

**Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, April 7th 2016**  
**Middletown Library Service Center**

1. Beth Crowley called the meeting to order at 10:02am.
2. Board Introductions
3. Old Business
  - a. The minutes from the March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 meeting were approved, with changes. The motion was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Carol.
4. President's Report – Beth Crowley
  - a. The conference is in 2 weeks. It's looking great. President's reception will be open to more individuals. The Happy hour will be the President's reception, everyone's invited. A table for CLA is in the atrium. All sections can create a handout of information for the table. Volunteers who are interested in sitting at the table contact Beth.
  - b. No May meeting. Thursday, May 5th at 10am- a conference wrap up meeting, a dialog on how we can continue to improve the conference and bylaws.
  - c. Consolidation of two service centers. There are boxes of old photos and information - can we get rid of them? Are there people who want to look through them? We may let people take them at the CLA conference.
  - d. On March 23<sup>rd</sup> Beth went to a CT places rally.
5. Treasurer's Report - Karen Jensen (Interim)
  - a. Nothing unusual. All is well. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Kate Byroade.
6. New Business
  - a. Bylaw changes have to be voted on by the entire membership. There are proposed changes to the Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect bylaws, as well as wording for the Annual Conference.
  - b. A motion to approve the changes in the language of the bylaws regarding the Treasurer-Elect was made by Gail Hurley and seconded by Karen Jensen. It passed unanimously.
  - c. A motion to approve the change of wording in the bylaws regarding the Annual Conference was made by Peter Ciparelli and seconded by Carl Antonucci. There was then discussion. All in favor. No opposed.
7. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
  - a. SCSU: Dean Stephen Hegedus Stephen is working to revitalize the MLIS program at SCSU. They have established a strategic plan with student, faculty, and staff. They've been rebuilding the curriculum from scratch. They've established the external advisory board, members of CLA are a part of it. They've also conducted surveys. The summary will be distributed soon. They've been granted ALA pre-candidacy. The aim is for the program to be fully accredited by 2020. They're looking for students to begin this fall. There is a Media Specialist program that is currently accredited. They will have a booth and a program at the CLA Conference.
  - b. There was a proposed change to the Career Development bylaws to bring to CLA membership to vote. A motion was made to accept by Chris and Melissa.

- c. ADA: Maria Bernier Committee is sponsoring a session. Patrons will speak on their experience.
- d. ALA: Carl Antonucci Polls close on April 22
- e. Awards: Kate Byroade There are winners.
- f. Career Development: Richard Conroy Scholarship winners have been selected. ACLB will provide additional scholarship funds.
- g. Children's Section: Ready for the conference and working to update bylaws.
- h. CLC: Jennifer Keohane The appropriations committee has passed a budget, but CLC funding is relatively the same. There is a new member advisory named Ellen. A Media Coordinator position will be posted soon. They are currently working with a CT organization that provides service for Maker bot. The CASL Unconference was last Saturday at Scholastic in Danbury. Contest- Video parody all entries are from CT libraries.
- i. Commission on Educational Technology: Colleen Baile Talk about changes due to CEN budget cuts. We'll know more soon. Libraries may go to fiber. Doug Casey is talking about how CET is structured. They are forming committees- infrastructure (where CET will fall), Practices (establish training and model), digital learning, and data and privacy. CET conference Friday May 13<sup>th</sup>. CEN is looking for a library to help pilot a Wi-Fi project. Their next meeting is June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- j. CSL: Dawn LaValle is at the PLA Conference. She wanted everyone to be aware that we are still looking for a Region 6 representative.
- k. College & University: Kristina Edwards The CT info literacy day will be on June 17 at the University of Hartford. The keynote speaker is Lana Jackman (president of national forum of info literacy).
- l. CLASS: Lorrie Goings & Alberto Cifuentes. Jr. The CLASS steering committee is advertising their CLA workshop on gender inclusiveness. Alberto is moderating the panel and William J. Mann's Tinseltown for the gender-inclusiveness panel. The steering committee met and spoke about venues for their conference in late October early November. They are also doing a poster session to focus on membership.
- m. Conference 2016: Katy Dillman & Thomas Piezzo The conference is coming. April 15 is the cutoff for registration. There are 77 vendors (11 more than last year) and over \$10,000 in sponsorships. We have more ads in the conference program. Attendees are down (this year 610 attendees, last year 780). Out of state attendees are down (2 registered this year, last year was 17). 115 people are interested in the Murder Mystery. Parking is all comped. The exhibit hall will be open when the conference is open. Legislators were invited to the conference as well as the meet and greet from 8-9am.
- n. Customer Service: Ellen Cartledge-Janpol & Lisa Karim Their programs are very exciting. They will submit an article to CLA on programs.
- o. Editorial: Marjorie Ruschau stated that it's great to have conference reporters.
- p. Intellectual Freedom: Kara Gilbert Had meeting last month. Plan to hold workshop and a panel discussion. They are working on updating their bylaws.
- q. Legislative: Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter Meeting this afternoon. Working with lobbyist and trying to get legislators to attend the conference.

