy Muhlback, Mary Zammarelli, Dorothy Frechette, Joan Ress Reeves.

1. Legislative Update - Once the House and Senate Bills are passed to create a special legislative commission to study the current strengths and weaknesses of library services in Rhode Island, the speaker of the house and senate president need to be notified to make appointments. Rep. Dennigan and Senator Roberts will also participate in moving the appointments along.
2. Legislative Adjustments - Tom Evans reported the funding bill H-7219 is unlikely to pass as the magnitude is too great. The bill was introduced to remind the general assembly of the need for funding Rhode Island's Libraries. Tom will draft legislation to review at the May 24 meeting.
3. Establishing an Executive Committee - It was felt there was no need to establish another committee. David will continue as chair and each meeting a member will volunteer to take minutes which will include attendance, action items and explanation of when and how the action will be accomplished.
4. III update on interface - Bob Aspri has investigated pricing. It will cost \$1,061,000. for one catalog - HELIN, CLAN, and Health Science Libraries. This would be a one time fee. Possibly this could be funded by a grant. A subcommittee to investigate funding sources was formed. Members are: Bob Aspri, Kathy Boyd, Joan Ress Reeves, Donna Longo DiMichele

The next meeting will be May 24, 2006 3pm at the East Providence Public Library.

Summary Submitted by Eileen Socha.