

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
March 15, 2006**

Board Members present for the March 15, 2006, State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Stephens, Mr. Campbell, 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.

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

The Minutes of the January 18, 2006 meeting were accepted as mailed.

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She highlighted the check presentation to Williamsburg County Library, her trip to SC School for Deaf & Blind, and the Book Festival. The new OPAL audio conferencing SC Room was mentioned, along with building updates on repairs and maintenance. The Center for Children, Books and Literacy will have more space on the mezzanine level so that classes can meet in a room.

New staff have begun work in IT, LDS, and F&BO. Remaining openings are the PR Coordinator and CE Coordinator (in Library Development).

The SC Center for the Book opened in Feb. and several board members attended. The SCSL Foundation is working to meet its \$25,000 challenge grant for "Every Child Ready to Read". Several notable persons have donated their time to record Talking Books for that service.

Butcher provided an update on budget hearings and action so far on our requests. The House report included the DISCUS request only; however, \$100,000 was added later to the construction grant fund request. Amendments will be made from the floor related to State Aid increase and construction grant fund (\$2 million). The Senate hearings went very well.

A major project during this year is the development of a statewide public library catalog and interlibrary loan system. Two vendors have visited the state to demonstrate products. The CIO's office will assist with an RFI or RFP, and with the bid process. Federal funds will be used to implement this project. Butcher will provide a demonstration of a statewide catalog at the May board meeting.

LSTA proposals are due March 17 to the State Library. This year a review committee will include 3 outside people, along with library development staff.

Ms. Butcher informed the board that there will be several action items at their May meeting.

### **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.

Ms. Harvey, representing APLA, reported that Legislative Day March 8 was very successful. The turn out was very good. Three SCSL board members attended: Stephens, Bundy, and Campbell. Ms. Harvey has asked Senator Vincent Sheheen to attend the next APLA meeting in May to discuss library issues.

Ms. Harvey also mentioned the DuPage teleconferences, and that they are appreciated by library staff.

APLA is partnering with the State Library and USC library school to host a statewide leadership institute in May. The target audience is library directors, middle managers, and library school students including the Palmetto Scholarship students.

Mr. Campbell informed the board that he hosts a Genetic Literacy program every Saturday at Charleston County Library. On March 25, 10am -1pm, a panel discussion will be held on the Jonathon Kozol book "The Shame of the Nation." Anyone in the area is encouraged to attend.

Announcements:

April 5 – TBS 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration

April 7- DuPage teleconference "Serving Immigrant Populations"

April 28 – DuPage teleconference "Google Print: Its Impact on Scholarship and Libraries"

May 4 – Staff Recognition Luncheon

**May 17, 2006 - Board meeting, 10:30 am**

May 19 – Bobbie Adkins retirement reception

Hylar 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