- r. Membership: Cindy Schofield She is stepping down. We will be looking for a new Membership chair.
- s. NELA: Gail Hurley reported that the NELA Board met last month. Confirmed the Advocacy Summit at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens in Mass. The keynote speaker is Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director of NYLA. The Conference Committee is currently reviewing proposals. The Nominations Committee is still looking for people to fill positions. NELA is looking to create a conference venue database that can be accessed online. NELA will have a table at the CLA Conference. The Academic Librarians Section has November 18 set for their Fall program on makerspaces in academic libraries. ITS will have their spring program June 13 at Providence Public Library. NERTCL had their conference on readers' advisory with 90 in attendance, and NETSL's conference is tomorrow. VLA's annual conference is May 18.
- t. Public Library: Sally Tornow the passport program is going. They will be going over their bylaws. Sally's term is up and Lorna is going to be a co-chair along with Drusilla Carter.
- u. Reference & Adult Services: Allison Wilkos They met on March 22 and are working to update bylaws. Alison's term is over. Lisa Gugliotti is going to step up to assume her position. They discussed program ideas. Possibly co-sponsoring a program for CLA.
- v. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan They are currently looking at their bylaws.
- w. Young Adult: Bernadette Niedermeier & Lorna Rhyins They are looking for a co-chair. They are also looking at their bylaws.
- x. Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau **Avon** – comiccon, april 16, cute video on website of superhero running to library in snow. **Berlin** – planning a party for the reopening of the children's department after the water damage, April 11 -- Library now has Minecraft server. **Bloomfield** – holding community discussions about renovating or building a new library -- Held talk on how to get, understand and improve your credit report and score. **Bristol** – Friends are bringing author Stewart O'Nan to city in July -- Have added Ancestry.com and the Comics Plus database. **Burlington** – hope to break ground in May on expansion. **Canton** – adding Hoopla and having a party to explain how to use it April 14, 3 p.m. -- **Twelfth Annual Crossword Puzzle Tournament**, April 30, 1 p.m., with new puzzles provided courtesy of Will Shortz, N.Y. Times Puzzle Editor. Pre-registration required by April 25. **East Hartford** – Director Susan Hansen has accepted a job as director of library services at Goodwin College in East Hartford. **Farmington** – hosting Stephanie Khalil "Hijabi" Al Ghani, former Vogue model, fashionista, convert to Islam, and founder of Covertime Magazine, a modest fashion & pop culture magazine, April 14, 7 p.m. **Welles-Turner, Glastonbury** – added Wowbrary to update patrons on new items -- Hosting for teens on cartooning with matt Ryan of Free Lunch Studios, April 20, 3:30 p.m. -- hosting audiobook reader R.C. Bray, April 13, 7 p.m. -- keeping up with your grandkids series, each week a different tech skill. **Frederick H. Cossitt Library, Granby** – celebrating its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Hartford** – collecting prom dresses for Project prom. **Manchester** -- holding potty training boot camp. **Lucy Robbins Welles, Newington** – hosting a series "Made in Connecticut" beginning with biodegradable cow pots, April 11, 7 p.m. **Cora J. Belden, Rocky Hill** – postponed their book sale because their elevator is still not working - holding a road race Saturday, 9 a.m., to support children's programs. **Simsbury** – holding series for teens and college students on how to get a summer job --

hosting a drop-in session called "Meet the Friends Board" to recruit new members, 10 a.m. -noon, April 8. **Southington** – got a grant from Connecticut Humanities Council for a series on the presidency, starting with David Pietrusza, author of *1920: The Year of the Six Presidents* and moderated by CCSU professor Paul Petterson, April 11. -- Comic convention planned May 7, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. **Kent Memorial, Suffield** – hosting a series of discussions on world affairs, beginning with immigration, Wednesdays at 1 p.m. **West Hartford** – hosting Luis Alberto Urrea, author of their big read *Into the Beautiful North*, April 14, 7:30 p.m. -- hosting Friday morning discussion on The New Yorker, 11 a.m. -- hosting Harry Potter Trivia Competition for teens, April 9, 2pm. **Windsor** -- children's department circulating musical instruments -- surveyed people to see what they like or want in their library. Biggest use was borrowing items. Those who don't use the library said it was because of the hours or their lack of time. Biggest requests were for passport services, classes and a drive-up drop box. Survey: <http://www.windsorlibrary.com/> **Windsor Locks** – holding program on meditation using Tibetan singing bowls, April 14, 6:30 p.m. -- **Dads & Donuts**, Dads bring children up to age 12 to enjoy a special storytime, craft and treat. April 16, 10:30 AM., Part of their school vacation week activities.

- y. Region 4: Kymberlee Powe **Norwalk Public Library** Pokemon tournament April 16 3-5pm. An evening of Jazz and Poetry with Neddy Smith April 8 from 6-9pm at the Norwalk Inn. **Bethel Public Library** Resume Writing Workshop April 9 @ 10am. Author talk with Andrea Zimmerman April 9 @ 2pm author of the Great Danbury State Fair. **Bridgeport** Black Rock Branch- Titanic for Dummies with author and UNH professor Stephen Spignesi Thursday April 21 @ 7pm. **Mark Twain Library in Redding** Lecture with 18 year old playwright and artist at the Mark Twain House Noah Altshuler. Redding's Hugh Karraker presents a documentary about his great grandfather a chemist who created Bakelite, now known as plastic. The documentary is called All Things Bakelite: The Invention of Plastics. **Greenwich Public Library** Will host the West Point Academy quartet at the Greenwich Library Cole Auditorium April 10 @ 3:30.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on Thursday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at the James Blackstone Memorial Library in Branford, CT.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kym Powe and Sunnie Scarpa, Recording Secretary.