

**MINUTES**  
**STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**January 19, 2017**

The State Library Board met January 19, 2017 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 10:00 a.m. State Library Board members present were: Ms. Krista Taracuk, President; Ms. Melissa Hendon Deters; Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp; Mr. Michael Merz; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary.

Visitors present were: Doug Evans, Ohio Library Council; Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; Mandy Knapp, OPLIN; Jason Buydos, Louisville Public Library; Jennifer McKell; and Christine Morris, OhioNET.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Jen Johnson, Anne Libby, Missy Lodge, Cindy Boyden, Kirstin Krumsee, Tracy Grimm, Elissa Lawrence, John Stewart, Evan Struble, Gregg Gassman, Dianna Clark, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Ann Watson, and Mandy Simon.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ms. Deters moved (M-1-17) that the minutes of the December 13, 2016 Board meeting be approved.

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

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no public participation.

**LSTA REPORT**

**LSTA Five-Year Evaluation**

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, explained to the Board that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) requires the State Library to have an independent evaluation of its LSTA Five-Year Plan every five years. The State Library contracted with The Bishoff Group, LLC to conduct the evaluation. Ms. Lodge introduced Tom Claeson of The Bishoff Group to present the LSTA Five-Year Evaluation to the Board. Mr. Claeson explained that The Bishoff Group went through project documents, interviewed State Library Staff, looked at State Program Reports, conducted a survey, ran focus groups, and held a series of stakeholder interviews to provide them the data that they needed to do the evaluation. Through this research, The Bishoff Group found that there was strong awareness, support, and appreciation of the State Library's LSTA Program. Mr. Claeson shared that several of the statewide programs are highly regarded. The Bishoff Group did find a need for expanded marketing of programs and suggested renaming programs with similar or unclear names to avoid confusion. Mr. Claeson explained that some suggested LSTA priorities for the future include increased access to e-resources, promoting the value of libraries, emerging technologies, helping library users find information, and teaching information literacy skills. Mr. Claeson shared that the key findings of the Evaluation were a high level of satisfaction with the program, recognition of State Library leadership, the excellence of State Library staff, high program awareness except for the consulting program, digitization centers, and Choose to Read Ohio, and some confusion

with some program naming and branding. Mr. Clareson said that The Bishoff Group recommends that the State Library facilitate partnerships, aggregate data from multiple projects, collect and analyze data across projects, and to continue funding to sustain the major statewide initiatives. Mr. Clareson asked the Board for questions. Mr. Merz asked what the possible number of survey respondents was. Mr. Clareson responded that the number was very large, but that Ohio's response was very similar to other states. Ms. Arp shared that it is nice to hear that people around the state appreciate the staff of the State Library.

## **STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

### **Ethics Training**

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, reminded the Board that they are required to undergo training from the Ohio Ethics Commission which can be done online via webinar. She asked the Board to send their completion certificates to the State Library for filing.

### **New Staff Introductions**

Ms. Cain introduced two new employees to the Board. Mandy Simon joined the Library Programs and Development department as a Library Consultant working with strategic and space planning. Her previous experience includes the Bexley Public Library, Worthington Public Library, and several years working in sales and advertising. She is a Library Leadership Ohio and ILEAD USA Ohio graduate and was recognized by the American Library Association as an emerging leader. She has a Master of Library and Information Science from University of Illinois Urbana and a bachelor's degree in English from The Ohio State University. Elissa Lawrence joined the Research and Catalog Services department as a library assistant. Her previous experience includes the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections and Fort Frye Local Schools. She earned her Bachelor of Education from Ohio University and her Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Louisville Public Library LSTA Grant**

Ms. Lodge shared that of the three grants that the Board did not act on at the last meeting, one library withdrew its application to submit an Open Grant application. The other two libraries submitted answers to the Board's questions last week for their review. Ms. Lodge explained that Jason Buydos from Louisville Public Library was in attendance to answer any further questions. Ms. Deters asked if the library already has the local match and Mr. Buydos responded that they did.

Ms. Arp moved (M-2-17) that a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$50,000 from FFY16 funds be awarded to Louisville Public Library for a STEM project for the period of February 1, 2017–September 30, 2017.

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

### **Mid-East Career and Tech Centers LSTA Grant**

Mr. Merz moved (M-3-17) that a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$34,670 from FFY16 funds be awarded to Mid-East Career and Tech Centers for a STEM project for the period of February 1, 2017–September 30, 2017.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 10:43 a.m.

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President

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Secretary

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