

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

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Members present: Bob Harris, Mollie Keller, Allen Hoffman, Linda Anderson, Judge William Lavery, Joy Hostage

Members absent: Scott Hughes, Eileen DeMayo, Daphne Deeds, John Barry, Judge Francis Hennessy

Others present: Kendall Wiggin, Jane Beaudoin, Mary Louise Jensen, Sharon Brettschneider (State Library), Jay Johnston (CLA), Chris Bradley (CLC), Carl Nawrocki (FOCL).

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**MINUTES**

It was MOVED (J. Hostage) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE MINUTES OF THE September 21, 2009, BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED. PASSED unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ken Wiggin reported that because of the H1N1 Flu, all state agencies now have to report on Tuesdays any staff who, for any reason, are absent. The computerized report called the WebEOC (Emergency Operations Center) is an Internet based program through the CT Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS). There is a Continuity of Operations page (COOP) that is specifically for pandemic related communication.

Board Member Bob Harris asked if any celebration is being planned to acknowledge the upcoming 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the State Library/Supreme Court building. Ken Wiggin replied that he has met with Judge Zarella about planning some kind of event. This subject was also discussed at the Connecticut Heritage Foundation.

**OTHER REPORTS**

Connecticut Library Association (CLA): Jay Johnston reported for President of CLA, Randi Ashton-Pritting. CLA is in the process of planning for the April 2010 Annual CLA Conference which, this year, will be held at the Mohegan Sun. CLA's membership had fallen from 1,000 to 500 members but do to a push to recruit young librarians the count has risen to 750.

CLA's legislative efforts were successful but it is still very difficult to get support from the Governor's office. Jay Johnston requested the assistance of anyone on the Board, especially Gubernatorial appointees and anyone who knows the Governor's Chief of Staff, Lisa Moody. Board member Bob Harris stated the financial crisis is such that even personal contact is no guarantee that funding will be restored.

Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLPD met in October. The main agenda item was to discuss and approve the LSTA funding for grants. The grant applications are due in early March and the recommendations will come before the State Library Board at its' May 2010 meeting.

Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC): Chris Bradley reported that CLC is putting together cooperative deals for programs to libraries. In discussing the budget battles, Chris stated that she has never seen everyone work together so well but unfortunately it didn't prevent the current budget holdbacks and reductions.

**MINUTES**

Motion

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**STATE  
LIBRARIAN'S  
REPORT**

**OTHER REPORTS**

CLA

ACLPD

CLC

Association of Connecticut Library Boards (ACLB): Sharon Brettschneider reported that ACLB is planning two workshops on board member basics. A workshop was announced for December 15 at the Willimantic Library Service Center but the registration was full so another workshop is being planned to help accommodate those not able to get into the first workshop.

ACLB

Friends of Connecticut Libraries (FOCL): Carl Nawrocki reported that the Friends held a Fall workshop and over 100 people attended. Tim Cole presented a program on volunteers called "Help Is On the Way". The workshop will be repeated in March to accommodate 50 people who could not get into the first workshop.

FOCL

Museum Advisory Committee (MAC): No report at this time.

MAC

Connecticut Heritage Foundation (CHF): Ken Wiggin stated that the CHF met this morning and set their meeting calendar to be the mornings of the proposed State Library Board meeting calendar for 2010. The Foundation is looking for new members and would be interested in any suggestions. They are also considering putting together a Planning Committee. The Foundation will be inviting some key State Library staff to their next meeting to discuss ideas for temporary exhibits in the Museum.

CHF

**OLD BUSINESS**

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Because of Sharon Brettschneider's careful management of the LSTA budget, the State Library has been able to offset the 5% reduction to the iCONN budget so that no further database cuts were necessary.

Ken Wiggin must submit another 5% reduction plan for the next fiscal year. He also stated that the Historical Preservation Grants will be reduced for all population categories next year and that there will be no second round grants this year due to lack of funds.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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Approval of 2009-2010 State Public Library Construction Grant Recommendations: Mary Louise Jensen explained that the bonding grant allocation for FY10 is \$0. There is \$6,341,944 in carry over funds from previous years for public libraries located in distressed municipalities and \$1,166,228 for public libraries in non-distressed municipalities.

FY09-10 State  
Public Library  
Construction Grants

Four applications were received and all 4 are being recommended for funding. A description of all the projects and the ranking of all eligible applicants were distributed to the Board in their packets for review. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH THE STIPULATIONS. AS STATED FOR THE STATE PUBLIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION GRANT AWARDS FOR FY09-10. STIPULATION ONE (1) SOIL-BORING TESTS AND THE ARCHITECT'S LETTER ABOUT THE SOIL BE SUBMITTED TO STATE LIBRARY STAFF BEFORE SIGNING WITH A BUILDING CONTRACTOR. STIPULATION TWO (2) IS THAT A PERK TEST FOR A SEPTIC TANK AND THE ARCHITECT'S LETTER ABOUT THE SOIL BE SUBMITTED TO STATE LIBRARY STAFF BEFORE SIGNING WITH A BUILDING CONTRACTOR. Category #1 (projects that create additional usable library space, such as new buildings, additions, and renovations) DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES – Vernon (\$1,000,000.) NON-DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES - Brookfield (\$1,000,000)/with stipulation 1), Category #2 (projects that make buildings handicapped accessible and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), correct fire or building code violations, remodel to accommodate new technologies, or provide for energy conservation) DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES – Meriden (\$91,666) NON-DISTRESSED MUNICIPALITIES – Cheshire (\$50,000). PASSED with one abstention (J. Hostage).

Motion

Approval of Recommended Appointments to the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development (ACLPD): ACLPD formed a Nominations Committee consisting of

ACLPD Nominations

Council members Jaime Hammond, Jim McShane and Paul McIlvane. Of the three ACLPD members whose terms were expiring but are eligible for a second term, two agreed to serve a second term. The committee sought candidates for representatives of the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) and regions 1, 2 and 6. Amy Terlaga, Assistant Director at Bibliomation has been appointed to represent CLC. There are still vacancies for regions 1, 2 and 6. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR LIBRARY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FOR A TERM BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2009 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011: AMY TERLAGA, CONNECTICUT LIBRARY CONSORTIUM; JAIME HAMMOND, CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION; AND MARY DAVIS, LIBRARY USER, REGION 5. PASSED unanimously.

Motion

2010 Meeting Calendar: There was discussion on the proposed 2010 meeting schedule. It was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (J. Hostage) THAT THE STATE LIBRARY BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR ITS REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS IN THE YEAR 2010: JANUARY 25, MARCH 22, MAY 24, JULY 26, SEPTEMBER 27, and NOVEMBER 22. PASSED unanimously.

2010 Meeting  
Calendar  
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**OTHER BUSINESS**

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Joy Hostage reported on the situation where a book was written about the tragic home invasion where a mother and her two daughters, Cheshire residents, were murdered. There has been a lot of disagreement among the community about whether the book should be part of the Cheshire Public Library's collection. Joy Hostage, who is also a board member of the Cheshire Public Library, reported that many Cheshire residents as well as the media attended the meeting where this matter was voted on. The Cheshire Library board listened to emotional testimonies of people who wanted to keep the books from the library's collection. The Cheshire Library Board voted five to one in favor of keeping the book in the library. There are already 20-25 people on a waiting list to read this book.

At 2:15 p.m., it was MOVED (W. Lavery) seconded (B. Harris) TO ADJOURN. PASSED unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25, 2010, at 1:15 p.m. at the Van Block Facility.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kendall F. Wiggin, Secretary

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Jane Beaudoin, Recorder