

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
July 6th, 2017
Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown
9:30am Coffee/10:00am Business Meeting

Minutes

1. Call to Order: Glenn Grube called the meeting to order at 10:03am
2. Report from Kate Robinson, CLA Lobbyist: Kate provided a brief overview of the current state of the State's budget and asked CLA members to contact their representatives, and remain in contact, so that they better understand how communities are being impacted. Funding for libraries is not included as part of the Governor's budget although the amount required to keep them running is relatively low but has a big impact. A vote on the budget by House Democrats is scheduled for July 18 but passage of any plan depends on all parties agreeing on common ground. Scott Brill expressed his frustration in trying to contact legislators due to summer vacations and Kate encouraged everyone to set aside their frustrations and focus on ways to have productive conversations. Ken Wiggin informed the Board that OPM has sent a letter to encourage State Library vendors to contact CT legislators. Kate stated that once this year's budget has been fixed, the State will be in this position for the next 3-5 years.
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. April 6th, 2017 meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2017 was made by Peter Ciparelli and seconded by Mary Etter and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.
 - b. June 1st, 2017 meeting minutes: A motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2017 was made by Gail Hurley and seconded by Peter Ciparelli and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.
4. Old Business:
 - a. President's Report – Glenn Grube: Glenn Grube encouraged members to continue to work to provide services. The August 2017 meeting will be cancelled. A welcome was extended to all new Board members.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Scott Brill: Scott Brill reviewed the budget documents and informed the Board that not all the numbers are in for the budget and that a completed budget should be ready by August.
5. New Business:
 - a. Approval of 2017-18 Association Budget: A big thank you to everyone's help with the budget and the conference numbers are based on a realistic projection on the site. New categories have been added for donations and some committees have budgets this year. A motion to approve the 2017-18 Association Budget was made by Mary Etter and seconded by Peter Ciparelli and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.
6. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:
 - a. ACLB: Denise Stankovics reported that a conference will be held on November 3 at the Harry Gray Center, University of Hartford. More information on speakers will be coming in August. A newsletter began in Fall 2016 and is sent out to members and the General Assembly. The newsletter includes a column by Ken Wiggin and feature articles on what libraries are doing in the state. ACLB has a new website, aclb.org, which includes the handbook and the newly updated Executive Board By-laws.

- b. ACLPD: Ramona Burkey reported that they are looking for new members to join the standing committee. Resource sharing and the LSTA five-year plan were topics discussed at a recent meeting.
- c. ALA: Glenn Grube shared a letter from ALA National to encourage the return of funding to libraries and that Rosa DeLauro can be sent letters of support.
- d. CLC: Jennifer Keohane stated that funding from the State has been zeroed out and kindly requested that invoice be paid promptly. A wonderful Annual Meeting was held in Wallingford and Jane Fisher is the new Board Chair. Elena Principato, Member Relations Manager, introduced herself to the Board.
- e. CSL: Ken Wiggin informed the group that they are operating under executive order and that the allocation plan includes no funding for CLC. The line items for databases and book budgets will not be fully funded and they are in the process of notifying vendors. They have been told by OPM to plan for the full year with the funds currently in the allocation plan. A quick decision was made to keep the EBSCO databases but some academic and ProQuest databases will no longer be available and plans to create a three month stop gap are in development. Renewal contracts are not being signed. Applications are due by the end of August for \$1.7 million in construction funds. An advisory LSTA 5-year plan has been submitted and a positive evaluation of the previous plan was received. The State is under a hiring freeze, staff has been lost through attrition and the current employees will be voting on their contract soon. Dawn LaValle let everyone know that the LSTA plan is available on the State's LibGuide. The CSL is building on their strengths, building on partnerships, working on EDGE and EXCITE plans. A plan has been submitted to expand EXCITE throughout the East Coast. MLSC will no longer be providing coffee for meetings.
- f. Children's: Danielle Valenzano shared the date of the Children's Section Annual Fall Workshop. It will be held on Friday, October 13 at Wallingford Public Library with a Meetup to follow.
- g. CLASS: Alberto Cifuentes, Jr. is returning to school in August to earn his doctorate. The conference will be held on Friday, October 27 at the University of Hartford. Registration will open in October and the planning committee is working to secure the keynote speaker and planning workshops. There is a new executive board, conference co-chair and temporary co-chair.
- h. Customer Service: Lisa Karim is working on a fall workshop to be held on Wednesday, October 11 at the Wallingford Public Library.
- i. Legislative: Mary Etter reported that they are using multiple forms of communication to engage with legislators and state associations. EveryLibrary has been used to target Senate and House members in the state and on the federal level. Communicating new information or answering questions to/for members is important. One way to share the impact of budget issues on libraries what libraries are doing is to be sure to be included on local government agendas.
- j. Membership: Tom Piezzo thanked Susan Ray for the last Meetup and announced that he will be attending fall workshops. Only ½ of the people that attend workshops are members of CLA, so to encourage membership a new member rate has been established. Next month, membership fees will include an option to become a member of NELA for a cost of \$20.
- k. NELA: Gail Hurley will be turning over the reins to Christy Billings in October. The conference will be held in Burlington, VT on October 22-24 with a preconference on October 21. A virtual board meeting will be held on July 21 and a diversity summit on

July 26 in Hadley, MA. NELS will be held August 14-18 with four participants from CT. Official ballots will be sent out after July 15 for board nominations.

- l. PEG: Peter Ciparelli reported that three applications were received and two were accepted to NELS.
 - m. SCSU: Arlene Bielefield reported that summer class enrollment is up 40% over last year with a total of 65 students. The faculty is spending the summer writing the application for candidacy and is hoping for full accreditation in 2020, retroactive to 2018. The faculty is publishing now and is seeking ideas on how to promote their publications to interested parties. LLAMA published/is publishing an article on bullying in the workplace, a survey of ADA compliance for websites of urban library councils and a study of ALA job ads for the last five years and their match with the core competencies of ALA.
 - n. Technical Services: Gail Hurley shared that they met on June 20 and reviewed program ideas for a fall conference and hosted guest academic librarians.
 - o. Technology: Gen Francis thanked Lion and CEN for upgrade services.
 - p. Young Adult: Jennifer Rummel is planning a fall workshop.
 - q. Region 2: Susan Ray
 - r. Region 4: Geri Diorio
 - s. Region 5: Chris Hemmingway
 - t. Region 6: Gale Bradbury
7. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:32am was made by Jennifer Keohane and seconded by Scott Brill and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Attendance: Ramona Burkey, Julie Styles, Gale Bradbury, Lisa Karim, Danielle Valenzano, Christine Angeli, Susan Ray, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Samantha Lee, Chris Hemmingway, Geri Diorio, Jennifer Rummel, Gail Hurley, Tom Piezzo, Mary Etter, Ken Wiggin, Christy Billings, Matthew Yanarella, Britta Santamauro, Dawn LaValle, Genevieve Francis, Arlene Bielefield, Karen Jensen, Ellen G. Janpol, Kirk Morrison, Alberto Cifuentes, Jr., Trish Palmer Alena Principato, Jennifer Keohane, Denise Stankovics, Scott R. Brill, Glenn Grube, Catherine Potter