

MINUTES
STATE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
July 20, 2017

The State Library Board met July 20, 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 10:02 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: Stephen Hedges, OPLIN; and Barry McKew, Ohio Attorney General's Office.

State Library staff members present were: Bill Morris, Julia Ward, Evan Struble, Jen Johnson, Anne Libby, Missy Lodge, Anne Kennedy, Andy Ingraham Dwyer, Marsha McDevitt-Stredney, Gregg Gassman; Kirstin Krumsee, Nicole Merriman, Ann Watson, Stephanie Herriott, Janet Ingraham Dwyer, Elissa Lawrence, Shannon Kupfer, John Stewart, Penelope Shumaker, Peter Kukla, and Dianna Clark.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Merz moved (M-25-17) that the minutes of the May 18-19, 2017 Board meeting be approved.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

LSTA REPORT

Guiding Ohio Online Grants

Missy Lodge, Associate State Librarian for Library Development, explained to the Board that there are seventeen Guiding Ohio Online LSTA grants for consideration today, with a total request of \$247,424. She then introduced Evan Struble, Library Consultant, who gave a more in-depth description and background of the grant program. He explained that the Guiding Ohio Online started as an AmeriCorp program assisting 40,000 individuals with technology over three years. The State Library decided to continue the Guiding Ohio Online program using LSTA funds. Ms. Taracuk asked if the State Library had issues getting people to buy into the program. Mr. Struble explained that with the LSTA grants, the libraries can set a competitive hourly wage, unlike with the AmeriCorp program. Laurie asked if this program will impact LSTA funds for other programs. Ms. Lodge said no and explained that the LSTA department works with fiscal services to determine the funds available for grants every year. The State Library tries to offer new programs to libraries to encourage them to apply, as the number of grant applications has decreased over the years. She anticipates more applicants next year as libraries see how the Guiding Ohio Online LSTA grants work with these initial libraries. Ms. Taracuk suggested having a Guiding Ohio Online library come to speak at a future State Library Board meeting. Dr. Najera asked what the Guiding Ohio Online program does to serve patrons. Mr. Struble explained that with the AmeriCorp program, anything in the computer realm was allowable. He

said that under the LSTA program, regulations will be looser and leave it up to the individual library to determine how the program will work.

Ms. Deters moved (M-26-17) that Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grants from FFY17 funds be awarded to the following libraries in the specified amounts for Services to Targeted Populations/Guiding Ohio Online projects for the period of October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018:

Ada Public Library	\$20,925
Adams County Public Library	\$12,075
Athens County Public Libraries	\$18,633
Brown County Public Library	\$23,355
Cardington-Lincoln Public Library	\$10,406
Chillicothe and Ross County Public Library	\$17,288
East Palestine Memorial Public Library	\$ 8,865
Garnet A. Wilson Public Library of Pike County	\$ 8,078
Kingsville Public Library	\$18,601
Kinsman Free Public Library	\$ 7,350
Licking County Library	\$26,657
Lima Public Library	\$23,012
Madison Public Library	\$17,974
Meigs County District Public Library	\$12,555
Perry Cook Memorial Public Library	\$ 8,042
St. Clairsville Public Library	\$ 6,615
Wagnalls Memorial Library	\$ 7,350

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

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Budget Update

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, presented the Board with an update about the State Library's funding. She explained that funding has been a long-standing issue with the State Library. For this biennial budget, funding was cut 13.57%. Ms. Cain worked with fiscal services to cut every area of the budget possible. The State Library will not fill vacant positions and will still need to eliminate five positions. Staff is working with the Office of Collective Bargaining through the process. Ms. Cain hopes to have everything completed by August 30. This will be a difficult time for all State Library staff. Ms. Cain shared that federal funding is looking more positive. The Institute of Museum and Library services was recommended for flat funding with \$183,000,000 going to the grants to states program.

New Employee Introduction

Beverly Cain, State Librarian, introduced Peter Kukla to the Board. Mr. Kukla is a software development specialist in Information Systems and Technology. He will be doing technological work associated with the Digital Public Library of America. Mr. Kukla's previous experience includes OCLC, Fairfield County Board of Elections, Information Dimensions/Open Text Corporation. He holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Indiana University and a Master of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in English from The Ohio State University.

Bicentennial Commemorative Plaque Unveiling

The Board and staff gathered in the vestibule of the State Library for the official unveiling of the plaque commemorating the State Library of Ohio's bicentennial.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bucyrus Public Library Boundaries

Bill Morris, Governmental Affairs Coordinator, presented the Board with information about a boundary redefinition clarification for Bucyrus Public Library. He explained that the description needed to be changed to add a small portion that had been omitted in the previous redefinition. No libraries have objected to this change.

