

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
September 24, 2008
10:30 am – 12:00 pm

All members of the State Library Board were present except Betsy Crawford. Sarah McMaster was not present to represent the Association of Public Library Administrators, however Amy Schofield, director of the Kershaw County Library System was present as a guest of Dan Mackey. Brittany Holman, Service Chair of the SC School of Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) and Matt Landau represented LISSA. David Goble took notes.

Chair, BG Stephens called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 23, 2008 meeting were accepted.

Reports:

Directors Report:

- ✓ Mr. Goble introduced two new members of the staff Ashley Bradford and Danielle Woodard. Ashley and Danielle work in the Finance Area and are doing a superb job of making life easier for the rest of the staff. Mr. Mackey introduced Amy Schofield.
- ✓ Mr. Goble made a PowerPoint presentation on the financial condition, and legislative agenda for next year. Slides of the presentation are attached. The financial condition of the State Library in terms of state funding is not good and the reductions made at the first of the year were not helpful. The most recent cuts were taken by the county libraries via state aid. The DISCUS program was cut for the second time this year. The legislative agenda includes support of public library's state aid and lottery goals. This year's request includes an increase in new money of \$418,000 compared to last year's request. \$366,000 of the new money is for the SchoolRooms project and \$52,000 is for programs in each of the strategic areas contained in the library's business plan. Mr. Goble pointed out that the only way to change the funding future of the State Library and the Public Libraries was to execute an excellent advocacy plan. A group from APLA has been formed to accomplish exactly that goal. Ms. Schofield is a member of that group.
- ✓ The revised Code of Conduct was introduced. A motion to approve the revised code was made. Following a second there was discussion. The revised code of conduct was unanimously approved by the board members present.
- ✓ Mr. Goble summarized the situation involving an Horry county patron who was requesting that the State Library withhold state aid to Horry County based on his interpretation of the Statewide Library Act and the regulations for administration of state aid. The patron has contacted the governor's office. A copy of the response to the patron (also sent to the governor) will be attached to the minutes provided to board members.
- ✓ Applications for SCSL Board License plates were distributed. The application and a check for \$15.00 should be returned to Debbie Anderson by October 27th. The applications and checks need to be submitted to the Department of Motor Vehicles by November 3rd.
- ✓ The next meeting date was discussed and moved up to November 19th to avoid conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday.

APLA Report

- ✓ Mr. Goble discussed the recent meeting for all directors. He was greatly appreciative of the way the directors received the news of the reduction to state aid. Ms. Schofield said that she believed most directors understood the issue.
- ✓ APLA members are working with State Library Staff to organize and execute a very strong, well-planned statewide advocacy plan. The group met once on September 12th and will meet again on Friday September 26th.

School of Library and Information Science Report

- ✓ Mr. Landeau and Ms. Holmon reported that the poster session on LISSA's involvement with the Lubuto Library Project at the IFLA conference in Quebec was well received.
- ✓ LISSA will be working with Read and Romp for Reach out and Read this October with the SC Center for Children's Books and Literacy.
- ✓ LISSA is also working with a local halfway house on literacy initiatives in Columbia, and is in the process of seeking other outreach programs in which to become involved.
- ✓ LISSA will again produce a calendar featuring the Mildly Attractive Men of LISSA.

Executive Session: Following a successful motion from a member of the board, the board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2008.

Submitted by,

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Director