

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2004**

Board Members present for the March 17, 2004 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Macaulay, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, 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 January 21, 2004 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Director's Report was mailed with the call to the meeting. Mr. Johnson mentioned several additional items. Board Member Barbara Gadegbeku called Mr. Johnson prior to the meeting and indicated she was unable to attend and would submit a letter of resignation from the State Library Board. Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the Chairman of the Talking Book Services Advisory Council indicated an interest in raising \$10,000 from private donors to purchase digital recording equipment. **Mr. Campbell moved and Ms. Smith seconded a motion that the Talking Book Services Advisory Council be authorized to solicit funds for the purchase of digital recording equipment. The motion passed unanimously.**

Unfinished Business

The financial reports were accepted as information.

The status of the FY05 budget was discussed. Mr. Johnson indicated that the House of Representatives passed their version of the budget last week. The agency's budget has been reduced by 12%, but a portion of that reduction will be returned as one-time funding. Exactly how much will be returned and when the agency will receive those funds is unknown. The base budget for FY06 will reflect the 12% cut. The budget now goes to the Senate. Dates for Senate Finance Subcommittee hearings have not been established.

New Business

Mr. Johnson mentioned that FY04 LSTA funds have been received. The agency will present information on sub-grants to public librarians at the March 26 APLA meeting. Public libraries that are not represented at that meeting and at a meeting on March 29 on outcome based evaluations will not be eligible for a grant this year.

Chairman Macaulay appointed Margaret Bundy and Gwen Smith as a nominating committee. They will present candidates for Chairman and Vice Chairman at the May 19, 2004 State Library Board Meeting. New officers assume their responsibilities July 1, 2004 for a two-year term.

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

James B. Johnson, Jr.
Secretary to the Board