

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
March 23, 2009

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Members present: Bob Harris, Judge William Lavery, Joy Hostage, Eileen DeMayo, Scott Hughes, Allen Hoffman, Judge Francis Hennessy, John Barry, Daphne Deeds, Linda Anderson

Members absent: Mollie Keller, Barbara Westwater

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Rich Kingston, Lynne Newell, Mary Louise Jensen (State Library), Kathy Leeds (CLA), Carl Nawrocki (Friends)

The meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. by Vice Chair Bob Harris. Mr. Harris welcomed everyone and stated that Mollie Keller, Chair, is unable to attend this meeting due to personal conflicts.

MINUTES

It was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE January 12, 2009, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Ken Wiggin stated that he has nothing to add to his written report and invited any questions. Board member John Barry asked about the professional activities that Mr. Wiggin has participated in. Specifically, the question was who pays for the travel expenses. Mr. Wiggin replied that no agency funds are used and that either he or the organization that he is participating in pays the travel costs. Mr. Barry added that he wants to be sure that the Governor's directive to control spending is being observed.

OTHER REPORTS

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Kathy Leeds, President of CLA, thanked the Board for their hard work. Ms. Leeds reported that the CLA Annual Conference is scheduled for April 29, 2009 - May 1, 2009. Everyone was directed to the CLA website for detailed information on the schedule of individual seminars being offered. CLA remains hard at work on their legislative agenda.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): No report at this time.

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

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Ken Wiggin stated that ACLB is planning a conference for October and is also sponsoring two programs at the CLA Annual Conference.

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Carl Nawrocki reported that the Friends have just completed a survey of all the things FOCL offers its members and what was learned is that they find the FOCL newsletter most valuable specifically for news of what other groups are doing.

FOCL is doing a panel discussion at the CLA Annual Conference on the Relationships between Libraries and Friends. FOCL has planned a workshop targeted for Treasurers of libraries, to make sure they comply with new federal standards.

MINUTES

Motion

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Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Ken Wiggin reported that minutes of the January meeting indicate that there would be a reception for the Museum's New Netherland's exhibit but it did not happen. It was very difficult to recruit sponsors for the exhibit in this economic climate. However, the exhibit was extended through the end of April.

CHF

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): Daphne Deeds reported that the Museum Advisory Committee has still not had a meeting. Ms. Deeds stated that she and Board member Joy Hostage spoke and feel it would be good to hold a State Library Board meeting in the Museum. This idea was supported by Board member John Barry. This suggestion will be looked into as a possibility for the May meeting.

MAC

OLD BUSINESS

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Budget Update: Ken Wiggin stated that he needs to testify tomorrow on the State Library's non-appropriated fund balances. The majority of the non-appropriated funds comprise the Museum's acquisition funds. These monies are the result of previous deaccessions and the interest from this account is used to acquire more collections for the Museum. Mr. Wiggin pointed out that the code of ethics of the American Association of Museums and the International Council of Museums state that funds from the sale of objects in the collection should only be used for acquisitions or the direct care of the collections. Also targeted is the Historic Documents Preservation Fund account of which 30% is used to operate archives activities and pay for the administration of the Historic Documents Preservation grant program. The amount of funds in that account has already dropped due to the mortgage crisis. Other non-appropriated funds come from donations, bequests, foundation and other grants, and the sale of library books and other materials. After some discussion it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY CHARGES THE STATE LIBRARIAN WITH THE DUTY TO REPORT TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE THAT IT OPPOSES THE TAKING OF THE STATE LIBRARY'S NON-APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND THAT THE BOARD FULLY SUPPORTS AND ENDORSES THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF MUSEUMS' AND THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF MUSEUMS' CODES OF ETHICS. PASSED unanimously.

Budget Update

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Legislative Update: Mr. Wiggin distributed a handout listing the legislative bills that the State Library is tracking. Each bill was explained and discussed. Mr. Wiggin expressed concern with H.B. No. 6363 "An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning General Government, Conservation, Development, Regulation, Protection, Judicial and Corrections". If this bill passes it would repeal the statutes authorizing the State Library Service Centers. Ken Wiggin stated that among other things the Service Centers each have a training center, have heavily used collections and also house library development staff not directly associated with the operation of the Service Centers. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (A. Hoffman) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD OPPOSES THE ELIMINATION OF THE STATE LIBRARY SERVICE CENTERS WHICH IS PROPOSED IN H.B. 6363 AND THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD ALSO ENDORSES THE TESTIMONY OF THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD CHAIR DR. MOLLIE KELLER. PASSED unanimously.

Legislative Update

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Governor's Conference on Library and Information Services: Mr. Wiggin said that he had sent the Board a proposal for a Governor's Conference on Libraries in partial response to the discussion at the last Board meeting regarding the State Library Board's leadership role on library issues and setting public policy regarding libraries. In discussing the idea with the Division of Library Development, there was agreement on the need. However, given the current budget and staffing issues facing the State Library, it is Mr. Wiggin's recommendation that it would be more realistic to target 2010 for such a conference.

Governor's
Conference on Lib. &
Info Services

Approval of Construction Grant Timetable and Guidelines: The last *State Grant Program for Public Library Construction Timetable and Guidelines* was distributed as a reference for the changes suggested in the 2009-2010 version. Mary Louise Jensen reported that this document is reviewed annually to see if any changes should be recommended. The Board went over the suggested changes to the Timetable and Guidelines. It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (F. Hennessy) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE STATE GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION TIMETABLE AND GUIDELINES 2009-2010. PASSED unanimously.

Approval of Timetable and Guidelines

Motion

Approval of a Moratorium on the Restriction of Having Only Two One-Year Extensions for Existing and Future State Public Library Construction Grantees That Do Not Have Their Local Funding: Mary Louise Jensen stated that currently grantees are only allowed two one-year grant extensions if construction can not be started within 18 months of State Bond Commission approval. Given these difficult economic times libraries are needing more time to acquire their local funding. In order to help with this a moratorium on the restriction of only two one-year extensions is being recommended. Some Board members expressed concern about going back on what has been an effective policy and that this change might result in funds not being available sooner for other grantees. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (F. Hennessy) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES A TWO YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE RESTRICTION OF ALLOWING ONLY TWO ONE-YEAR EXTENSIONS FOR EXISTING AND FUTURE STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANTEEES THAT DO NOT HAVE THEIR LOCAL FUNDING. ALL YEARLY EXTENSIONS MUST STILL BE APPROVED BY THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD AND THE BOARD WILL REVISIT THE NEED FOR A CONTINUED MORATORIUM IN TWO YEARS. PASSED unanimously.

Moratorium on Two One-Year Grant Extensions

Motion

At 2:30 p.m., it was MOVED (F. Hennessy) seconded (A. Hoffman) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26 2009, at 1:15 p.m. (lunch at 12:30 p.m.) location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,

Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

Jane Beaudoin, Recorder