

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
March 24, 2008

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Members present: Bob Harris, Scott Hughes, Judge William Lavery, Linda Anderson, Mollie Keller, Joy Hostage, Daphne Deeds, Barbara Westwater, Allen Hoffman, John Barry, Eileen DeMayo

Members absent: Judge Francis Hennessy

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Rich Kingston, Sharon Brettschneider, Louise Carey, Mary Louise Jensen (State Library), Anita Wilson (Friends), Chris Bradley (CLC)

Chairperson Mollie Keller called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. Ms. Keller introduced and welcomed the two new Board members, Eileen DeMayo and Linda Anderson.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE January 28, 2008, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED with three abstentions (M. Keller, J. Barry, A. Hoffman).

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Mr. Wiggin stated that he has nothing to add to his written report and invited any questions from the Board members. Joy Hostage asked for an update on the 129 Lafayette Street building. Mr. Wiggin explained that according to the Governor the building is intended for use by the Hartford Symphony and the State Library. The State Library would occupy the lower level of the building. Mr. Wiggin is currently working with staff on lease provisions, including space options. The Department of Public Works will maintain the building at their expense. Mr. Wiggin stated that he is still unsure about any funding for building renovations. Mr. Wiggin is thinking that the best use of this space may be to take Museum collections that are in storage on the 7th floor of the State Library and put them in the new building as a visible storage exhibit. Many issues such as security, handicapped accessibility and climate control still need to be addressed. Joy Hostage expressed an interest in the State Library Board touring the Lafayette Street building. Board member John Barry stated that he feels it's important for the Museum to have changing exhibits. Mr. Barry feels that we should get a message to the legislature reminding them that the Museum is a tourist attraction and the funding is important to keep the exhibits changing.

Mr. Wiggin distributed the State Ethics Commission filing requirements form to the Board members. He explained that, unfortunately, it is not an optional form and as a State Library Board member, filing this form is mandatory. Rich Kingston, Director of Administrative Services, stated that he is available if any Board members need assistance with the forms and also informed the members that there is also an online version of the form.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Chris Bradley distributed the programs for the Annual CLA Conference which will be held at the Mystic Marriott Hotel & Spa in Groton on April 28-30. Ms. Bradley thanked Sharon Brettschneider, Director of Library Development for allowing the distribution of these programs to libraries through CCAR.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Chris Bradley stated that the \$50,000 that was taken out of the CLC budget has been restored by the Elementary and Secondary

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Education Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee. CLA has a new lobbyist, Bobby Shea, who has already been working very hard and doing a great job.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD is seeking new members, especially in the library users category. Everyone was encouraged to contact Ms. Brettschneider if they had any suggestions to fill these positions. ACLPD approved the *State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines 2008-20009*, and will be bringing it before this Board later in this meeting.

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Suzanne Lee reported that ACLB's new president, Stan Seigel, is getting ACLB back on track and having meetings every month. Sharon Brettschneider is the State Library's representative on the Board and now has voting rights. The Friends representative on the Board also now has voting rights. These two new members have been very helpful. ACLB will be presenting a seminar at the CLA Annual Conference. They will also be having their Leadership Conference on October 31, 2008 at the Waters Edge. This year, instead of having speakers all day, there will be afternoon breakout sessions. The awards ceremony will be presented at lunch time instead of dinner.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): No report at this time.

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Ken Wiggin reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2008. Mr. Wiggin hopes that the potential new space in the Lafayette Street building will be the focus of fundraising efforts for the Foundation.

Museum Advisory Committee: Ken Wiggin stated that the Governor has recently made a couple of new appointments to the Museum Advisory Committee. Mr. Wiggin reported that a new Museum rack card is now available. Efforts will be made to get these rack cards to the tourist information centers throughout Connecticut.

Bob Harris asked for an update on the Hitchcock Company collection situation. Ken Wiggin stated that he visited the Hitchcock Company with the Museum staff and the State Archivist. Hitchcock has an extensive and very organized collection of materials relating to the Company as it was reconstituted in the 1940's. Much of the material relates to the production of individual pieces of furniture and includes the actual stencils that were used. Ken sent a report of their visit's findings to the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) who requested that Ken check out the collection. Mr. Wiggin feels that there are a lot of issues that the State needs to consider checking, among them the Intellectual Property and Copyright issues involved if the State were to purchase the collection. Ken feels that could set a precedent for other companies in Connecticut that are going out of business. The Museum staff felt that it would be difficult to store and service the collection given its size and scope.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Update: Mr. Wiggin reiterated what Ms. Bradley had reported concerning the \$50,000 for the Connecticut Library Consortiums. It will now be up to the full Appropriations committee to move it forward. Otherwise, no other changes to the budget have come about.

Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin distributed a Legislative Update document listing three bills that the State Library is tracking this legislative session. They are: Proposed H.B. 5284 "An Act Appropriating Funds to Expand Connecticut History Exhibits at the State Capitol, Legislative Office Building and Old State House", Raised H.B 5535 "an Act Adopting the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act", and Raised H.B. 5790 "An Act Concerning the Internet and Protection of Children". Mr. Wiggin stated that the State Library tried to suggest changes to H.B 5284. The State Library supports this Bill

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but has some concerns. Judge Lavery suggested that Ken Wiggin send a letter to Attorney General Blumenthal with his concerns and mark the letter "personal", to get his attention.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines 2008-2009: Mary Louise Jensen explained that the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD) reviews the Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines 2008-2009 for necessary changes. ACLPD brings recommended changes to the State Library Board for approval. The fact sheet which includes the revisions was distributed to the Board in their packets ahead of time so they would have a chance to review the recommended changes. There was some discussion on the Distressed Municipalities portion of the Guidelines. It was explained that the Dept. of Economic and Community Development determines the annual list of distressed municipalities and also their methodology for ranking the towns. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Westwater) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND GUIDELINES 2008-2009. PASSED unanimously.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Joy Hostage stated that she enjoyed reading the CONNservator newsletter that was included in the Board's packet.

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Judge Lavery informed the Board members that Judge Hennessy had been in the hospital with pneumonia but is now on the road to recovery.

Ken Wiggin stated that he would like to have the May Board meeting at the Southbury Library or, if that library was not available he would choose a different library. The Board was in agreement. At 2:17 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, 2008 at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) at a location to be determined.

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Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder