

**South Carolina State Library Board**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**October 5, 2011**  
**10:30-12:00**

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Present: Debbie Hyler, Dan Mackey, Maria Macaulay, Earl Mitchell 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 July 27, 2011 meeting were accepted as written.

**Reports:**

**A. Directors Report/Actions**

1. **Budget:** The 2012-2013 was submitted on September 30<sup>th</sup>. This is the first time in four years that we were not asked to plan for a budget reduction. Although the economy is looking up, it is not impossible that we won't end up with a budget cut. Current tax receipts are in excess of predicted receipts.
2. **Staff:**
  - a. Larry Keisler, who worked in our Talking Books Service (TBS) Mail Room, passed away August 18<sup>th</sup>. Larry was a great guy and a great teammate. He will be missed. Many staff members attended Larry's memorial.
  - b. Whitman Page, who works in Information Services, is in the hospital. Whitman is expected to return, however it will be several weeks. Whitman is an essential member of our Information Services staff and his absence is causing a great deal of stress on other members of the Information Services team.
  - c. Leesa Benggio is continuing to recover from her recent surgery.
  - d. Interviews to fill the TBS Manager's position started on Wednesday 9/28 and we have a couple of good candidates who appear capable of leading the department.
3. **Events/Programs/Etc.:**
  - a. DISCUS Evaluation – It has been a number of years since we have evaluated the products that make up the DISCUS collection. Amy Durenberger is leading the process and has done an excellent job organizing the project and get as many members of the library community as possible to join in the process
  - b. PASCAL/DISCUS Partnership – PASCAL has been asked to merge Collegiate DISCUS with DISCUS in terms of money, advocacy, and management. A formal request was made of the PASCAL Board Director on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. Partner Evaluations with LAP & SCCCBL – We have entered into discussion regarding the Literary Arts Partnership (State Library, SC Arts Commission and Humanities Council SC) in regards to the value it provides the State Library. The same approach has been taken with The SC Center for Children's Books and Literacy. These are both longstanding partners but in light of recent budget cuts it is time to review in terms of their true return on investment for the State Library.
  - d. SC First Steps – Susan Devenny, Director of SC First Steps to School Readiness, has asked if we would consider sharing our expertise in Human Resources, IT, Purchasing and Finance.

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We are in conversations regarding our ability to do this and our ability to sustain it. We are not looking at a consolidation of agencies.

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

1. **Advocacy Data** – APLA is working hard on its advocacy efforts for the upcoming session of the General Assembly. APLA 's goal is to backup the advocacy effort with data so plans are being developed to gather information such as how many citizens use the public library for job seeking related information and support.
2. **Local Advocacy** – APLA is also emphasizing advocacy at the local level and with consistent effort throughout the year. At each APLA meeting, a member is asked to present at least one advocacy idea.

**C. LISSA Report:** Amanda Mays reported on student events at the School of Library and Information Services.

The next meeting is scheduled for December 7, 2011 at 10:30

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

David S. Goble  
Director