

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
September 23, 2009
10:30-12:00

We did not have a quorum of State Library Board members present. Absent from the meeting was Betsy Crawford, Marie Horne, Debbie Hyler and BG Stephens. The Association of Public Library Administrators was represented by Sarah McMaster. Chess Schmidt represented the USC Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA).

Chair, Dan Mackey called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 22nd meeting were tentatively accepted subject to comment from absent members of the board. If no comment is received by the absent members of the board by October 20, the policy will be considered approved.

Reports:

- A. License Tag Renewal – Board members were reminded that State Board license plates needed to be ordered by October 31st. A new form 5048 needs to be completed in order for the plates to be ordered.

- B. Directors Report/Actions
 - ✓ **Budget Update** – The State Library is taking a 4.04% budget cut (\$441,245). \$365,247 is coming from State Aid. The balance (\$75,998) is coming from the State Library's operating budget. Employees will be taking furlough days as follows: Director – 4 days; Leadership Team – 2 days; all other employees – 1 day. We are taking the regretful step of using LSTA funds to pay an appropriate amount of our rent. This is a precedent we have struggled against taking. State aid has been reduced from \$1.57 to \$1.47. The libraries will be receiving 1.6 million in stimulus funding which will be distributed per capita at a rate of .42. This means that state aid is currently at \$1.99.
 - ✓ **State Aid & MOE** – We are granting waivers for MOE but attempting to get counties to commit to restoring funds to the 2009 level when the money returns. All counties thus far, with the exception of Charleston, have willingly agreed to commit to restoring funds if the economy turns around and funds are available. Director Goble will be meeting with Charleston next month.

2011 Budget - Our instructions from the Governor were to not ask for new money without a corresponding decrease. We are asking for some new money as we felt it was demanded from a strategic point of view. \$15K for Workforce Development and \$27K for DISCUS. In Addition we are asking for 3 provisos: 1) The ability to sell State Library promotional items, 2) Distribution of \$1,000,000 million in lottery funds to be distributed evenly between the public libraries and the State Library, and 3) The ability to accept donations to the State Library.

- ✓ **Broadband Stimulus Funding** – The State Library's application was passed on by NTIA as grant worthy. The process for this funding included a quick review of projects by NTIA, with worthy projects going to the Governor's Office for prioritization. We have made it to this step. Beaufort and Camden were also successful.
- ✓ **Workforce Development** – SchoolRooms was cancelled and the resulting available funds were used to purchase workforce development related databases. Two were purchased thus far: 1) the LearningExpress Library, an interactive tool that provides

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practice tests and tutorials designed for both students and adult learners to succeed on academic and licensing exams. Feedback includes immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and individualized analysis of the user's results. And 2) Ferguson's Career Guidance Center, a career research database that includes overview articles and videos on nearly 3,400 jobs and 94 industries, broken down into 16 Career Clusters created by the U.S. Department of Education. The product also includes searchable entries on scholarships, internships, and more.

- ✓ **SC Lends** – SC Lends continues to perform extremely well. Calhoun, Chesterfield, Dorchester and York will go live on 15 October. Anderson, Florence, and Fairfield will go live in December.
 - ✓ **Family Literacy Calendar** – The calendar has been well received by all that have seen it. The kickoff event for the calendar will be held on October 8 in the 1500 Building from 5-8.
 - ✓ **Exhibits Policy:** The exhibits policy was approved by the attending members and subject to comment and vote by those absent. If no comment is received by the absent members of the board by October 20, the policy will be considered approved.
 - ✓ **Computer Training Center** - The Computer Training Center has been equipped with "thin clients". We can now train 24 people (up from 17), and energy costs and staff maintenance time are greatly reduced.
 - ✓ **Circulation Printers** – As a result of a staff suggestion receipt printers were added to the circulation area.
- C. APLA Report (Sara McMaster)
- ✓ **APLA Meeting** – APLA met on September 18th. Three very interesting presentations were made: 1) SCLA President Libby Young discussed SCLA memberships and the upcoming conference, 2) ETV presented their Know-It-All website and Mohawk Carpets presented good information on selecting, purchasing, and maintaining carpets in libraries. Jim Johnson's contract as APLA lobbyist was approved.
 - ✓ **Legislative Agenda** – The APLA Legislative committee presented. For the first time the committee circulated a survey asking for feedback on the agenda. A consensus existed on all 4 points of the agenda with lively discussion on some issues, primarily the funding issue. Most encouraging was a vote of 9.32 (maximum possible 10) on advocacy for the State Library. The association is seeking legislation granting the right to libraries to legally trespass someone from the grounds of a public library the same way a public school can trespass someone.
 - ✓ **Rural Libraries** – A substantial group of rural librarians met to discuss how the State Library could help them in these difficult economic times. Also discussed were the findings of the report to the Distressed Areas Task Force of the SC Council on Competitiveness entitled AN ACTION AGENDA TO SPUR ECONOMIC SUCCESS.
 - ✓ **Legislative Day** - Plans are underway for a legislative day similar in nature to the highly successful PLAD (Public Library Appreciation Day).

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D. LISSA Report (Chess Schmidt)

- ✓ **Mid-terms** – Mid-term exams are rapidly approaching causing some stress among students.
- ✓ **COA** - The school will be undergoing its on-site examination of the ALA Committee on Accreditation.
- ✓ **Davis College** – Davis College, the building in which the School of Library and Information Science is housed, is 100 years old this year. A celebration will be held on October 25th from 3-6 pm.
- ✓ **Comic Group Unshelved**: This hilarious group will be in Columbia on November 7th to do a talk at 5PM for an hour, book signing/selling merchandise, and then they would have dinner afterward before they headed back to Charlotte.
- ✓ **Volunteer Projects** - The student association is looking for a new project.
- ✓ **Calendar** – Photographing is underway for the “Mildly Attractive Men of SLIS.”
- ✓ **Fund Raising** - The association continues to look for fund raising opportunities to support a group trip to a national conference in the summer.

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