

**Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting
September 5, 2013
Middletown Library Service Center**

- I. Call to Order: Richard Conroy called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.
- II. Board introductions
- III. Carl DeMilia made a motion to accept the minutes from the July 11th meeting. Motion was seconded by Kate Byroade and the motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. President's Report
 - i. The 5th Annual Library Leadership Institute was a success with 82 people attending on August 9th at the University of Hartford. Keynote speaker Peter Bromberg, Associate Director Princeton Public Library, was impressive and inspiring. Richard Conroy encouraged others to attend next year.
 - ii. Membership is meeting to reach out to Academic and School libraries in order to explain the value of CLA membership and mentoring new Librarians as well as other midcareer level librarians. Request for volunteers for these projects.
 - iii. Richard Conroy and Cindy Schofield attended the College and University conference in order to recruit new members.
 - iv. Carl DeMilia and Richard Conroy were honored guests at the bill signing event for HB5614 in Governor Malloy's office, an achievement for CLA.
 - b. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Christina Baum distributed the CLA FY 2013 Annual Budget Report and asked section chairs to please review for accuracy. Included was everything submitted for actual expense last year and budgets for this year. Budget figures match. If any discrepancies, please let her know.
 - ii. Overall there is a \$784 balance. Income from membership is down. CLA needs to work on bringing in income. Conference did well keeping it all afloat. There have been recent income increases to Bob Shea and Jen Datum for all of their hard work.
 - iii. Kate Byroade asked where awards (plaques) fit in with the budget. Alison Wang answered that it was an administrative expense. She recommended that the Awards committee submit it as an expense to be a line item. \$360 was spent last year. This year it should be added as \$400. Christina Baum will add the line to the budget.
 - iv. Richard Conroy felt it was a conservative and realistic budget. He asked if anyone has concerns. Investments in mixed fun scholarship need to be given to Christina Baum and will include the Schwab account. He suggested there be a meeting to discuss investments in the Adeline Mix Scholarship Fund. Also, he would like to revive the development fund for donations and review whether or not we have money give out as donations.

- v. Any changes revisions to the budget should be sent to Christine.

V. New Business

- a. Motion to approve the 2013/14 Budget. Carl DeMilia approved, Peter seconded.
- b. eBooks symposium task force: Ernie DeMattia decided to have a symposium on eBooks and invite publishers. It is currently in the planning stage. Ken Wiggin asked CLA/CLC to cosponsor with State Library for a discussion panel with publishers sometime in November at Legislative Office building. Motion for approval by Carl Antonucci, seconded by Carl DeMilia.
- c. SCSU MLIS program lost accreditation and is appealing the decision to the ALA. Richard Conroy recommends that CLA stay involved in the process. Reasons for loss were out of date curriculum, lack of published faculty, not utilizing social media and an antiquated program. Chris Baum is involved with the appeal. The appeal is very strong with a motivated faculty. Discussion ensued on the importance of an in-state and affordable MLIS program. Matriculating students are able to enroll this fall.
- d. A program registration policy needs to be in place for all programs. There will be a meeting to finalize the policy.

VI. Reports

- a. ADA- Ed Morrissey
 - i. Next meeting will be in Wallingford on September 26th.
- b. ALA – Carl Antonucci
 - i. CLA state of the Chapter Report
- c. Archives – Gerald Seagrave
 - i. Annual Section and Committee reports go to Gerald Seagrave.
- d. BCALA – Vivian Bordeaux
 - i. The Declaration for the Right to Libraries is the cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling’s presidential initiative. *Libraries Change Lives* is designed to build the public will and sustained support for America’s right to libraries of all types – academic, special, school and public. This is a wonderful activity for libraries of all types in Connecticut to hold signing ceremonies. I hope that we can get as many libraries on board for this. For more information go to www.alal.org/advocacy.
 - ii. The 8th annual conference was held in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky area August 7-11th. Culture Keepers VIII: Challenges of the 21st Century: Empowering People, Changing Lives. Conference activities included sessions on health and wellness, leadership and management, diversity and cultural heritage; advocacy outreach and community engagement and collections.
 - iii. Vivian Bordeaux is running for ALA Council. She would appreciate the support of those who especially live in Connecticut.
- e. Career Development – Michael Spellmon
 - i. Next meeting will be September 20th
- f. CLASS - Kathleen Cataldi

- i. Professional Development Conference is November 1st at the University of Hartford with keynote speaker and Connecticut author Robert Steele. Attendance promises to be excellent with 100 maximum. Included will be eBooks , and library of the future programs.
- g. Children's – Mary Beth Rassulo, Bernadette Niedermeier
 - i. Annual meeting is September 27th at the West Haven Public Library. Focus will be on how libraries can support their schools and communities.
- h. Conference 2014 – Chris Angeli , Jason Neely
 - i. Conference is at the Crowne Plaza Hotel April 28-29th. Keynote speaker for Monday is Siva Vaidhuanathan, author of *The Googlization of Everything (and why we should worry)*.
 - ii. All relevant documents for chairs are on StarChapter under the Conference 2014 link. Chris has posted a guide to sponsoring a program. Deadline for program submissions is mid- November.
 - iii. Survey results for desired conference programs were predominantly technology and its practical application for all libraries. Co-chairs are encouraging fresh ideas for conference programs.
- i. Legislative – Carl Antonucci
 - i. Fall meeting will follow CLA Executive Board meeting October 3rd.
- j. Membership – Cindy Schofield
 - i. Motion approved to allow general members to vote on changes to the bylaws. Reworking of bylaws is very much in line with Leadership conferences. Mary Etter advised on procedures. The ballot will be sent out through a survey.
 - ii. Motion to offer membership discounts of 10-15% for pet insurance was approved.
 - iii. Working to make signing up for membership easier by resolving issues with StarChapter.
- k. NELA – Dana Tonkonow
 - i. Dana reminded NELA conference is October 20-22nd in Portland Maine. Early registration ends October 3. Conference information and program schedule is on line. September 20 is first attendance drawing grant of \$150. Deadline for hotel rate is September 23rd.
 - ii. Chris Angeli recommended that section chairs look at NELA programs for ideas.
- l. PEG – Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Money is available for 2 applicants for PEG money up to \$400 each.
- m. Public Libraries – Sally Tornow
 - i. Fall meeting is October 16th at the Portland Public Library. It will look at how New Jersey Libraries created a *Passport Program* to increase awareness of their libraries and services.
- n. Reference and Adult Services – Paula Cook
 - i. Managing Multiple Mobile Devices and Apps in your Library is the Fall program October 4th and Henry Carter Hall Library in Clinton Connecticut.

- o. Resource Sharing – Sarah Marek, Karen Casey
 - i. Meeting was on August 23rd Suggested ideas for conference program include self publishing. Contact Sarah Marek if interested.
- p. Technical Services – Arianna Schlegel
 - i. Meeting September 11th to plan conference program. Contact Alison Wang for more details.
- q. Young Adult – Bailey Ortiz, Kristi Sadowski
 - i. Fall Section Meeting is scheduled November 7th at the Wallingford Public Library and will focus on bully issues with speakers and a panel of authors.
- r. Region 1- Patricia Lund
 - i. No budget approval.
- s. Region 2 – Marjorie Ruschau
 - i. Avon Public Library is partnering with the VFW and the senior center for programs to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Vietnam War.
 - ii. Berlin Peck Library is hosting a high school teacher’s art show and a program for kids to make a craft to display at the Berlin Fair.
 - iii. Bristol Public Library Director Francine Petosa retired after 37 years.
 - iv. Burlington Public Library has added Ancestry.com
 - v. Canton Library is teaming up with the Avon Library to offer a series of tech classes taught by a Canton librarian.
 - vi. East Hartford Library has a new director, Susan Hansen, formerly of the West Hartford Library and new assistant director, Katherine LeGeyt
 - vii. Hartford Public Library has teamed with a community group that is opening a café in the library that also offers job training.
 - viii. Lucy Robbins Welles Library, Newington, is having a session for teens to offer tech help to adults and has added Fregal.
 - ix. Simsbury Public Library has a new director, Lisa Karim, formerly director of the Poughkeepsie NY library.
 - x. South Windsor Library is teamed with Patch for its library blog.
 - xi. Wethersfield Library is holding a laughter yoga program.
 - xii. Windsor Public Library held a Halloween in Summer party for kids, complete with costumes.
 - xiii. Windsor Locks library has dropped Universal class.
- t. Region 3 – Peter Ciparelli
 - i. Babcock Library, Ashford, is having its annual wine tasting fundraiser “Gifts from the Vine” on Saturday, September 14th from 3-5 at ECSU Church Farm Center for Arts & Sciences.
 - ii. Hall Memorial Library, Ellington, is having a “Read to the Dogs” program on Saturday September 28th.
 - iii. Somers Public Library is having its Fall Book Sale on October 5th and 6th with a preview on Friday night, October 4th.

