

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
January 28, 2008

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Members present: Bob Harris, Scott Hughes, Judge William Lavery, Mary Etter, Judge Francis Hennessy, Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, Barbara Westwater

Members absent: Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, John Barry

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Rich Kingston, Sharon Brettschneider, Bill Sullivan, Joanne Turschman, Bonnie Delaney (State Library), Anita Wilson (Friends), Chris Bradley (CLC)

Vice-Chairperson Bob Harris called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Harris explained that Chair Mollie Keller was unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts and sends her regrets.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE November 27, 2007, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ken Wiggin stated that he has received a faxed letter from Rep. Larry Cafero appointing Linda Anderson to the State Library Board. Linda Anderson replaces Board member Mary Etter. Mary Etter was appointed to the State Library Board by Rep. Bob Ward who has since left the legislature. Rep. Cafero replaced Rep. Bob Ward as House Minority Leader. Mary Etter stated that she will be transitioning off the Board and will refrain from voting at today's meeting. Linda Anderson will begin her term with the next Board meeting in March. The Board acknowledged Mary Etter's contributions to the Board and is sorry to see her go. Mary Etter replied that she would like to return to the Board in the future.

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Mr. Wiggin stated that he is pleased to acknowledge Joanne Turschman, the State Data Coordinator, for her timely submission of statistics each year. Mr. Wiggin presented her with a citation and also a special award from the National Center of Education Statistics, and also the 2007 Helen M. Eckard Award. The Board congratulated Ms. Turschman and thanked her for her diligent work.

Mr. Wiggin reported that the State Library has received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The State Library was one of 19 entities to receive a Connecting to Collections: Statewide Planning Grant that will be used to survey the conservation needs of collections held in libraries, museums, and archives.

Mr. Wiggin emailed Lisa Moody, the Governor's Chief of Staff, restating the State Library's interest in the church building the state is buying on Lafayette Street. Board member Joy Hostage stated that she feels the Gubernatorial appointments to the Board should make a point of speaking to the Governor about this matter. Mr. Wiggin agreed that would be a good idea.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): No report at this time.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD met in December 2007 and their main agenda item was the iCONN presentation that will be presented to the Board later in this meeting. ACLPD developed a subcommittee to revise the *Public Library Construction Program*

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Timetable and Guidelines. Revised guidelines will reflect \$5 million which are specifically targeted for distressed communities. Revisions will also include different criteria for distressed and non-distressed municipalities. The revised guidelines will fund more building maintenance projects for libraries serving distressed communities. The revised *Public Library Construction Program Timetable and Guidelines* will be presented to the State Library Board at their March meeting for consideration. ACLPD is seeking nominations for membership in the Library Users category. Mrs. Brettschneider encouraged anyone who has suggestions for nominations in this category to please let her know.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Chris Bradley thanked Sharon Brettschneider for her determination with the Attorney General's office to approve their grant and success in the release of funds to CLC. Sharon Brettschneider stated that the State Library's fiscal office was also very instrumental in that success. Ms. Bradley distributed CLC's most recent newsletter.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): No report at this time.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Anita Wilson reported that the Friends annual meeting is scheduled for June 14, at the Plainville Public Library. Wendell Mainer will be their guest speaker.

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): No report at this time.

Museum Advisory Committee: Ken Wiggin stated that the Governor has recently made a couple of new appointments to the Museum Advisory Committee. The Committee should be scheduling a meeting soon.

Mr. Wiggin reported that this evening there is a reception celebrating the nomination of Coltsville as a National Landmark. Governor Rell is scheduled to attend.

The Museum staff will be working with former Governor Meskill's family to have their photo taken with the Meskill portrait that is currently hanging in Memorial Hall. Arrangements are being made to have the portrait taken down to accommodate this family portrait.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that the Governor will be presenting a budget in February. Agency heads have not been encouraged to seek budget expansions. Mr. Wiggin reported that he is aware that the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) program funds are down over \$70,000. The Historic Preservation Account is taking in substantially less because of the housing and mortgage crisis.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that he is working with the Office of the Public Records Administrator and the town clerks to look at legislation to make electronic land recording possible in Connecticut.

Mr. Wiggin reported that CLA has hired a new lobbyist who, as it turns out, regularly uses the State Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Appointments to the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board (CDLAB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the CDLAB has four positions that became vacant in December of 2007. Applications to join the board were solicited electronically. The Nominations Committee met on November 16, 2007 to discuss the 29 applications that were received. The names of the full CDLAB are being recommended to the State Library Board. It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (B. Westwater) THAT THE STATE

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LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE APPOINTMENTS OF *DIANE KLARE, *DEBORAH, SANFORD, HAL BRIGHT, IRENE IRWAN, CAROLYN MARCATO, *KATE SHEEHAN, *SARAH GAGER, *KAREN DELOATCH AND JOHN COLEMAN FOR A TERM OF JANUARY 2008 THROUGH DECEMBER 2009. PASSED with one abstention (M. Etter). The names of the new members have an asterisk and the other names are current members that have agreed to serve a second term.

Ken Wiggin introduced Bill Sullivan, Administrator of iCONN. Bill Sullivan gave a very informative presentation on the recent developments from iCONN.

OTHER BUSINESS

Judge Lavery thanked Mary Etter for her service on the State Library Board and said he will miss her. The entire Board was in agreement.

Ken Wiggin stated that in working with the W.P.A Art project State Archivist Mark Jones is finding incredible information and inventory in the State Library's collections. Ken will have Mark update the Board on this exciting project at a later meeting.

At 2:40 p.m., it was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (J. Hostage) TO ADJOURN. PASSED with one abstention (M. Etter). The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) at the Van Block Facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder

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