

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
May 27, 2009
10:30-12:00

A quorum of State Library Board was present. Absent from the meeting was Betsy Crawford and Debbie Hyler. Debbie Hyler attended a portion of the meeting by phone. The Association of Public Library Administrators was represented by Sarah McMaster. The USC Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) was represented by Chess Schmidt and Jessica Kohout.

Chair, BG Stephens called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the March 25th meeting were accepted.

Reports:

Directors Report (David Goble)

- ✓ **Budget Update:** The budget presented to the governor included all cuts experienced last year and an additional cut of approximately \$4,000. Although the budget is not good, it is not as bad as it could have been. The governor continues to contest the \$700 million in stabilization funds provided for in the stimulus package.
- ✓ **Legislative Update:** ALA legislative day went well. We spoke with Senator DeMint, and Representatives Barrett, Spratt, and Wilson. Our focus was the reauthorization of LSTA (Library Services Technology Act) and the Consumer Product Safety Improvement Act (CPSIA H.R. 4040) of 2008 which requires that books of a certain age be tested for lead or removed from library shelves. Those we spoke understood the situation and were willing to help. We also continued to ask for simplification of E-rate processing.
- ✓ **State Library:** Staffing at the State Library is down 20% including 12 open positions and two part-time positions that have been eliminated. Most of the open positions are a result of attrition. Even with reduced staff and a reduced budget the library has accomplished a great deal this year. The State Library, Union County Library, and Beaufort County Library will go live on the Evergreen open source software.
- ✓ **Library Provisos Approved:** The requested provisos covering the disposal of books and materials, and the acceptance of funds in support of SC Lends were both approved.
- ✓ **SchoolRooms:** The library has been working with SirsiDynix, the vendor who provides the SchoolRooms products, to lower the price. It is also possible that the State Library will discontinue the product.

APLA Report (Sara McMaster)

- ✓ **APLA Retreat:** The SC Association of Public Library Administrators met in Gaffney for their annual retreat. Cherokee County Library hosted a great dinner. The first day of the meeting was a business meeting. The second day included a presentation on Ethics

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by Ed Thomas, the former director of the Governmental Research and Service unit at the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research. The presentation was well received. North Carolina public library directors were invited and a number of them attended.

- ✓ **Budget Cuts:** Public libraries are experiencing cuts to their local budgets.

- ✓ **Legislative Issues:** Greenville County Library has discovered that state laws regarding trespass do not apply to public libraries. APLA will take up the issue in the next legislative session and will also consider the recent laws regarding pedophiles which did not include libraries.

LISSA Report (Chess Schmidt & Jessica Kohout)

- ✓ **LISSA Update:** LISSA currently has 60 members. 77 graduated from the program at the end of the past term.
- ✓ **Activities:**
 - End of year picnic
 - Gearing up for summer semester
 - Graduation reception organized by LISSA
 - Presented Second Life efforts at the May South Carolina Library Association meeting at the Marine Resources Research Institute
 - Worked with Denise Lyons on her family calendar project
- **Summer Activities**
 - Attend national and regional conferences such as ALA in Chicago, SLA in DC and the North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) in Asheville.
 - Summer brainstorming on the integration of distance education and new outreach activities.

Executive Session – The board held elections to elect a new chairman. BG Stephens had reached the end of his term. Dan Mackey was nominated and elected chair of the South Carolina State Library Board.