

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE LIBRARY
REPORT OF BOARD MEETING
November 2, 2005**

Board Members present for the September 21, 2005 State Library Board Meeting included Chairman Stephens, Mrs. Bundy, Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Horne, Mrs. Hyler, Mrs. Crawford, and Mrs. Macaulay. Ms. Sarah McMaster (Fairfield County Library) representing APLA attended as their liaison. Ms. Butcher and Ms. Williams were also present. Mr. Chip Stanley, chair of the SL Foundation Board, attended as a guest.

Chairman Stephens called the meeting to order at 10:35 am.

The Minutes of the September 21, 2005 meeting were accepted as mailed.

Mr. Stanley presented to the board information about the Foundation's current fundraising efforts to support "Every Child Ready to Read @ your library" during 2006. A proposed budget along with information from the Public Library Association's website was included in the board mailing.

Mr. Stanley asked for the Board's support in their efforts. He also requested that each board member forward to him names of individuals in represented counties, and of businesses in each area. Several suggestions were offered of companies and foundations to contact. A template "Letter to the Editor" will be drafted by Ann Addy, to be used by members of both boards with local newspapers.

There was discussion of the focus and scope of the project, and how it intersects with other agencies and partners in the area of literacy and children's reading. The difference in this project is its focus on libraries. The issue of adult illiteracy and its impact on this and future projects was also discussed.

The Board was reminded that USC's Center for Children, Books and Literacy resides in the 1500 building of the State Library. Board members requested an opportunity for a tour of the facilities at their January meeting.

Ms. Butcher presented the Director's Report. She reminded the board that the library will close on Nov. 30 for a workday. Staff openings and recent hirings were reviewed. An overview of the four continuing education statewide projects was provided. Butcher also noted the awards received during the library conference: Jim Johnson received the lifetime recognition award, and Libby Law was recognized as the Outstanding Librarian of 2005. Libby's retirement reception will be Dec. 6 at 5pm. Butcher also provided board members with copies of her speech to SCLA.

Other Items and Reports

The Board accepted the Financial Report as information. Ms. Butcher noted that it indicates we are where we should be at this point in the fiscal year.

Action Items

The Board approved adoption of "Technology Standards for South Carolina Libraries 2005" (Macaulay/ Hyler). Questions were raised about several sections, which have been forwarded to library development staff.

The entire Standards document is being revised by section, with the Board receiving sections for approval as they are completed.

A revised organizational chart was approved by the Board, following changes requested during the September meeting (Bundy/Macaulay).

Mrs. McMaster, representing APLA, told the Board about the Auto-graphics demonstration of a statewide catalog and interlibrary loan system. She and many of the other directors liked the idea. McMaster also reported on efforts by APLA (Association of Public Library Administrators) to raise funds to assist the New Orleans Public Library in its rebuilding efforts after Katrina. Jim Johnson is coordinating this effort in South Carolina. Checks should be made to "APLA".

Announcements:

Libby Law Retirement Reception, Dec. 6, State Library

Legislative Day, March 8, Clarion Town House

Next board meeting, January 18, 10am – includes tour of State Library

Macaulay moved and Crawford seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

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

Patti J. Butcher
Secretary to the Board