- iv. Thompson Public Library is issuing free replacement library cards the month of September. Also, Wednesday and Thursdays are “fine free” days. Up to \$10.00 in fines will be waived per card. The Friends of the Library Annual Book and Bake Sale will be held on Saturday, September 14th from 9- 12 pm.
 - v. Willimantic Public library has added Thursday evening story times to their schedule, effective this month.
- u. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski
- i. Fairfield Woods Branch Library has collaborated with the Fairfield Organic Teaching Farm to establish a seed library. Programming during 2012-2013 led up to springtime ‘lending’ of seeds. Participants selected seeds last spring and are now expected to ‘return’ seeds this fall in order to expand the seed collection for next year.
 - ii. Darien Library (in partnership with several Fairfield County libraries) will be hosting the Fairfield County Minecraft server. Minecraft is a multiplayer game in which players construct an environment using building blocks.
 - iii. On Sunday, September 8th, Ridgefield Library is hosting a “One for the Books” fundraiser which will feature an attempt to break the world record for the most champagne bottles uncorked with a saber in 60 seconds.
 - iv. This weekend Wilton Library is offering a “Tots to Teens” booksale. While you’re there, check out their electric vehicle charging station, installed outside the Library. In cooperation with CL & P, those who want to use the station for a free charge can obtain an activation code from the library in order to use the charger.
- v. Region 5 – Christy Billings
- i. Clinton Henry Hull Library: Tickets are on Sale for the HCH Library Gala being held Saturday September 21st at 7 pm.
 - ii. Scranton Library, Madison, opened new drive-up book drop on July 1st and held a dedication ceremony on July 12th to name the drive way to the drop. “Ramona’s Way” in memory of the wife of the donor. The positive response and expressions of gratitude from the public has been a tremendous as before the drop was installed when patrons had to park across the street and carry all returns to the building. In July they started accepting credit card for payment of fines and fees and have seen a notable increase in their budget line for operating income. Along with a local architect, Library Director, President of Trustees and Chair of Bldgs and Grounds committee have presented future library expansion concepts to local community groups.
 - iii. Durham Public Library Closed for the Durham Fair, Friday September 27-29th
 - iv. Levi Coe Public Library in Middlefield will be closed on September 28th for the Durham Fair. The Library now has a pass to the New Britain Museum of American Art.

- v. Russell Library in Middletown is offering program *Baseball before the Civil War* featuring Aaron Krerowicz on September 26th. Russell has two new museum passes to the Basketball Hall of Fame and Connecticut Trolley Museum.
- w. Region 6 – Kate Byroade
 - i. Groton Public Library will have a local history fair in September , and a joint book discussion series with Groton Public Schools led by school administrations and the first of a four-part series on the probate and estate planning process.
 - ii. Wheeler Library, North Stonington , will have a local professional photographer doing outdoor family photos for Christmas cards. Proceeds will benefit the Library. The will have their first annual Music on Main – Wheeler Library Community Concert Series beginning in October. Five concerts in different genres and hope that business sponsorship will cover costs. Other upcoming programs include Randi Oster of the Affordable Health Care Act; Aldo Pantanno on CTs Partnership for Long Term Care; Virginia Wolf’s Panic in CT; the East Haddam Stage Company’s live radio performance of “Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Speckled Band” and Kevin Johnson appearing as Pvt. William Webb, Civil War Soldier. Our Friends, who arrange many of our programs for the library, will also hold a Holiday Book Sale in Mid November.

V. Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Richard Conroy and seconded by Carl DeMilia.

Attendees: Beth Crowley, Karen Jensen, Mary Etter, peter , Carl DeMilia, Richard Conroy, Dan Lewis, David Boudinot, Kate Byroade, Brandie Doyle, Jennifer Datum, Douglas Lord, Marge Ruschau, Paula Cook, Carl Antonucci, Christy Billings, Christina Baum, Cindy Schofield, Michele Martin, Chris Angeli, Jason Neely, Sally Tornow, Ed Morrissey, Bailey Ortiz, Kristi Sadowski, Alison Wang, Karen Carey, Sarah Marek, Dawn LaValle, Gerald Seagrove, Mary Beth Rassulo, Bernadette Niedermeier, Arianna Schlegel, Karen DeLoatch, Vivian Bourdeaux, Dana, Tonkonow, Sheri Szymanski, Kathleen Cataldi, Michael Spellmon

Submitted by Michele Martin October 2, 2013