

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2019

The State Library Board met October 24, 2019 in the Shawnee Room of Mohican Lodge & Conference Center, 1098 Ashland County Road 3006, Perrysville, OH 44864.

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 10:18 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Julia Ward, Executive Secretary to the State Librarian's Office, called the roll. State Library Board members present were: Ms. Laurie Gemmill Arp, President; Dr. Tracy Najera; Mr. Alan Hall; and Ms. Beverly Cain, Secretary. Mr. Michael Merz, Vice-President, was absent.

Visitors present were: Marissa Moore, Kent State University student; Christine Morris, OhioNET; and Nancy Kirkpatrick, OhioNET.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Evan Struble, Cindy Boyden, Phil Willke, Nicole Merriman, Jamie Pardee, and Jen Johnson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Dr. Najera moved (M-44-19) that the minutes of the July 18, 2019 Board meeting be approved.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

LSTA REPORT

Public Library Automation Grant

Cindy Boyden, LSTA Coordinator, presented the Board with a proposal from Muskingum County Library System for a Public Library Automation Grant. The library seeks to join SearchOhio. Ms. Boyden explained that this will be the final Public Library Automation Grant funded as part of a two-year initiative to allow public libraries using a stand-alone system to join a library consortium. Mr. Hall asked if they are replacing their automation system. Ms. Boyden responded that they are joining a consortium. Mr. Hall asked what would that will give them access to. Ms. Boyden explained that they will have access to 16 million items through SearchOhio. Ms. Cain asked if they are already running III. Ms. Boyden believes that they are.

Dr. Najera moved (M-45-19) that a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant in the amount of \$33,000 from FFY19 carryover funds be awarded to Muskingum County Library System for a Public Library Automation project for the period of October 24, 2019 – May 31, 2020.

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

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Intern Introduction

Ms. Cain introduced Marissa Moore to the Board. Ms. Moore is a Kent State University undergraduate student who is interning at the State Library as part of the Kent State University's Columbus Program in State Issues, run by Sen. Vernon Sykes. She will be at the State Library three days a week through December 6. Ms. Moore hopes to earn a Master of Library and Information Science.

Ms. Cain shared that Phil Willke, Reference Librarian, was selected by ATG Media and the organizers of the Charleston Conference to receive the Up & Comers Award. The award is given to librarians in the early years of their careers who are seen as future leaders and change makers. Mr. Willke will receive his honor at the Charleston Conference.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no Unfinished Business.

NEW BUSINESS

Consumer Advisory Council Appointments

Evan Struble, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, presented the Board with a list of appointees to the State Library's Talking Book Advisory Council.

Dr. Najera moved (M-46-19) that the following persons be appointed to the State Library's Talking Book Consumer Advisory Council for a three-year term, November 1, 2019 – October 31, 2022:

Dave Bertsch (New Appointment)
Katie Frederick (New Appointment)
Irwin Hott (Re-Appointment)
Beth Levine (Re-Appointment)
Elizabeth Sammons (Re-Appointment)
Claire Williams (Re-Appointment)

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

Retirement Resolution

Mr. Hall moved (M-47-19) for adoption of the following resolution:

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kenny Lawson upon his retirement from the State Library of Ohio.

WHEREAS, Kenny Lawson has been a dedicated employee of the State Library of Ohio with over 32 years of service as a Delivery Worker, benefitting state government employees, the Ohio Library community, and Ohio residents; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lawson provided great customer service to the staff of the State Library of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lawson successfully adapted to new services and technologies with the State Library over his career; and

WHEREAS, Kenny Lawson provided great customer service to the staff and customers of other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the State Library of Ohio, especially the Facilities Department, will miss him upon his retirement; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on this day, October 24, 2019, the State Library Board, on behalf of the State Library of Ohio and its customers, hereby thanks Kenny Lawson for his efforts, appreciates his contributions to the services and programs of the State Library of Ohio, congratulates him on his retirement, and wishes him the best in the future.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Hall moved (M-48-19) to move into Executive Session to discuss issues surrounding the upcoming retirement of the State Librarian.

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

Mr. Hall moved (M-49-19) to return from Executive session.

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

Mr. Hall moved (M-50-19) that the State Library Board retain the services of Bradbury Miller Associates to conduct the search for the next State Librarian.

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 11:42 a.m.

President

Secretary

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