

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 19, 2003**

Board Members present for the March 19, 2003 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Macaulay, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Stephens. Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Williams were present, as well department heads Anne Schneider, Chris Yates, and Felicia Yeh.

Chairman Macaulay called the meeting to order at 10:30 am.

The minutes of the January 17, 2003 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Director's Report was mailed with the call to the meeting. Mr. Johnson introduced Mrs. Schneider, Mr. Yates, and Mrs. Yeh, who made presentations later. Mr. Johnson reported on a number of additional items, mostly concerning the agency's precarious financial situation. Staff are being kept informed.

The Board briefly discussed whether they should accept payment for board meeting attendance in light of the current budget crisis. **Mr. Stephens moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that State Library Board would forego payments for attendance at Board Meetings effective immediately and continuing throughout FY04. The motion passed unanimously.**

#### **Unfinished Business**

The Financial Reports were accepted as information.

The Budget and Control Board reduced agency budgets by 3.73% on February 11, 2003. The State Library's share of this cut is \$292,821. The Board had been polled by telephone about this cut. At that point, staff recommended that the cut be apportioned between State Library operations (20%) and State Aid to County Libraries (80%). This action would eliminate funding for one position in Talking Book Services, further reduce operating funds, and reduce State Aid to County Libraries to \$1.17 per capita with the minimum grant remaining at \$40,000. Seventeen libraries would qualify for the minimum grant. **Mrs. Bundy moved and Mrs. Smith seconded that the 3.73% cut be taken in the manner recommended by staff (\$58,564 from State Library operations and \$234,257 from State Aid). The motion passed unanimously.**

The House of Representatives passed budget for FY04 contains an additional 10.2% cut for the State Library (\$781,086). Staff recommended that this cut be taken on the same basis as the 3.73% cut, i.e. 20%/80%. Staff recommends that three (3) positions be transferred to federal funds and that State Aid be reduced to \$1.01 per capita with the minimum grant remaining at \$40,000. Twenty-one libraries would qualify for the minimum grant. **Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that the 10.2% cut for FY04 be taken in the manner recommended by staff (\$164,070 from State Library operations and \$617,016 from State Aid). The motion passed unanimously.**

**New Business**

Mrs. Schneider presented information on the Information Services Department.

Mr. Yates presented information on Talking Book Services.

Mrs. Yeh presented information on the Collection Management Services Department.

There being no other business to come before the Board, Chairman Macaulay declared the meeting adjourned.

James B. Johnson, Jr.  
Secretary to the Board