

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
November 24, 2014

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Members present: John N. Barry, Bob Harris, Judge Michael Sheldon, Allen Hoffman, Jay Johnston, Justice Peter Zarella, Joy Hostage

Members absent: Ellen Cohn, Linda Anderson

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Dawn La Valle, Mark Smith, Diane Pizzo, Carol Trinchitella, LeAnn Power, Bill Sullivan (State Library), Betsy McIlvaine (ACLB), Paul McIlvaine (Friends)

MINUTES

It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 22, 2014, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

BOARD COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joy Hostage congratulated Ken on becoming the new president of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies (COSLA).

Joy announced that this is her last State Library Board meeting. Her appointing authority, the Senate President Pro Tem, did not seek re-election and so she has decided not to seek another term. Joy stated that it has been her pleasure to participate on the board and found it a very enjoyable learning experience. Ken stated that Joy will be missed very much and that she is, and has been, an important supporter of libraries, and is always willing to contact her legislators with important library issues that need legislative support.

John shared how he would often see Joy's name in the local newspapers, as she is a very active and dedicated library advocate in her town of Cheshire. Joy and her contributions to the Board will be missed.

John reported that he has received a letter of resignation from Board member Mollie Keller. He expressed his gratitude to Mollie for her many years of service. Her knowledge and input on matters that faced the State Library and libraries throughout Connecticut, will be missed.

The State Library Board expressed their appreciation to Mollie and Joy for the wisdom they brought to the board. They will be greatly missed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dawn La Valle commended Division of Library Development (DLD) staff Susan Cormier and Linda Williams, for coordinating a very informative and well received 2-day Summer Reading Symposium. They assembled a group of speakers from around the state who support literacy skills. Linda and Susan make every effort to ensure that the best resources, training and data are available.

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Ken invited questions on his written report. Joy stated that she was impressed to see all the staff outreach activity.

Jay asked about the disposition of the reQuest contract. Bill Sullivan answered

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that they are in the final negotiations with the vendor and then will be reviewed by the Office of the Attorney General. It will be a five year contract and the goal is to have it completed by mid-December.

Judge Sheldon stated that the Canton Library Director is retiring. The Director shared that with the future of libraries going digital he sees a younger library director continuing the forward progress of library technologies.

Judge Sheldon asked for the status of the Southern Connecticut State University's (SCSU) Library School's accreditation. Ken replied that he is serving on the SCSU curriculum committee and two advisory committees. The plan is for SCSU to apply for candidacy at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in June 2015. This process will take a couple of years. The library community is being brought into the process and the new Information and Library Science Advisory Board (ILS) is intended to be a long term advisory group to the school. Judge Sheldon feels that libraries are obvious areas where synergy is very important.

Ken and Dawn La Valle recently met with representatives of the NewAlliance Foundation. The representatives gave information on their three year grant program, "READY for the Grade", which is a public library summer reading initiative for K-3. Grants totaling \$450,000 are being made over 3 years to 4 of Connecticut's libraries (Killingly, Rockville, Wallingford and New Haven). NewAlliance is currently in the second year of their program, and are looking ahead to extending the funding to other libraries. This project is tracking the reading levels of participating children prior to entering the program and upon returning to school in the Fall.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Dawn La Valle, Division of Library Development Director and CLA President, reported that the CLA Legislative Committee met with Libby Post, a consultant who will be working with CLA, CLC, and CSL to develop and deliver a comprehensive advocacy training program for libraries.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Dawn La Valle reported that the Connecticut Public Library Standards Task Force continues to move forward. The Task Force expects to bring recommendations for public library standards to the State Library Board by late 2015.

Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board (CDLAB): Bill Sullivan, Administrator of iCONN, reported that Ellen Cohn from the Department of Education, and also a State Library Board member, have indicated to him that many people in the education community are not aware of iCONN. To address this, iCONN mailed letters to school superintendents and principals with links to an iCONN Dashboard for Educators through the Department of Education's electronic newsletter. A postcard with essential links to iCONN was mailed to all public school libraries. Information was also mailed to other educational organizations, as well as presentations and exhibitions at conferences.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): No report at this time.

