

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
September 20, 2006**

Board Members present for September 20, 2006, State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Stephens, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Horne, and Mrs. Crawford. Ms. Penny Harvey (Kershaw County Library) representing APLA attended as their liaison. Travis Ferrell attended as the LISSA liaison. Ms. Butcher was also present.

[Board members attended a reception at 10am recognizing Mrs. Bundy and Mr. Campbell, along with Dr. Samantha Hastings (new SLIS director) and the REACH 2010 national award winners from Georgetown and Charleston.]

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. A quorum was present.

The Minutes of the July 19, 2006 meeting were accepted as amended. [Note: minutes have been amended to reflect the discussions surrounding non-payment of current energy surcharge bills.]

### **Director's Report**

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She highlighted recent staff hirings. Ms. Butcher mentioned recent technology workshops for staff, and their success. A Tech Institute for public libraries was held Sept. 13, with nearly 300 in attendance. The speakers focused on Library 2.0; funding was provided by the Gates Foundation.

### **Other Items and Reports**

The board received financial reports covering July and August 2006. Ms. Butcher provided an overview of the State Library's budget, and an explanation for the small amount of operating expenses. Reliance on federal funds for operations and 22 staff positions is a long-term concern, based on support for LSTA at the national level. The governor's requirement to show a 2% reduction in budget submissions was problematic, as nearly two-thirds of state funds are allocated as pass-through.

The board received the RIF (Reduction in Force) policy as information. The policy has been approved by OHR. Board members received copies of Ms. Butcher's annual evaluation, which was completed and submitted by Chairman Stephens to the Agency Head Salary Commission. Mr. Stephens attached a cover memo to Senator Leatherman, requesting consideration of a salary increase.

Board members received renewal of state license plates forms. Discussion of budget requests was deferred to Action Items.

### **Action Items**

The Board voted to defer election of officers pending action by the governor regarding board appointments. (Horne/ Crawford) Mrs. Bundy and Mr. Campbell will continue to serve as needed until replacements are named. Mr. Stephens will continue as chair pending the governor's decision on his reappointment.

A request from Jim Johnson, representing four South Carolina library groups, to endorse the entire library legislative agenda for 2007 was presented for discussion. Questions regarding the actions of other library groups, and about the specific requests from schools and academic libraries were answered. The board voted to endorse the "South Carolina Library Legislative Agenda 2007" as presented. (Bundy/ Campbell)

### **Reports from Liaisons**

Ms. Harvey, representing APLA, indicated that she expects APLA to endorse the Legislative Agenda at its October meeting. She shared that the SC Association of Counties approved the public library and state library requests. Ms. Harvey stated that public libraries are extremely pleased with the lottery funds allocated to them in the last legislative session.

Mr. Ferrell, representing LISSA (the student group at the library school), discussed a number of projects that students are currently involved in, including: Reach out & Read project; support for a library in Zambia targeting children with AIDS; development of a card catalog for a library in Haiti; and field trips to area libraries. LISSA will send a regular representative to board meetings to encourage a closer working relationship with the State Library.

### **Other Discussion**

The issue of "open access" and out of county fees was raised by Mrs. Crawford. Ms. Butcher has also received direct communication from the governor's office and from public library and school library patrons. This is a long-term issue that will need to be addressed at a statewide level, to insure that all students have access to resources. Board members noted that library usage has increased nationally, and that computer usage – especially in this state – has continued to increase.

#### **Announcements:**

Friends of South Carolina Libraries annual meeting, Oct. 14

State Library closed on Oct. 17 (a.m. only) for staff development; Nov. 10 and Nov. 23-24 for state holidays.

Bundy moved and Campbell 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