

SWAN Committee A Meeting
Minutes
RAILS Conference Room B
125 Tower Drive Burr Ridge, IL
Wednesday, January 11, 2011 9:30 A.M.

1) Call to Order

Mike Davis called the meeting to order at 9:35 am. Committee members present: Mike Davis (Chicago Heights Library) and Melissa Gardner (Broadview Public Library District)

The following SWAN members were present: Kathy Parker (Glenwood-Lynwood Public Library District), Kathy McSwain (Chicago Ridge), Carol Hall (Worth), Allan Morrow (McCook), Bob Lifka (North Riverside)

2) By-laws, IGA:

The committee reviewed the changes to the by-laws. The consensus from the members present was that these changes were fine.

3) FY11 Audit:

The committee shared the audit with the members.

4) 2012 Meeting Dates:

The committee shared the calendar for upcoming SWAN meeting dates. The members felt this was a good compromise.

5) FY13 RAILS/SWAN Contract Process:

We discussed a possible contract process and shared a letter to Cindy requesting that the SWAN board hold off on employing its own staff. The SWAN board had not yet discussed this letter. Members were given the opportunity to give input.

Kathy Parker: felt the board does not understand the reason for going "independent".

Mike Davis: talked about how Aaron reports to two different groups and how this would also give him control over his employees.

Allan Morrow: Felt if we could get more money than we currently do, by having them pay for staff that he would be in favor of that. Whatever we end up paying would be an increase for us.

Kathy Parker: The benefits for RAILS are generous now. For example family insurance. A question was raised that if there was not a contract would we have to move out.

6) Morton College:

Mike let the group know that Morton has requested information on the expense of migrating out of SWAN, and that it is believed that they are looking to align themselves with a college consortium. Allan Morrow requested that if they do leave SWAN that we do a formal exit interview with them.

7) Next SWAN Board meeting: January 20, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. in Burr Ridge
Before adjournment we opened the floor for any other discussion.

We discussed the Chicago Public Library, and ILL.

Bob Lifka asked some questions about volunteers in the Library.

8) The meeting adjourned at 10:25am.