

**Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
March 1, 2012**

- I. Call to Order: Betty Anne Reiter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: None.
- III. Approval of Minutes: Jay Johnston moved to accept the minutes of February 2, 2012 seconded by Peter Ciparelli, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. President's Report:
 - I. Betty Anne was approached by the Earth Day Network to partner with CLA by providing materials to libraries to help promote Earth Day. General feeling was libraries have enough materials but Betty Anne can give individual libraries the contact information if they are interested.
 - II. Betty Anne did not testify before the State Legislature's Education Committee in February as is tradition because a large coalition of teachers were planning to attend to respond to the Governor's proposed changes to the tenure system and our Lobbyist felt our voice would just be lost in the din. Betty Anne did submit written testimony that she will share with anyone who is interested.
 - b. Treasurer's Report:
 - I. Alison distributed the Profit & Loss Budget Performance to date noting the budget is fine and where it should be.
 - II. A deposit has been made for the 2013 Conference.
 - III. The Budget Committee will be meeting in Mid-May and soon after section and committee chairs will be asked to start planning their budgets for next year.
 - IV. Alison is hoping to see additional income from memberships as the conference approaches. Discussion about problems some people were having with trying to renew their memberships. Debbie Herman will look into.
 - c. 2012 Conference Update:
 - I. Betty Anne said there was a problem with the initial vendor who was chosen to design the conference program. The attorney for CLA assisted with cutting off the relationship with that design company and a new company has been chosen. Even though money for the initial work the first company completed cannot be recouped, CLA is still on budget for producing the program guide.
 - II. Steve Cauffman noted the conference is 9 weeks away. Program planners should send any updates to their program descriptions to

Steve as soon as possible. The Conference Program should be going to the printers by March 30.

- III. David Boudinot expects to sell out the exhibits hall.
- IV. Speakers will receive complementary registration for the day they are presenting only. They will need to register themselves for any additional days. If you have requested a hotel room for your speaker and have not received confirmation from Amy please contact her as soon as possible.
- V. The conference expense form will be finalized in the next few days. Please return it immediately for anyone who expects payment at the Conference.
- VI. Steve said they were able to figure out how to allow Institutional Members to receive two member-rate registrations for the Conference through StarChapter. Steve thanked Debbie Herman and Jill Dugas Hughes for their help with StarChapter.

V. New Business

- a. 2012 Election Slate
 - I. Debbie Herman presented the slate for the upcoming CLA Board Elections:

Vice President/President Elect: Richard Conroy, Essex
ALA Councilor: Jaime Hammond, Naugatuck Valley CC
Cindy Scofield, SCSU
Carl Antonucci, CCSU

Region 2 Rep: Marge Ruschau, Wethersfield and Rocky Hill

Region 3 Rep: Peter Ciparelli, Killingly

Region 6 Rep: Lucy Maziar, Coast Guard Academy
Kate Byroade, Colchester

VI. Reports

- a. ADA
 - I. Mary Engels said there is a new listserv for discussing ADA issues with 45 people signed up so far.
- b. ALA
 - I. Jay Johnston is presenting a preconference on leadership at ALA in Anaheim.
- c. Awards
 - I. Sally Tornow announced she did receive nominations for various CLA awards.
- d. Career Development
 - I. Richard Conroy said there were six applications for MLS scholarships and no applications for LTA scholarships. CLA has budgeted to award two MLS and one LTA scholarship. Jay Johnston moved that the monies for the LTA scholarship be divided equally and added to the two MLS scholarships. Peter Ciparelli seconded, motion passed unanimously.

- II. Richard said the Committee is working on a minimum salary structure for LTA positions.
- e. CLC
 - I. Jill Dugas Hughes said they kicked off their first Simmons GSLIS partnership program on February 29 at the Darien Library. Additional workshops covering assessment & accreditation, leadership, and strategic planning will be offered in March, April, and May.
 - II. Jill reminded us that staff at CLC member libraries can take online courses through Simmons at the alumni rate.
- f. Editorial
 - I. Lisa Carlucci Thomas said the next issue of CLA Today will be available on March 15 and will contain the Conference Preview. There is still time and space to submit articles for this issue and Conference information should be submitted no later than March 10. The deadline for the next issue of CLA Today is April 15 for publication on May 15.
 - II. Kate reminded program planners to please choose reporters to cover their sessions at the conference. Lisa said reporters may submit photos along with their reports.
- g. Friends of Connecticut Libraries
 - I. Mary Engels said the Friends of Connecticut Libraries 2012 Boot Camp will take place on April 21 at the University of Hartford and will cover ways Friends groups can be more effective in their communication and marketing efforts.
- h. NELA
 - I. Dana Tonkonow said NELA committees have scheduled several programs including the NERTCL (New England Roundtable of Teen and Children's Librarians) conference on March 23rd titled "Rethinking Reading: Beginning Readers @ Your Library" and the NETSL (New England Technical Services Librarians) conference on May 3rd titled "iLibrary: Digital Futures for Libraries." Both events will be held in Worcester, MA.
 - II. The Annual NELA Conference has been scheduled for October 14-16 in Sturbridge, MA.
- i. Publicity
 - I. Mary Engels said they are in the process of judging the publicity award submissions.
 - II. The display at the Legislative Office Building will run from April 2 through the 13th and will again consist of a continuously running dvd of pictures from last year's Snapshot Day rather than hung photographs.
 - III. Bill Memorial Library in Groton is holding a reception on Friday, March 2nd in celebration of winning the Excellence in Public Library Service Award.

