

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
January 18, 2006**

Board Members present for the January 18, 2006, State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Stephens, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Hyler, and Mrs. Crawford. Ms. Penny Harvey (Kershaw County Library) representing APLA attended as their liaison. Ms. Butcher and Ms. Williams were also present.

[Board members toured the Center for Children, Books and Literacy at 10am. Helen Fellers, director, provided an overview of the Center. The board then looked at the space designated for the new South Carolina Center for the Book.]

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

The Minutes of the November 2, 2005 meeting were accepted as mailed.

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She highlighted staff hirings and promotions. Only one vacancy remains (in Library Development). The State Library's budget hearing was postponed and will be rescheduled. The handouts prepared for legislators were provided to board members. The \$5 million Construction Grant matching program is one of the main budget requests, and would target counties with the greatest need.

The board received a mid-year statistical summary, prepared by Guynell Williams, and an updated organizational chart including new staff, promotions, and the move of HR back to F&BO.

Terms of three board members expire in June: Campbell, Stephens, and Bundy. Ms. Bundy is not eligible for reappointment. Campbell and Stephens are willing to be reappointed by the governor.

The state library annually recognizes state agencies for outstanding state documents and websites (in connection with Freedom of Information Act day in March). The board agreed to extend their March 15 board meeting in order to participate in this year's award ceremony. Arrangements will be made to hold the event the afternoon of March 15.

Ms. Butcher reported on a meeting of southeastern state libraries hosted by the SOLINET network in December. Many similar issues are faced by all state libraries in our region.

The federal LSTA grant program will be evaluated this year, and a new 5-year plan will be developed (due in 2007). As part of the planning process, meetings will be held around the state to gather input from librarians and trustees.

Mrs. Hyler brought up the problems faced by senior citizens in signing up for the new Medicare prescription drug program. She suggested that libraries partner with volunteers in their area to provide internet access, computers and assistance in signing up for the program. Butcher will follow up with the Aging Agency.

## **Other Items and Reports**

The Board accepted the Financial Report as information. Ms. Butcher noted that it indicates we are where we should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Board members were reminded that they must fill out an annual Ethics disclosure form for the state.

## **Action Items**

The Board approved adoption of "Public Library Standards" sections on Governance and Personnel (Bundy/ Campbell). Board members liked the glossary. Several questions were raised, and fielded by Curtis Rogers, who will follow up for additional information.

The entire Standards document is being revised by section, with the Board receiving sections for approval as they are completed.

Ms. Harvey, representing APLA, discussed recent legislative advocacy efforts by the county libraries to the House Ways & Means subcommittee. Thanks are due Todd Stephens, Dwight McInvaill and Jim Johnson for spearheading this effort. Ms. Harvey expressed concern about legislative efforts to eliminate the property tax and replace with increased sales tax. Questions about how this would affect county funding of libraries have not been answered. We will watch this issue closely as it progresses through the legislature.

Mr. Stephens discussed letters he sent to library board chairs to raise funds to assist the New Orleans Public Library in its rebuilding efforts after Katrina. Jim Johnson is coordinating this effort in South Carolina. He provided sample letters to be used by board members for similar mailings.

### **Announcements:**

Annual Trustee Institute, Jan. 28, Marriott Hotel  
SC Center for the Book Grand Opening, Feb. 24, State Library  
SC Book Festival, Feb. 24-26, Columbia Convention Center  
Legislative Day, March 8, Clarion Town House

Mrs. Hyler informed the board that she has accepted a position as Executive Director of The School Foundation in Florence. She began two weeks ago, and is getting the office set up. It is the largest private endowment for public education in South Carolina.

Bundy moved and Crawford seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Patti J. Butcher  
Secretary to the Board