

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
July 18, 2007
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

All members were present with the exception of Debbie Hyler and Maria Macaulay. Wlodek Zaryczny represented the Association of Public Library Administrators. There was no representative from SLIS. Pam Davenport, Manager of Talking Book Services (TBS) was present to provide a brief overview of the service. David Goble took notes.

Chair, BG Stephens called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 16, 2007 meeting were accepted.

David Goble was asked to make a phone call to each board member on the Monday preceding board meetings to make sure they have received their packet and to remind them of the time and location.

David asked Pam Davenport to provide a brief overview of the talking books services. Pam explained the service and the fact that TBS serves over 8,000 patrons with books and magazine articles on tape, braille, and large print. Pam also pointed out such highlights as the celebration last October of our 7 centenarian patrons, our telecom pioneer volunteers who repair the cassette players, and the anticipated move from cassette to digital format.

Director's Report:

David Goble provided updates on the following:

- ✓ Strategic Planning – The USC Institute for Public Service and Policy Research has been assisting with a strategic planning effort. Following focus groups with the library staff, the leadership team has met with members of the institute to discuss stakeholders and to perform a gap analysis of services and expectations. – The board cautioned David to make sure that the strategic plan is a true action plan and not a static document meeting the requirement for a strategic plan.
- ✓ Vacancies – Cecilia Hem Lee has been hired to fill a vacancy in the TBS Readers Advisory area. The position description for the HR Director was upgraded and re-advertised. Of the 90+ applications received only three were worth interviewing and only one was successfully interviewed. It is hoped that the upgrade will result in a more qualified pool of applicants. David announced the death of Shaul Lewsky who had been with the library as Network Administrator for only a few months. Memorial services were held on Sunday July 15th.
- ✓ Computer Games/Lottery Money – David stated that the State Library responded to inquiries from the Governor's Office and the House Research Office regarding Horry County's attempt at creating a gaming program similar to Georgetown's program. Essentially the position taken by the State Library is that Gaming Technology when appropriately administered in connection with, or in support of, traditional library services is "educational technology delivery" and appropriate under the statutes dealing with the use of lottery funds provided to libraries.
- ✓ SchoolRooms Project – The contract for SchoolRooms has been signed and work has begun on the implementation plans for the service. Shae Tetterton has been assigned as project manager. David apologized for not following up on Marie Horne's request for

additional information at the May meeting. David will have Shae Tetterton contact Marie for a demonstration.

- ✓ Agency Insurance Policies – David stated that he had renewed all the policies in place last year. Dan Mackey suggested he ask for reviewing assistance from the insurance department at the Budget and Review board. David said he would make that happen.
- ✓ Audit – David informed the board that a financial audit had been completed and a preliminary report issued. David will be working on the Library's response for the final report.
- ✓ Budget – The budget was received. Operating funds for the Library remain consistent with previous years. State Aid to public libraries increased from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per capita with the smallest counties receiving a minimum of \$60,000. This represents an increase of \$10,000 for the smallest counties.

Other Reports:

School of Library and Information Science - The SLIS Student Association Report was not given as the students are out for the summer.

Association of Public Library Administrators (APLA) - Wlodek Zaryczny, President of APLA reported as follows:

1. SchoolRooms Project: APLA supports this project as a way to the relationship with Schools. SchoolRooms will increase the cost effectiveness and the number of available databases. Everyone will benefit.
2. APLA has voted to support the following legislative agenda:
 - An increase in State Aid from \$2.25 to \$2.50 per capita and to maintain a \$60,000 minimum grant
 - \$50,000 in Lottery Funds per library system
 - Support efforts for the Blind and Physically Handicapped program
 - Continued funding for Discus
 - APLA will recommend including these items for the 2008 SCAC (S.C. Assn. of Counties) Legislative Policy Position, which is due on August 10, 2007.
 - The Committee is exploring sponsoring Legislative Luncheons in odd years and promoting local, regional efforts in even years as a more effective approach to convey public library needs to state legislators. Under this plan the next Luncheon would take place in 2009.
 - Construction -The Legislative Committee recommends keeping construction separate from the budget process and instead to develop State Regulations for Public Library Construction projects. The aim is to work with the State Library to develop such regulations.
3. APLA Strategic Planning 3-5 yrs-Approved at its April 20th meeting, APLA intends to address, with the assistance of the State Library, the following:
 - Public library valuation, e.g. such economic impacts as workforce development, literacy, business support, community revitalization, support for homeschoolers, etc. Marketing library impact needs to be an essential component of public library evaluation efforts.
 - Update and strengthen standards and incorporate them into State Aid requirements.
 - CE requirements, scholarships for MLS degrees, wages

4. APLA intends to partner with the State Library and School of Library and Information Science to address the aforementioned areas. On May 18, 2007, David Goble, Dr. Samantha Hastings and Jennifer Arns from USC and I met to explore developing a working relationship and possible initiatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Next Meeting: September 19, 2007.

Submitted by,

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Director