

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
July 23, 2008
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

All members of the State Library Board were present except Deborah Hyler. Sarah McMaster represented the Association of Public Library Administrators. Grant Key, President of the SC School of Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) and Ernest Greene represented LISSA. David Goble took notes.

Chair, BG Stephens called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 28, 2008 meeting were accepted.

Mr. Stephens stated that the board would, pending approval of a motion, go into executive session following the reports to discuss a personnel issue.

Reports:

Directors Report:

- ✓ Mr. Goble handed out a draft of the library's 2008-2009 business plan and provided a summary of its contents. Mr. Stephens suggested that home school students be considered in the plan. Home schoolers are users of SchoolRooms and will be included in the Education Network that will be developed in the coming year. Mr. Mackey suggested a connection with the SC Economic Association would be beneficial to the library's economic programs and will connect Mr. Goble with the group. Mr. Stephens suggested efforts concerning tourism (history and culture) in the upstate as area for consideration and Ms. McMaster suggested providing a brochure to the welcome centers providing information on public libraries (web access) and genealogical tourism could be helpful. Mr. Goble also presented a sample calendar which will serve as a model for a family literacy/health literacy program. The Calendar was produced by the Rhode Island State Library and is based on curriculum standards.
- ✓ Mr. Goble presented preliminary thoughts on this year's legislative agenda:
 1. \$2.50 per capita, \$60K minimum in state aid to public libraries
 2. Return of lottery money to public libraries
 3. Introduce SchoolRooms as a need
 4. Continue to pursue state funding of federally funded positions (TBS)
- ✓ Mr. Goble reported that the chair of the TBS Consumer Advisory Council resigned and the council was convening August 6th to deal with succession issues.
- ✓ Mr. Goble reported that an Attorney General's opinion had been received regarding whether or not the county librarian reports to the county administrator or the board of trustees appointed by the county council. The opinion clearly states that the library director reports to the board and not the county administrator.
- ✓ Mr. Goble stated that the library currently had eight positions open and was actively seeking replacements for 5. The sixth vacancy (web master) will be announced shortly.

APLA Report

- ✓ Ms. McMaster reported that APLA met last Friday and was looking forward to meeting with State Library staff on August 22nd.

- ✓ APLA is working on a joint retreat in the spring with the NC public library directors and that members are following the legislative situation closely to see who might win the November election and what approach would be needed for effective advocacy of library issues.
- ✓ APLA will be manning a booth at the SC Association of Counties conference at Hilton Head. The conference will take place July 31-August 1.
- ✓ Ms. McMaster made note that 25% or more of public library directors retired over the last year or so. Bill Cooper of Laurens retires this month. The loss of institutional memory and seasoned veterans was creating a challenge for APLA, the State Library and Library Services to SC citizens.

School of Library and Information Science Report

- ✓ Mr. Keyes reported that representatives of the Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) attended the ALA Conference in Anaheim, CA and accepted the ALA Student Chapter of the year award. They also assisted with a poster presentation for the Lubuto Library Project. The Lubuto Project is a nonprofit organization setting up and improving libraries and library services in Zambia.
- ✓ LISSA Representatives will present a poster session about their work on the Lubuto Library Project at the International Federation of Libraries Association (IFLA) in Quebec, Canada. LISSA has raised \$3,200 for the trip.
- ✓ LISSA will be setting up regional LISSA branches in the Atlanta and Charlotte areas this year.
- ✓ LISSA will be focusing on outreach programs in South Carolina during the upcoming school year. Mr. Goble asked that the State Library be considered for partnership in those efforts.

Executive Session: Following a motion from a board member, the board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: September 24, 2008.

Submitted by,

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Director