

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
March 19, 2015

The State Library Board met March 19, 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 10:04 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Mr. John Myles, President; Ms. Jennifer McKell, Vice-President; Ms. Krista Taracuk; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

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

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Jennifer Stump, Missy Lodge, Kirstin Krumsee, Nicole Merriman, Ann Watson, Tracy Grimm, Anne Libby, Dianna Clark, Julia Ward, Judith Cosgray, Katy Klettlinger, Cindy Boyden, Cheryl Lubow, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, and Jamie Pardee.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Myles administered the oath of office to Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp. Ms. Arp was appointed to the State Library Board by the State Board of Education at its January meeting. She fills the vacancy created by the resignation of former Board member Mr. Stephen Wood and will complete his five-year term. Mr. Myles welcomed Ms. Arp to the Board and noted that the Board is again at full membership.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McKell moved (M-3-15) that the minutes of the January 15, 2015 Board meeting be approved.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for public participation.

LSTA REPORT

LSTA Advisory Council Appointments

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented to the Board candidates to be considered for appointment to the LSTA Advisory Council. Ms. Lodge explained that the Council was made up of 15 members who are representative of libraries of different types and sizes. She noted that LSTA grantwriting experience and expertise in an area relevant to the LSTA Five-Year Plan were considered when recommending nominees.

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-4-15) that the following individuals be appointed to the LSTA Advisory Council for a three-year term (April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2018):

Douglas Anderson, Director
Marietta College Library

Meg Delaney, Main Library Manager
Toledo-Lucas County Public Library

Ryan McDonnell, Director
Grandview Heights Public Library

Anastasia Diamond-Ortiz, Knowledge Manager
Cleveland Public Library

Jennifer Flaherty, Library Media Specialist
Beachwood High School

Terry Reese, Head, Digital Initiatives
The Ohio State University Libraries

Susan Paul, Interim Dean
Lorain County Community College Library

Kate Porter, Assistant Director
Upper Arlington Public Library

Scott Seaman, Dean of Libraries
Ohio University

Nick Tepe, Director
Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library

Sarah Thornberry, Teacher-Librarian
Springboro Jr. High School

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

STATE LIBRARIAN’S REPORT

State Budget Update

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, reported that the State Library was flat-funded in the Governor’s budget for fiscal years 2016 and 2017. On February 19, 2015, Ms. Cain provided budget testimony at a meeting of the House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education held at the Ohio History Connection. Many of the committee members are library supporters and understand the work that libraries are doing. Minority members of the committee expressed interest in increasing funding for Guiding Ohio Online to expand the program and Ms. Cain attended a follow-up meeting with Representative Dan Ramos and an aide from Representative Kevin Boyce’s office to discuss expansion. Program coordinators have considered what could be done to expand the program with and without additional funding. One possibility might be to provide the curriculum to libraries to use on their own. Ms. Cain said that she expects to offer budget testimony in the Senate in April.

Proposed Agenda for April Board Retreat

Ms. Cain presented the proposed agenda for the April Board retreat for the Board's information and review and noted that some details are still awaiting confirmation from the Akron-Summit County Public Library. The Board approved the proposed agenda.

Ethics Training

Ms. Cain noted that Board members are required to complete ethics training and enumerated several training options offered by the Ohio Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission recently released a series of short e-courses for boards and commissions that are designed to be viewed over several meetings as a means of complying with the training requirement. Barry McKew, Attorney General's Office, reminded Board members that the deadline for filing financial disclosure forms is April 15.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

National Library Week and National Library Workers Day Resolution

Ms. Taracuk moved (M-5-15) that the Board approve the following resolution recognizing National Library Week and National Library Workers Day:

WHEREAS, libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge by providing free access to all and libraries are part of the American dream, places for education, opportunity and lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Ohio libraries provide a forum for diverse ideas and points of view that help us better understand each other and ourselves; and

WHEREAS, librarians are trained professionals, helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work in a challenging economy; and

WHEREAS, librarians design and offer programs to meet their community's economic needs, providing residents with resume writing classes, interviewing workshops and job seeking resources; and

WHEREAS, librarians and library support staff bring Ohioans a world of knowledge in person and online, as well as personal service and expert assistance in finding what is needed when it is needed; and

WHEREAS, Ohio's school, academic, public and special libraries make a difference in the lives of millions of Ohioans and provide excellent and invaluable service to library users regardless of age, ethnicity, or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, Ohioans and Ohio libraries benefit from the resources, services, and support provided by the State Library of Ohio and the library's dedicated staff; and

WHEREAS, libraries, librarians, library workers and supporters across America are celebrating National Library Week and National Library Workers Day;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, March 19, 2015, the State Library Board proclaims National Library Week, April 12 – 18, 2015, and National Library Workers Day, April 14, 2015, and encourages all Ohio residents to visit their libraries or library websites this week to take advantage of the variety of library resources available and thank their librarians and library workers for their exceptional contributions to American life.

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

Public Library Fund

Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council (OLC), responded to a question from Mr. Myles by confirming that OLC continues to seek an increase in the Public Library Fund.

ETHICS E-COURSE

The Board watched an ethics training e-course on conflicts of interest.

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 12:39 p.m.

President

Secretary

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