- j. State Library
 - I. Ken Wiggin announced the House is considering Bill No. 5355 which concerns museums, libraries and archives by providing a means to establish clear title to property in their possession.
 - II. Ken has been asked to testify before the House regarding Bill No. 5027 and the strategic plan of the Commission for Educational Technology Advancement.

- k. Region 1 – Sally Tornow
 - I. Sherman Library reports 20 people signed a petition and won the right to hold a new referendum on March 3rd to try to rescind the town grant monies approved for the library expansion/renovation.
- l. Region 2 – Glen Grube
 - I. Avon Free Public Library will be closing to the public effective March 5 for up to 7 weeks to finish work on their building renovation. Staff will still be in the building and have access to their phones and email. A soft reopening will occur as soon as construction allows it, and a grand reopening is scheduled for early June.
 - II. After 20 years at the West Hartford Public Library, the last 10 as head of reference services, Judy Eisenberg will be retiring effective March 16, 2012.
 - III. Jay Johnston said the Farmington Libraries have hired Jessica Smith as the new Director of Emerging Technologies and Community Services. They are holding a 10K Run and 5K FunWalk on April 15 to benefit the Libraries.
- m. Region 4 – Sheri Szymanski
 - I. Ferguson Library in Stamford has a number of upcoming programs of interest: **Mock Interview Workshop** with Yelena Klompus, which meets the last Thursday of each month 6-8pm at Ferguson. **How to Tweet and Find Your Way to Fame & Fortune** –using Facebook and Twitter to maximize your career search with Donna Sweiden, Career Coach & Counselor, March 15th at 6:30pm at Ferguson. **Managing Retirement Wealth**—Julie Jason will discuss her new book at the Harry Bennett Library March 19th at 5:30pm.
 - II. Stratford Library is hosting **Do You Need a Job After High School?** A careers fair for young adults not planning to attend college on Saturday, March 31st at 11am. Representatives from a variety of schools, trades and certification programs will be in attendance.
 - III. The Ridgefield Library, in conjunction with The Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum and the Ridgefield Arts Council is offering **Advancing Creative Thinking: Imagination to Innovation**. A two-day conference, April 27th & 28th, exploring

creativity and the creative process for every discipline. For more information, visit www.ridgfieldlibrary.org

- n. Region 6 – Suzanne Maryeski
- I. **Colchester/Cragin Memorial Library:** Beginning in March a health care services van will come to the library's lower parking lot twice a month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Health services for uninsured and underinsured people will be delivered on-site in the Backus hospital van. This comes out of a local effort to reach out to homeless or near-homeless residents of Colchester.
 - II. **Groton/Bill Memorial Library:** Held a reception on Friday March 2, 4:30-6:30, to celebrate the Excellence in Public Library Service Award the library won this year.
 - III. **North Stonington/ Wheeler Library:** An audience of 100 people heard a mesmerizing presentation by Nick Bellantoni, CT state archaeologist. Sandra Wheeler gave a program on getting organized. A grant writing seminar is planned on March 28 and a garden tour to benefit the library on June 23.
 - IV. **Stonington Free Library Association:** Presenting the 7th Free Children's Opera on March 31st, 10 am at the Stonington High School auditorium. The performance is Jack and the Beanstalk, performed by the UConn Opera Outreach Program. . This event is offered free and is underwritten by an anonymous donor who believes children should experience opera at a young age to encourage a love of theater and music.
 - V. **Waterford Public Library:** Children's department head, Nadine Lipman, is retiring after 12 years at the Waterford Public Library. Her last day of work is April 5.

VII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Barbara Bailey, seconded by Christina Baum. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Crowley
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Betty Anne Reiter, Beth Crowley, Carl DeMilia, Christina Baum, Alison Wang, Barbara Bailey, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Elaine Krikorian, Mary Etter, Suzanne Maryeski, Kate Sheehan, Kate Byroade, Amy Terlaga, Steve Cauffman, Richard Conroy, Jay Johnston, Debbie Herman, Ken Wiggin, Mary Engels, Kathleen Cataldi, Betsy McIlvaine, Su Epstein, Sally Tornow, Sheri Szymanski, Linda Williams, Lisa Carlucci Thomas, Dana Tonkonow, Katie Fargo, Michelle Martin, Libby Mueller, Lynn Zaffino.