

South Carolina State Library Board
Meeting Notes
July 27, 2011
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 Amanda Mays.

Chair, Dan Mackey called the meeting to order.

The minutes of the May 25, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

Reports:

A. Directors Report/Actions

1. Budget:

- a) The General Assembly completed budget deliberations and the State Library's budget was cut 6%. Since FY2008 we have been cut 45%.
- b) We have reduced staff by two positions - James Lee was subject to a Reduction in Force (RIF) with an effective date of July 30, 2011. Fortunately James was able to retire. We did not replace Tamara McIntyre's position: we filled it with Brenda Boyd from the Information Services Department.
- c) We were able to reduce the number of furlough days we anticipated taking from 10 days to 4. Director Goble will take 5 days as a result of having instituted a RIF.
- d) State Aid was reduced 6% and calculated on the basis of the 2010 census. The effective rate for non-minimum grant counties was 73 cents per capita. In 2007 State Aid was 2.25 with 9 minimum grant counties. There are currently 30 minimum grant counties.
- e) Public libraries have an excellent chance for lottery funds this year. They are 3rd in line for excess unclaimed lottery funds. If allocated, each county will receive 43,478.

2. Staff:

- a) Pam Davenport, Director of Talking Book Services has accepted a position as a Network Consultant with the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Washington DC. Pam will be missed but we are happy to see her achieve her dream of working for the Library of Congress. Pam has been with the State Library since January of 2005 (6.5 years).
- b) James Lee who has been with us since February of 1999 (12.5 years) will be leaving the State Library July 30. He will be missed.
- c) June and July have been difficult months for staff members. Leesa Benggio lost her grand mother, Paula James lost her Dad, and Rob Lindsey lost his Dad.

3. Events/Programs:

- a) UNC Distinguished Alumni Award – Mr. Goble was named a distinguished alumni by the School of Information and Library Science at UNC Chapel Hill. New Library Directors have been appointed in Union County (Ben Loftis), Chesterfield County (Brenda Branson), Lexington County (Dee Bedenbaugh) and Marion County (Allan Smith). Almost 2/3rds of the public library directors have turned over in the last 4.5 years.

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4. **Board Appointments:** There has been no word from the Governor's office regarding new board appointments. Governor Haley's preference appears to be to appoint all new boards for state agencies.

B. APLA (Association of Public Library Administrators) Report –

1. **New APLA Officers/New Focus** – Amy Schofield (Kershaw) - President, Melanie Huggins (Richland) - Vice President, Ann Szypulski (Laurens) – Secretary, and Faith Line (Anderson) – Treasurer. APLA's primary focus is advocacy.
2. **Jim Johnson** – Jim Johnson has done an excellent job as lobbyist for APLA. This year he asked each county to make a separate trip to the state house to present the need for public libraries and to support the State Library. This was a more effective approach than was the previous legislative day or the legislative luncheon. The feedback from legislators has been good. This year the focus is on telling the story better, and telling at the local level and the state level.

C. LISSA Report : Amanda Mays

1. **Student Association Officers** - Amanda is the new president of the student association and is working to fill all officer and committee chair positions.
2. **Summer Activities** - Six students will attend conferences this summer including 4 who will attend ALA in New Orleans.
3. **Fall Preparations** - LISSA is preparing for the August Orientation for new students (expecting 80 new students), recruiting for Fall projects and working on the Fall Colloquium.

D. Unfinished Business:

E. New Business:

3. **New Directions for Information Strategies** – Information Strategies is reviewing their current methods of serving State Government and will be sending staff out to meet with agencies to ask them what they need in terms of library services.
4. **New Library Hours** – Information Strategies is considering keeping the library open for half days. This would allow staff to focus more on digital library and research responsibilities.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011 at 10:30

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at noon.

David S. Goble
Director