

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2005**

Board Members present for the July 20, 2005 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Stephens, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Macaulay. Ms. Penny Harvey representing APLA attended as their liaison. Ms. Butcher was also present.

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:40 am.

The Minutes of the June 15, 2005 meeting were accepted as mailed.

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She thanked the Board for the contract with Mr. Johnson which has allowed them to travel to libraries and to meet with other state organizations.

Ms. Butcher brought to the Board's attention the award received by Senator Malloy during the recent American Library Association conference in Chicago. Malloy received the award, presented by ALTA, for his advocacy work on behalf of South Carolina libraries.

Ms. Butcher also noted that she had been accepted into the Executive Leadership Institute sponsored by the state for agency heads. Classes begin in August, and run through May 2006.

Unfinished Business

The Board accepted the Financial Report as information. Ms. Butcher noted that sufficient funds have been carried over to operate until new funds are received in September.

New Business

Ms. Butcher reviewed with the Board the schedule for training at the August 17 meeting. Pat Wagner, Denver CO, will lead training on structure, duties and responsibilities. A representative from OHR will review Agency Director Evaluations with board members. A reception with the Board for State Library staff is planned immediately following the board meeting.

The Board discussed their meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. It was agreed that the Board will meet on August 17, Sept. 21, and either November 2 or 9. There is no December meeting.

Several Board members asked about parking arrangements, so that parking will be available nearby for upcoming Board meetings.

Chairman Stephens noted a recent article in Popular Science and complimented ALA on their stand against “broadcast flags” which would have been embedded in every DTV signal to track certain usages. [Washington, D.C. Court of Appeals May 6, 2005 ruling stopped the enactment.]

Ms. Harvey reported on APLA’s interest in the Board’s work, and thanked the group for the opportunity to join their meetings. In addition to interest in state grants and LSTA funds, APLA is grappling with the issue of retirement and recruitment of county library directors in the next few years. She noted that the profession might change as these retirements occur. Libraries’ roles are also changing.

Mr. Campbell reported on the National Geographic series “Guns, Germs, and Steel” which highlights new information on geography, agriculture and DNA. Campbell thought the resources available might be of interest to libraries. [<http://www.pbs.org/gunsgermsteel/>]

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

Patti J. Butcher
Secretary to the Board