

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 2004**

Board Members present for the January 21, 2004 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Macaulay, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Stephens. Mr. Johnson, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Rogers were also present.

Chairman Macaulay called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

The Minutes of the November 19, 2003 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Director's Report was mailed with the call to the meeting. Mr. Johnson mentioned several additional items. Debra Thornley has been hired as director of Finance and Business Operations. She begins work on February 17, 2004. The Management Team has been meeting to discuss options for the State Library with reduced funding or in a government restructured environment.

Unfinished Business

The financial reports were accepted as information.

New Business

Mr. Johnson presented information about the Governor's Executive Budget. It calls for the State Library to be combined with other "cultural" agencies in a new department, the Department of Literary and Cultural Resources. Other agencies in this department would be the Arts Commission, the Department of Archives and History, and the State Museum. Our proposed budget for FY05 would include a 15% reduction in travel, meals, registration, and phone expenses (\$7,373), an 18% reduction in administration (\$67,191), and the transfer of the Continuing Education Coordinator position from state to federal funds (\$65,846). The Governor did not recommend reducing State Aid to County Libraries, which would remain at \$1 per capita with a minimum grant of \$40,000 per county.

A bi-partisan bill was introduced in the Senate to restructure state government. This bill, S.841, would place the State Library and the agencies mentioned above and the ETV Commission under the Budget and Control Board.

The State Library Board discussed the above options and came to a consensus that S.841 is preferred over the option in the Executive Budget. This is the position the agency will take before the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Judiciary Committee.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Macaulay declared the meeting adjourned.

James B. Johnson, Jr.
Secretary to the Board