

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY BOARD  
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING  
MAY 19, 2004**

Board Members present for the May 19, 2004 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Macaulay, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Smith, and Mr. Stephens. Mr. Johnson, Ms. Williams, and Mr. Rogers were also present.

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

The Minutes of the March 17, 2004 meeting were accepted as mailed.

The Director's Report was mailed with the call to the meeting. Mr. Johnson mentioned several other items. Library directors have been hired in Beaufort, Chesterfield, and Saluda Counties. Only AHJ remains without a director. Three positions are currently being advertised: Talking Book Services Director, Library Development Consultant, and Procurement Specialist. The State Library participated in interviews for the SC Humanities Council position of Literary Arts Programmer. A decision is expected soon. An impressive ceremony was held honoring students in the Letters About Literature contest. The State Library and public libraries will save significant money on interlibrary loan postage under an agreement to use the Budget and Control Board's Interagency Mail Service to handle interlibrary loan. Discussions are being held with Lamar Advertising about statewide billboards promoting DISCUS.

### **Unfinished Business**

The Financial Report was accepted as information.

A state government restructuring bill has passed the House. The Senate has substituted its language for that of the House. That bill currently sits on the Senate's Contested Calendar. With only eight days left in the session, it is doubtful that anything will pass.

The State Library did well with the budget passed by the General Assembly. The 18% Administrative Costs (\$67,191) was restored. An additional \$215,000 was added for books (\$200,000) and conversion of Talking Books Services' recording program to digital format (\$15,000). This made the agency's cut 7.8% rather than the anticipated 12+%. An additional \$481,745 might be available from increased tax collections under a new Dept. of Revenue program. If that materializes, our cut for the year would only be .006%. The \$481,745 would only be available for FY05. We would begin the FY06 with the 7.8% cut. State Aid is funded at 82 cents per capita with the minimum grant of \$40,000. If the Dept. of Revenue funds are provided, State Aid would increase by approximately 14 cents per capita. Lottery funds were increase from \$1.5 million to \$3 million. A one-time appropriation from FY04 surplus lottery funds of up to \$50,000 per county is possible. The General Assembly provided public libraries with the flexibility to expend up to 50% of their lottery funds for materials. They also allowed the State

Library to expend \$100,000 for its technology needs. This is the first significant state funding we've ever had for technology. If this budget survives the governor's veto, the State Library will be able to increase federal funding for public libraries by transferring money we used for technology and books to the grant program.

### **New Business**

Ms. Williams reviewed for the Board the LSTA grants that the State Library has recently made and those that are pending.

Mr. Johnson suggested that the State Library's budget request for FY06 be for two items: increase State Aid for County Libraries to \$2 per capita with the minimum grant remaining at \$40,000 and develop an improved service to state government agencies information services project. The Board agreed by consensus.

**B.G. Stephens moved and Mrs. Crawford seconded that the State Library approve the insurance policies presented.**

Meeting dates for FY05 were set for July 21, 2004, September 15, 2004, November 17, 2004, January 19, 2005, March 16, 2005, and May 18, 2005.

**Mrs. Bundy moved for the Nomination Committee (Mrs. Bundy and Mrs. Smith) that B.G. Stephens be elected Chairman and Jim Campbell be elected Vice Chairman for the period July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2006. The motion carried.**

Mrs. Smith inquired if funds were available for Board Members to resume receiving per diem and expenses. Mr. Johnson indicated that was the case. **Mrs. Smith moved and Mr. Campbell seconded that Board Members begin to receive appropriate reimbursements in the new fiscal year as long as it did not adversely affect the agency. The motion carried.**

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the agency director's performance. Mr. Stephens will prepare for formal appraisal document for Board consideration.

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

James B. Johnson, Jr.  
Secretary to the Board