

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
January 15, 2015

The State Library Board met January 15, 2015 in Conference Room D of the State Library, 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 10:01 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Mr. John Myles, President; Ms. Jennifer McKell, Vice-President; Ms. Krista Taracuk; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; Laurie Arp, LYRASIS; Christine Morris, OHIONET; and Barry McKew, Attorney General's Office.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Jennifer Stump, Missy Lodge, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Ryan Bowling, Kirstin Krumsee, Shannon Kupfer, Nicole Merriman, Ann Watson, Tracy Grimm, Anne Libby, Mandy Knapp, Patrick Fitzer, Matthew Dyer, and Jamie Pardee.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Myles administered the oath of office to Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters. Ms. Deters was appointed to her first full, five-year term on the State Library Board by the State Board of Education at its January meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-1-15) that the minutes of the December 9, 2014 Board meeting be approved.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, and Ms. Deters voting "aye."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT

OPLIN Update

Stephen Hedges, Director of the Ohio Public Library Information Network (OPLIN), provided the Board with an overview of OPLIN. Under Ohio law, OPLIN's purpose is to ensure equity of access to electronic information for all Ohio residents. Mr. Hedges said that OPLIN's greatest expense is providing broadband Internet service to public libraries. Pricing for broadband has decreased, but services are priced to encourage users to buy more capacity than they need.

OPLIN hopes that this means libraries will not need to upgrade their broadband for some time. The Federal Communications Commission is in the process of modernizing its E-Rate Program to switch the funding focus from phone service to broadband service, another development that will help libraries with cost issues. OPLIN's other services for libraries include (1) e-mail, (2) kits and training to help libraries maintain a website, (3) text messaging to provide notifications to library patrons, and (4) Internet filtering. As a partner in Libraries Connect Ohio, OPLIN provides funding to maintain the Ohio Web Library and its databases. OPLIN also contributed over \$250,000 to support digitization hubs because digitizing information closely relates to OPLIN's mission to increase access. Mr. Hedges stated that OPLIN has operated on a flat

budget for the last six years, due in part to the fact that the State Library handles many support functions, such as fiscal and personnel services, for the agency. In response to a question from Mr. Myles, Mr. Hedges indicated that his biggest worry is cybersecurity and denial of service attacks, which has led OPLIN to spend money on protection.

LSTA REPORT

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, stated that there was no report.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

New Employee Introductions

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced Ryan Bowling, a Kent State University practicum student who is working with Janet Ingraham Dwyer. Among other projects, Mr. Bowling will be exploring ways that the State Library might support public library participation in the federal Summer Food Service Program and writing Choose to Read Ohio toolkits. The Board welcomed Mr. Bowling to the State Library.

Ms. Cain also introduced Ann Watson as the new Associate State Librarian for Library Services. Ms. Watson will oversee the Research & Catalog Services and Circulation & Special Services divisions of the State Library. She most recently served as Dean of the Library at Shepherd University in West Virginia. The Board welcomed Ms. Watson to the State Library.

State Library Board Appointment

Ms. Cain announced that the State Board of Education appointed Laurie Gemmill Arp to the State Library Board at its January meeting. Ms. Arp is the Director for Digital & Preservation Services at LYRASIS. She will be sworn in at the Board's March meeting.

Budget Update

Ms. Cain said that the Governor's budget will be introduced in the General Assembly in February. Representative Mike Duffey has been named Chairman of the Higher Education Subcommittee, which will take testimony from the State Library during budget deliberations.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sandusky Library Boundaries

Bill Morris, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, stated that the State Library received no requests for a hearing regarding the boundary redefinition of the Sandusky Library that the Board proposed at the December 9, 2014 meeting.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-2-15) adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 15-1

Definition of the Library Association of Sandusky, Ohio Boundaries

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Library Association of Sandusky, Sandusky, Ohio has at a regular meeting of the board on October 21, 2014 requested a change in the service area designation of the Library Association of Sandusky, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, said application for such action by the State Library Board has been properly filed, and has been reviewed and considered by the State Library Board in accordance with procedures established in Section 3375-4-05 of the State Library Board Administrative Rules;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the State Library Board, acting under its power in section 3375.01 (I) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with procedures established in its Administrative Rules, establishes a library district benefiting the Library Association of Sandusky, Ohio consisting of the following:

Sandusky City School District
Perkins Local School District
Kelleys Island Local School District
That portion of the Margaretta Local School District within Erie County

And note that all references to political subdivisions refer to such subdivisions as constituted on this date; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the State Librarian is directed to provide a certified copy of this resolution to the Erie County Auditor, Erie County Board of Elections, Sandusky Library, Bellevue Public Library, Birchard Public Library, Huron Public Library, Ida Rupp Public Library, Milan-Berlin Public Library, Monroeville Public Library and Ritter Public Library.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Mr. Myles, Ms. McKell, Ms. Taracuk, and Ms. Deters voting “yes.”

NEW BUSINESS

Board Development – Ethics and Legal Responsibilities for State Library Board Members
Barry McKew, Attorney General’s Office, reviewed the Public Meetings Act, the Ethics Law, financial disclosure, and other legal requirements affecting Board members.

LUNCH

The Board and staff ate lunch and informally discussed matters related to the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 1:20 p.m.

President

Secretary

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