Mr. Merz moved (M-27-17) for adoption of the following resolution:

Resolution 17-1

Redefinition of the Bucyrus Public Library Boundaries

WHEREAS, the Board of Library Trustees of the Bucyrus Public Library, Bucyrus, Ohio has, at a regular meeting of the board on April 18, 2017, requested a clarification of the redefinition of the boundaries of the Bucyrus Public Library; 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 (G) of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with procedures established in its Administrative Rules, that the Bucyrus Public Library be redefined to include the following:

Bucyrus, Dallas (excluding the portion that is Ridgedale School District), Holmes, Liberty, Tod (excluding those portions that are Upper Sandusky School District), Texas (excluding the portion that is Mohawk School District), Lykens, and Whetstone townships from Monnett-Chapel Road East to Shearer Road North to S.R 19 East to S.R. 602 North into Jefferson Township, Crestline Road East to Beck Road North to Lower-Leesville Road West to S.R 602 to the Whetstone Township Border.

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 Crawford County Auditor; Crawford County Board of Elections; Bucyrus City; Bucyrus Public Library; Crestline Public Library; Galion Public Library; Mohawk Community Library; Bliss Memorial Public Library; Marion Public Library; and Upper Sandusky Community Library.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Mr. Merz moved (M-28-17) that Krista Taracuk be nominated for the office of President of the State Library Board for the biennial term beginning July 1, 2017.

Ms. Deters seconded the motion.

Mr. Merz moved (M-29-17) that the nominations be closed, a unanimous ballot be cast for Ms. Taracuk and that she be declared elected to that office for the biennial term beginning July 1, 2017.

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

Ms. Deters moved (M-30-17) that Laurie Arp be nominated for the office of Vice-President of the State Library Board for the biennial term beginning July 1, 2017.

Mr. Merz seconded the motion.

Ms. Deters moved (M-31-17) that the nominations be closed, a unanimous ballot be cast for Ms. Arp and that she be declared elected to that office for the biennial term beginning July 1, 2017.

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

Constitution Week Resolution

Mr. Merz moved (M-32-17) for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, September 17, 2017 marks the 230th anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, in remembrance of the signing of the Constitution and in recognition of the Americans who strive to uphold the duties and responsibilities of citizenship, the Congress, by joint resolution of August 2, 1956 (36 U.S.C. 108), requested that the President proclaim the week beginning September 17 and ending September 23 of each year as Constitution Week; and

WHEREAS, libraries play a key role in supporting the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper for libraries to officially recognize this important document and the anniversary of its creation; and

WHEREAS, the United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of the State Library of Ohio, meeting in regular session this 20th day of July, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, proclaim Constitution Week September 17 – September 23, 2017, and encourage Ohio libraries to host displays, programs, or other activities during this week-long celebration.

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

Retirement Resolutions

Mr. Merz moved (M-33-17) for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Stephen Hedges has served with distinction and dedication as a leader in the Ohio library community for more than 25 years; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hedges has directed the Ohio Public Library Information Network since 2006, leading the organization through tremendous growth and achievement, including initiatives such as introducing free web filtering capability to Ohio's public libraries using OpenDNS and installing dedicated internet connections that provide Ohio's public libraries with bandwidth speed of at least 100 megabits per second; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hedges, as director of the Nelsonville Public Library (Athens County) from 1997-2006, gave unsparingly of his time, energy, knowledge, and leadership to make the Nelsonville Public Library a leader in technological innovation among public libraries, including being the first public library in the United States to use open source software for circulation, catalog, and web services, earning recognition as a worldwide leader in the implementation of open source software; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hedges, as a member of Libraries Connect Ohio, was instrumental in the development and administration of the Ohio Web Library, working with partners at INFOhio, OhioLINK, and the State Library, making a collection of online research resources available to all Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, Stephen Hedges has provided guidance and leadership to the Ohio library community, serving on boards and committees including the Ohio Library Council Board, the Government Relations Committee of the Ohio Library Council, the DPLA Ohio Steering Committee, and Ohio Valley Area Libraries;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of the State Library of Ohio, meeting in regular session this 20th day of July, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, express their individual and collective gratitude and appreciation for Stephen Hedges.

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

Mr. Merz moved (M-34-17) for adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jo Ferguson has been a dedicated and valued staff member of the State Library of Ohio since 1983; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-four years, Jo Ferguson has provided an outstanding level of service to State government employees, the Ohio library community, and Ohio residents through her work with the Northwest Bookmobile Service, the Ohio Talking Book Service, and other departments of the State Library; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ferguson has been recognized throughout her career for providing excellent customer service and possessing a keen attention to detail; and

WHEREAS, Jo Ferguson has contributed in numerous ways to the success of the many programs and services offered by the State Library;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of the State Library of Ohio, meeting in regular session this 20th day of July, 2017, in Columbus, Ohio, express their individual and collective gratitude and appreciation for Jo Ferguson.

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

LUNCH

Board Development—Board Rules and Responsibilities

Barry McKew, Assistant Attorney General, presented the Board with information pertaining to the rules and responsibilities of the State Library Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, the Board adjourned by common consent at 12:20 p.m.

President

Secretary

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