

**MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
January 18, 2018**

The State Library Board met January 18, 2018 in the Boardroom of the State Library, 274 East First Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201.

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Ms. Krista Taracuk, President; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp, Vice-President; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; Mr. Michael Merz; Dr. Tracy Najera; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Michael Butler, OhioNET; Jennifer Turner, OhioNET; Don Yarman, OPLIN; and Christine Morris, OhioNET.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, John Stewart, Nicole Merriman, Elissa Lawrence, Anne Libby, Dianna Clark, Kirstin Krumsee, Missy Lodge, Stephanie Herriott, Penelope Shumaker, Cindy Boyden, Jen Johnson, Tracy Grimm, Andy Ingraham Dwyer, Jamie Pardee, Anne Kennedy, and Ann Watson.

OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Arp administered the oath of office to Ms. Taracuk. Ms. Taracuk was appointed to her second full, five-year term on the State Library Board by the State Board of Education at its December meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Merz moved (M-1-18) that the minutes of the December 12, 2017 Board meeting be approved.

Dr. Najera seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Arp, Ms. Deters, Mr. Merz, and Dr. Najera voting "aye."

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

LSTA REPORT

Library Leadership Ohio OhioNET Grant

Michael Butler, Executive Director of OhioNET, presented the Board with a summary of the Library Leadership Ohio (LLO) grant being brought before the Board for approval. LLO, facilitated again this year by the Ivy Group, will take place from July 17-20 at Quest Conference Center in Columbus. The State Library Board's July meeting will be held in conjunction with LLO on July 19. Thirty-two participants and two alternates will be accepted into the program. Mr. Butler shared that scholarships will be offered by OELMA, OPAL, and OhioNET. Ms. Deters asked how many participate in the program. Mr. Butler explained that there are typically 15-20 people participating as speakers and presenters.

Dr. Najera moved (M-2-18) that a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$37,926 from FFY17 funds be awarded to OhioNET for the Library Leadership Ohio project for the period of January 18, 2018 – September 30, 2018.

Mr. Merz seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Arp, Ms. Deters, Mr. Merz, and Dr. Najera voting "yes."

LSTA Advisory Council Appointment

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, explained to the Board that there was a vacancy on the LSTA Advisory Council due to a resignation. Ms. Lodge proposed that Lori Harris, Associate Director for Health Sciences Library and Winkler Center Operations, University of Cincinnati Libraries, be appointed to the LSTA Advisory Council. Ms. Lodge said that Ms. Harris would strengthen diversity and digital preservation aspects of the council and would represent a special library community. Mr. Merz asked how large the council is. Ms. Lodge explained that it has fifteen members and is broadly representative of the different library communities in the state.

Ms. Arp moved (M-3-18) that Lori Harris, Associate Director for Health Sciences Library and Winkler Center Operations, University of Cincinnati Libraries, be appointed to the LSTA Advisory Council for the term of February 1, 2018 – June 30, 2021.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Arp, Ms. Deters, Mr. Merz, and Dr. Najera voting "yes."

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Discussion Regarding GPO Legislation

Kirstin Krumsee, Library Consultant for Government Information, presented the Board with an overview of the Government Publishing Office (GPO). Ms. Krumsee explained that GPO began the same day that Lincoln was inaugurated, and it is tasked with the printing and distribution of documents both print and digital. The GPO's primary mission is keeping America informed. The Federal Depository Library Program distributes the documents to libraries who act as either a selective or regional depository. There are 43 regional depositories that keep documents forever, including the State Library. The State Library houses around 1 million documents. Ms. Krumsee shared that there is a draft bill to make substantial changes to GPO and the Federal Depository Library Program. The last time there were any substantive changes to GPO was 1962. One of the proposed changes is to require agencies to provide information in all formats. Another is removing the requirement that a depository library has to have 10,000 paper books. Allowing digital deposit is another positive change that was proposed. The last positive change would be allowing GPO to become a granting agency. Ms. Krumsee explained that a concerning part of the proposed changes gives Congress the authority to bypass GPO and enter into agreements with private entities for printing and publishing of documents. It could be more difficult to ensure the authenticity of federal documents if this happens. Ms. Taracuk asked what the timeline was for the changes. Ms. Krumsee replied that it was supposed to be December. Mr. Merz shared that he has been in touch with a lobbyist for the Federal Bar Association to oppose this legislation. He also mentioned that the E-Government Act requires that all federal courts make their opinions available to the public for free. GPO makes federal cases available the next day at no cost. Ms. Arp asked what the primary motivation for the changes is. Ms. Krumsee explained that it is privatization and control of GPO.

Ethics Training

Ms. Cain reminded the Board that they must complete yearly ethics training. The training should be available in early February. Ms. Cain will let the Board know when training is available. She

advised the Board to take the one-hour e-course to fulfill the requirement. Ms. Cain also reminded the Board that they must complete the Financial Disclosure Form, and it is due May 15.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Deaf History Month Resolution

Mr. Merz moved (M-4-18) that the Board approve the following resolution recognizing Deaf History Month:

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Ohio has designated the period beginning March 13 and ending April 15 as Ohio Deaf History Month; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Deaf History Month celebrates deaf history and the contributions of the hearing impaired and deaf community to society; and

WHEREAS, Recognition of Deaf History Month at the national level was initiated by two deaf employees at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library in Washington DC; and

WHEREAS, The State Library of Ohio has a longstanding partnership with the Ohio School for the Deaf, working together to provide information for and about people who are deaf or hard of hearing; 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, disability or socioeconomic background; and

WHEREAS, many libraries in Ohio and across America are celebrating Ohio Deaf History Month with a variety of special displays, programs, or events;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this day, January 18, 2018, the State Library Board proclaims Ohio Deaf History Month, March 13 – April 15, 2018, and encourages Ohio libraries to host deaf awareness activities during this month-long celebration.

Dr. Najera seconded the motion. The motion passed with Ms. Taracuk, Ms. Arp, Ms. Deters, Mr. Merz, and Dr. Najera voting "aye."

LUNCH

Sexual Harassment Training

Stephanie Herriott, Human Resources Administrator, presented the Board with Sexual Harassment Training. Ms. Herriott explained that sexual harassment is any unwelcome conduct based on the victim's sex. She emphasized that the harassment does not have to be sexual in nature. She urged Board members to call the Equal Employment Opportunity office, the Civil Rights Commission, or her to report any instances of Sexual Harassment in the State Library.

After the training, 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 11:56 a.m.

President

Secretary

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