

OWLS Director report

September 15, 2016 OWLS Board of Trustees Meeting

This report is quite short because I've been working on building the 2017 OWLS Budget and System Plan. I'll have a lot of background about financial issues to report.

- Trustee Week webinars were held the second to last week of August. If you didn't have a chance to list, recordings are available at <http://www.wistrusteetraining.com/recordings.html>. Please note that 2015 recordings are also available in the archive.
- I attended a PLSR meeting on August 19 and the SRLAAW meeting on August 22 in Madison.
- I've been notified that the Outagamie County Executive has not included the \$15,000 in rental assistance in the 2017 Outagamie County budget.
- The Hortonville Public Library has posted the position opening for the new director.
- Kimberly-Little Chute has not yet posted the opening. I will be attending the Kimberly –Little Chute board meeting in September to discuss the hiring process for their new director.
- The OWLSnet fees committee met again on September 9. The group plans to meet again in October and present at the November AAC meeting.
- All of the OWLSnet library boards have approved allowing OWLS libraries to use a collection agency. We expect to have a decision on this at the September AAC meeting and proceed with implementation.
- All of the OWLS membership agreements have been signed by the OWLS Library Board president and copies returned to member libraries.
- The new OWLS cataloger, Amanda Lee, started on Monday, September 12. She and the cataloging assistant now have desks in the OWLS office, and we're excited to have them here. We're also very excited to be up to full staff.
- On September 12, I met with the Waupaca County Finance Committee. The committee recommended approving the 2017 Waupaca County budget request.