

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
January 12, 2009

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Members present: Bob Harris, Judge William Lavery, Barbara Westwater, Mollie Keller, Joy Hostage, Scott Hughes, Allen Hoffman, Judge Francis Hennessy, Daphne Deeds, Linda Anderson

Members absent: Eileen DeMayo, John Barry

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Sharon Brettschneider, Rich Kingston (State Library), Jay Johnston (CLA), Chris Bradley (CLC).

MINUTES

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE November 27, 2008, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

MINUTES

Motion

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

PUBLIC COMMENT

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin very regretfully informed the Board members that former Interim State Librarian Patricia Owens passed away very suddenly on Friday, January 9. Ken Wiggin stated that he is working on a resolution in Ms. Owens' honor but that it is not finalized yet. It was MOVED (W. Lavery), seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND CAREER OF FORMER INTERIM STATE LIBRARIAN PATRICIA OWENS. PASSED unanimously. Mollie Keller added that the resolution should include Ms. Owens' invaluable help and guidance in the search for the current State Librarian.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Motion

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Chris Bradley handed out a brochure that outlines the funding goals of the Connecticut Library Association. Ms. Bradley also reminded the Board that the Annual CLA Conference dates are April 29, 2009 - May 1, 2009.

OTHER REPORTS

CLA

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD met last month. At the meeting there was a demo and discussion on collaborative summer reading programs.

ACLPD

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

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLB will be sponsoring a program at this year's Connecticut Library Association's Annual Conference.

ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the Friends will hold their Annual Meeting on June 13, 2009 and will feature the head of the West Hartford School system and author James Benn as their speaker.

FOCL

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Ken Wiggin reported that the CHF will be hosting a reception on March 12, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate and showcase the New Netherlands Exhibit which will be in our Museum. This exhibit was put together by the New York State Library. CHF is hoping to get some corporate sponsorship for this exhibit. The Governor has been invited to attend the reception.

CHF

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): Daphne Deeds reported that the Museum Advisory Committee has not met in a long time. The Attorney General's office has replied to MAC that they can have modest by-laws. Currently there are no by-laws.

MAC

OLD BUSINESS

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Budget Update: Ken Wiggin stated that he doesn't have much to add to his written report. He has not heard about any additional cuts. The Governor has issued a new more restrictive directive on state travel.

Budget Update

The Division of Library Development has sent out a survey to public libraries to determine if libraries are facing potential reductions.

Mr. Wiggin reported that Congress may pass an omnibus bill. The new administration wants a new budget. The State Library budget may be okay if this passes or may get hit harder. There hasn't been much discussion about this yet.

Mr. Wiggin sent the Governor's office a list of all construction projects that have been approved.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin reported that the State Library has submitted language to double the land recording fees. This is due to the historic documents fund dropping drastically because of the housing market collapse.

Legislative Update

There has not yet been any legislation raised that impacts the State Library.

Urban and Suburban Library Boards Communication Methods: Mr. Wiggin feels there are good communication methods in place for the urban and suburban libraries. Chris Bradley stated that the Connecticut Library Consortium will be talking about this at their July meeting.

Urban & Suburban
Library
Communication

Judge Lavery stated that the State Library should be the leader in defending the budget so that grants can be awarded on a regional basis. Ken Wiggin stated that the State Library can also share more information on its website. Sharon Brettschneider stated that WebJunction has information on Advocacy training. Judge Lavery expressed his concern about the libraries budgets. He feels that the State Library should take the lead in defending the funding to libraries.

NEW BUSINESS

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Approval of Appointments to the Connecticut Digital Library Advisory Board (CDLAB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that the CDLAB have two vacancies on their Board. At their December meeting CDLAB approved the nominations of two individuals to fill these vacancies. CDLAB is now seeking State Library Board approval. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE APPOINTMENTS OF CAROL KUBALA AND ERIC KELLY TO THE CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD FOR TERMS BEGINNING IN DECEMBER 2008. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of CDLAB
Appointments

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At 2:22 p.m., it was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2009, at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) at the Van Block Facility.

Motion

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder