

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
July 19, 2006  
(Amended)**

Board Members present for the July 19, 2006, State Library Board Meeting included Chairman B. G. Stephens, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Hylar. Ms. Penny Harvey (Kershaw County Library) representing APLA attended as their liaison. Ms. Butcher was also present. Mrs. Betsy Crawford participated by conference speakerphone.

[Board members toured the 1500 Senate building at 10am.]

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. The Minutes of the May 17, 2006, meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Board discussed hosting a reception for outgoing board members (Mr. Campbell and Mrs. Bundy) and the new SLIS director, Dr. Samantha Hastings, prior to their Sept. 20 regular meeting. Board members also requested the list of senators responsible for the designation of surplus lottery funds to public libraries. Ms. Butcher will provide this list.

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She highlighted staff hirings and a recent resignation. Kevin Sanders and Heather Nye began the first week of July. Board members reviewed the updated Disaster Preparedness Emergency Plan. Board members expressed very positive impressions of the new web site, and complimented the webmaster, Tao Gao.

Budget successes were reviewed, with an outline of the increased support for public libraries and for the state library. Ms. Butcher provided an overview of the recent meeting with public library directors hosted by the State Library. The main agenda topics were reported, along with the resource sharing videoconference.

### **Other Items and Reports**

The Board received May and June 2006 financial reports. It was noted that SCSL ended the year with a small amount of carryover. The board received an end-of-year statistical summary, prepared by Guynell Williams. Ms. Butcher briefly noted the new EPMS policy approved by OHR, and the positive improvements in the new instrument, which is being used as of July 1.

### **Action Items**

[Ms. Crawford was added to the meeting by phone at this point.]

The Board discussed election of officers, and determined to delay action until the next meeting. They also entertained the idea of adding liaisons to the board, from the library school and the staff. Members asked the role and duties of liaisons, and agreed that Ms. Butcher could proceed with implementing these. Having received the revised Mission Statement this morning, they also tabled adoption to the September meeting.

The Board considered the request to allow an exception to expenditures from the Callaham Fund during FY06-07 of an additional \$5,000. These funds will allow Ms. Butcher, Ms. Vereen, and Dr. Rogers to attend the COSLA Leadership Institute this summer. Motion passed unanimously (Stephens/ Hyler).

The Board reviewed the budget requests for FY 07-08 in two groups: APLA requests and SCSL requests. Board members voted to approve the APLA budget requests unanimously (Stephens/ Crawford). The Board then voted to approve the SCSL requests unanimously (Stephens/Horne).

APLA requests:

- Increase State Aid per capita support to \$2.50, with the increase targeted at improving library salaries and additional materials. (approximately \$2 million in new funds)
- Provide \$50,000 per county from Education Lottery Funds, to be used for technology expenditures in public libraries. (approximately \$2.3 million)
- Construction projects to be included in a possible Bond Bill with the state. (amount to be determined)

SCSL requests:

- Full funding of DISCUS databases, including increased contract costs and additional database purchase. (\$2.75 million in recurring funds = a 500,000 increase)
- State support for SConnects @ your library catalog and ILL system. (\$500,000 in recurring funds)
- Request for funds to pay Energy Surcharge bill for FY06-07. (\$73,500)

**[Amended 9-20-06 to reflect the board's discussion of the Energy Surcharge bills: what it is, why we have not paid it, why we are requesting funds to pay, and what has been done in the past regarding these bills.]**

Chairman Stephens will collate Board responses to the Director's evaluation form, and will confer with Ms. Butcher to complete the process by the Aug. 15 deadline.

Ms. Harvey, representing APLA, reported that she will attempt to send regular reports to her group regarding Board actions. She indicated that APLA had not met as often as usual during the past year, and that the group will schedule more regular meetings. Ms. Harvey also expressed her desire for APLA meetings to include time for networking and sharing of ideas.

Chairman Stephens expressed his hope that the Governor to make board appointments as soon as possible, so that the Board will have a full complement by the September meeting. The Board will host a reception and recognition on Sept. 20, in Room 309 of 1430 Senate.

Announcements:

2007 Legislative Day is scheduled for March 21. The Board will meet at 10am and adjourn by 11:30am to attend the luncheon with legislators.

Board members were encouraged to attend the Technology Institute on Sept. 13, 2006. Ms. Butcher will forward information to them, and register all those requesting it.

Hylar moved and Horne 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