

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
September 22, 2010
10:30-12:00

Present: Debbie Hyler, Dan Mackey, Maria Macaulay and BG Stephens. The Association of Public Library Administrators (APLA) was represented by Sarah McMaster. The USC Library and Information Science Student Association (LISSA) was represented by BriAnne Baxley.

Chair, Dan Mackey called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the July 28, 2010 meeting were accepted as written.

Reports:

A. Directors Report/Actions

1. **Budget:** The 2012 budget was submitted to the governor's office on time. No additional funds are being requested. The governor requested we plan for an additional 15% cut. He also asked for any functions that were duplicated in other areas of government. We suggested that the summer reading program run by the State Department of Education is a duplication of our summer reading program. We also pointed out the duplication between PASCAL's databases and our Databases.
2. **Staff:** David Sniffin was hired in Library Development to backfill Denise Lyon's position when she was promoted to manage Library Development. David formerly worked for the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County as manager of their Mint Hill branch. Faith Keller was promoted in place upon her earning her MLIS.
3. **Audit:** The Budget and Control Board's Employee Insurance Program (EIP) recently performed an audit on our active employee's insurance records. The records were determined to be accurate and up-to-date. A financial audit is currently in progress.
4. **Programs:**
 - a. **SC Center for the Book:** On September 8, the annual award for writing went to Batt Humphries for his book Dead Weight, the award for Teaching went to Dr. Tom Mack of Aiken, and the Literacy Arts Advocacy award went to the Irvin Department of Rare Books and Special Collections at USC. During the ceremony Helen Fellers, Coordinator of the USC School of Library and Information Science's South Carolina Center for Children's Books and Literacy, won the first annual State Library Partnership and Collaboration Award.
 - b. **Last Copy Fiction:** For many years the State Library has been the repository for the last copy of a work of fiction being weeded from a public library collection. Maintaining the collection has become untenable. A process for determining a graceful dissolution of the collection or another home for the collection is underway.
 - c. **Database Brokering:** The State Library is working on a way to broker centrally purchased opt-in deals for public libraries which already have certain databases. The goal is a volume discount for those already paying for the service which might, in turn, provide a low enough price which other libraries might be able to take advantage of. Discussions with OverDrive, an e-book/audio book/music vendor, are in process and data gathering on genealogy databases is underway.
 - d. **SC LENDS:** Four more libraries (AHJ, Kershaw, Williamsburg, and Colleton) will be joining the consortium in January. As a result of Catherine Morgan's

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resignation, the State Library has not been able to provide the same type or level of services as it has in the past. This has led to a shift of responsibilities within the consortia and some discomfort among its members. The consortia leadership is working on resolving the problem.

- e. **WorkSC.org:** WorkSC.org is being well received. Presentations have been made at the Department of Employment and Workforce and the State Department of Education's Adult Education Department. It is also being considered as the focal point of an "Inbound Marketing Campaign" which has the goal of increasing the number of GED accredited .

B. APLA (Association of Public Library Administrators) Report

- a. **Jim Johnson:** Jim announced his retirement from lobbying but has agreed to assist APLA for one more year.
- b. **Last Copy Fiction:** APLA understands the situation with the Last Copy Fiction Collection but a number of its members hate to see it go.

C. LISSA Report

- a. **Cocky's Reading Express/Homebound program:** Students are volunteering to support Cocky's reading express and are planning for the homebound program.
- b. **Info Camp:** This is an "un-conference." This is a low cost alternative to a full conference. Held online, the first info camp is on Literacy and technology and will be called the Southern Fried Info Camp.

Unfinished Business:

- A. **Questions for Candidates** – Questions had been developed and submitted to APLA for comment. Questions were provided to the board and will be sent via e-mail.
- B. **Meeting with COGS** – No new developments at this time.

New Business:

- A. **PASCAL** – The State Library is in conversation with PASCAL regarding the joint purchase of database resources.
- B. **Prisoner Inquiries** – The State Library has temporarily stopped responding to prisoner questions upon receipt of a request from the South Carolina Department of Corrections. Mr. Goble is seeking an Attorney General's Opinion on the matter.

Executive Session: The board went into executive session to discuss the State Library personnel issues and database contract issues.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

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Action Items:

- A. Mr. Goble was asked to set up a meeting with the SC Council of Governments to make them aware of our workforce development efforts.

Submitted by:

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