OTHER REPORTS

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Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): President Betsy McIlvaine reported that ACLB had their Annual Trustee Leadership Conference on October 24, at the University of Hartford. The speakers were excellent and attendance was very good. Betsy stated that she will miss Mollie Keller and Joy Hostage as they leave the State Library Board. Both were tremendous library supporters and ACLB supporters.

ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Paul McIlvaine shared that the FOCL Annual Conference, held on November 15, was a great success. All of the presenters were excellent. Paul thanked Dawn La Valle for being a presenter. The Maker Space at the Trumbull Library was also the topic of one of the presentations. Paul passed around an iPad with photos of examples of 3D printing. 3D printing is an example of the technology that young people are moving towards. Paul stressed the importance of meeting the future needs of patrons.

FOCL

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Ken reported that the Bond Commission met and two construction projects that were previously approved were again approved by the Commission. Unfortunately, we were not able to get the e-Book Platform on the Bond Commission's agenda. There is currently a hiring freeze that will be impacting three State Library vacancies. We were; however, able to fill the Head of Access Services position. Ken discussed and provided details of the \$237,636 in reductions to the State Library's budget that were part of the Governor's Allotment Reductions which became effective 11/20/14.

OLD BUSINESS
Budget Update

Legislative Update: The State Library's legislative initiatives will focus on reinstating the Historic Documents Preservation Fund filing fee, requiring state agencies and municipalities to identify essential records as part of their continuity of operations plans, and requiring state agencies and municipalities to determine what is an official copy of an electronic record. Ken will be meeting with the Governor's staff to discuss the State Library's legislative agenda. Ken will update the Board on this meeting.

Legislative Update

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Appointments to the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board (CDLAB): By statute the State Library Board is responsible for approving the membership of the CDLAB. At its October 1, 2014, meeting, the CDLAB approved the nomination of Paula Orb for her first term and the nominations of Kathie Popadin, Christina Russo and Marie Shaw for their second term. It was MOVED (A. Hoffman) seconded (J. Johnston) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE APPOINTMENT OF PAULA ORB TO THE CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD IN THE CATEGORY OF PARENT OF K-12 STUDENT FOR A TERM OF OCTOBER 1, 2014, TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, AND THE SECOND TERMS OF KATHIE POPADIN, CHRISTINA RUSSO AND MARIE SHAW, FROM JANUARY 1, 2015, TO DECEMBER 31, 2016, IN THE CATEGORIES OF SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, SCHOOL LIBRARIAN, AND TEACHER, SCHOOL OR COLLEGE, RESPECTIVELY, ON THE CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD. PASSED unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS
Appointments to
CDLAB

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Approval of Appointments to the Advisory Council For Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Irma Claman, from Somers, has been nominated to

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ACLPD

serve her first two-year term on ACLPD. Ms. Claman will represent the Library User Region 3 position. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENT OF IRMA CLAMAN TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM BEGINNING DECEMBER 17, 2014, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2016. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

Approval of State Public Library Construction Grant Recommendations:

It was immediately MOVED (Judge Sheldon) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD AWARDS THE FOLLOWING STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTS:

Construction Grants

Motion

- \$1,000,000 to the Town of Chester for the Chester Public Library
- \$1,000,000 to the Town of Harwinton for the Harwinton Public Library
- \$621,000 to the Licia & Mason Beekley Community Library, Inc. in New Hartford
- \$1,000,000 to The Town of Southington for the Southington Public Library
- \$57,000 to the Farmington Village Green and Library Association
- \$229,625 to the Wallingford Public Library Association
- \$368,000 to the Town of Weston for the Weston Public Library
- \$20,570 to the Mystic & Noank Library, Inc. in Groton
- \$413,875 to the Town of Groton for the Groton Public Library
- \$22,045 to the Town of North Canaan for the Douglas Library
- \$500,000 to the Town of Windham for the Willimantic Public Library

PASSED w/ one abstention (J. Johnston) for only the Farmington grant award.

Approval of 2015 Meeting Calendar: After some brief discussion, it was decided that the May 18, 2015 meeting be moved to June 8th. It was MOVED (B. Harris) seconded (J. Johnston) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2015: JANUARY 26, MARCH 23, JUNE 8, SEPTEMBER 28, NOVEMBER 23. PASSED unanimously.

2015 Meeting Calendar

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ADJOURNMENT:

At 2:15 p.m., it was MOVED (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015, in the State Library's Reading Room

Respectfully submitted

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder