

## Connecticut Library Association Executive Board Meeting

June 4, 2015

### Scranton Public Library

1. Dawn LaValle called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.
2. Board Introductions.
3. The minutes from the April 2, 2015 meeting were approved.
4. 2016 Nutmeg Book Award – Libby Mueller
  - a. Request was made for \$750 in the budget for Nutmeg award winners. This will allow the Nutmeg Committee to honor four authors.
5. Old Business
  - a. President’s Report – Dawn LaValle
    - i. Thanked CLC, Conference Co chairs, and Incoming Conference Co chairs for an outstanding conference this year.
    - ii. Challenging budget Season. CLC and CLA committees produced activities for a deliverables list from Libby Post’s advocacy achievements. Lots of work ahead. Pleasure to work with the wonderful group.
    - iii. Annual Reports due from section chairs. Reports should include a synopsis of the year’s activities, pending issues, and goals for next year. Carl Antonucci needs a copy of reports, too, for ALA. Email reports to Beth Crowley.
  - b. Treasurer’s Report – Nicole Greco
    - i. Working on the budget and it should be ready for the July 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to be voted on. Thanks to all who got their budgets in on time.
6. New Business
  - a. Passing of the Gavel – Dawn LaValle, Beth Crowley
    - i. Dawn LaValle passed the gavel to incoming CLA President Beth Crowley and expressed the pleasure of working with Beth this past year.
    - ii. Beth Crowley expressed pleasure working with Dawn and thanked Michele for her work as Recording Secretary. Beth is looking forward to working with new Recording Secretary Sunnie. Beth will continue to work on projects for Advocacy and CLA/NELA joint membership.
    - iii. Beth asked committee and section chairs to have all budgets in before the July meeting. The August meeting will be an orientation for new board and committee members.
7. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports
  - a. ADA: Ed Morrissey
    - i. Things in the works.
  - b. ALA: Carl Antonucci
    - i. Going to ALA San Francisco and meeting with New England Chapter counselors. Will talk about ALA regarding New England joint membership and how they can work more together.
  - c. Awards: Sheri Szymanski
    - i. Thank you for a good experience as Region 4 representative.
  - d. Career Development: Beth Crowley

- i. Richard Conroy is the new Career Development chair. He is working on the Leadership Institute conference.
- e. CLC: Jennifer Keohane
  - i. State Budget came out last night. They restored 52% of normal state grants. Many programs were cut as a result. We can tap into some reserves but this is not viable long term. Opportunity to create a new strategic plan to focus on our strengths.
  - ii. Annual meeting is June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 pm at the Connecticut Historical Society. Discount admission to the Historical Society is available for the 50 Objects Exhibition.
  - iii. Dues are in January.
- f. CSL: Ken Wiggin
  - i. Budget barely passed. Able to hold on to some money. Most of the money was restored to CEN. Other cuts to budget: Money for IConn will be deferred to next year. We manage to do with cuts but can't do more with less. Capital budget approved 3.6 million for Public Library construction funding for fiber optic connections. Continue to come up with a strategy for CLC. This is an opportunity for the library community to focus on getting the money back. Created a relationship with Senator Kennedy during advocacy and want to build on this.
  - ii. On track for membership to Bibliomation. Opportunity to optimize local resource for an open source platform
  - iii. Carl Antonucci, Dawn LaValle, and I were in DC during National Library Legislation Day to meet with congressional staff. There is good support on the federal level.
  - iv. Update SCSU Accreditation program: The Dean is on board. Advisory committee in place. Moving forward with pre-candidacy in the fall. The advisory committee is putting out a survey to the library community to find out what skills are wanted and to evaluate the skill set. There will be no new students for at least one year.
  - v. EBook platform: Formally to work with NYPL to develop a simplified platform that lets us work directly with publishers.
- g. Children's: Bernadette Neidermeier
  - i. Thank you to the board. Had a great year.
- h. College & University: Kristina Edwards
  - i. They had 120+ attendees for the Information Literacy conference at Central Connecticut State University. 20-30-% of attendees were from NY and outside of Connecticut.
  - ii. Wrapping up with budget and getting ready for fall program
- i. Conference 2015: Lisa Karim and Julie Styles
  - i. Highest attendance of any conference to date at 791. Estimated profit of \$15K. Thanks to section chairs for great programs. Please get your forms before the fiscal year ending June 30th.
  - ii. 2016 Co Chairs are looking at hotels and getting paperwork in order. Took a lot of inspiration from 2015 conference and would like to continue that line at a central location. Conference attendance is at a point where it needs more space. More news at the July meeting. Thanks to past conference co chairs.
- j. Customer Service: Brandie Doyle/Ellen Cartledge
  - i. Brandie Doyle's last meeting as co chair and will be putting together a report. Still available for customer service training.
  - ii. Ellen Cartledge thanked Brandie for creating a new model of programs that take in money.
- k. Editorial: Jennifer Datum
  - i. June 15<sup>th</sup> issue will be the conference wrap up. Send conference reports that you would like included.

- ii. Problems with StarChapter log-ins. May need to have individual rather than shared log-ins.
    - iii. Working with Libby Post on Advocacy and the CAP Wiz. Will update website with new information.
  - l. Intellectual Freedom: Beth Crowley
    - i. Peter Chase is retiring. Kara Gilbert will take up his chair.
  - m. Legislative: Carl Antonucci
    - i. Will meet after this meeting.
    - ii. Changing the model thanks to Dawn, Ken and Region Reps.
    - iii. The rallies have been important and successful. Thanks to Marge Ruschau for getting so much press out and thanks to CLC for keeping the website up to date.
    - iv. They have a template to move forward with a Connecticut Advocacy toolkit. Would like to change the name of the Legislative committee to the Advocacy Committee because it is more descriptive of what we are doing and need a fund for. Will look at bylaws for that procedure and will take action at the July meeting.
  - n. Membership: Jennifer Datum
    - i. Expires July 30<sup>th</sup> Please renew.
    - ii. Current membership at 750 including 40 institutional members.
  - o. NELA: Beth Crowley
    - i. Three CT reps for NELLs have been chosen. Idea is to develop leaders for our own state association from NELLs reps.
    - ii. NELA conference is end of October in Manchester, New Hampshire. The theme is "Back to the Future". Want CT to win the prize!
  - p. PEG: Peter Ciparelli
    - i. There are five \$400 grants available. They have approved four grants, one of which is for a NELL's rep. There is still one left before July 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Thanks to Region Reps.
  - q. Publicity: Tara Borden
    - i. Tara Borden is stepping down and Kirk Morrison & Julie Menders will co-chair.
  - r. Public Library: Sally Tornow
    - i. Working on Fall programs.
    - ii. Information about the 2016 Passport program will be sent out in September. Vermont has picked up the Passport program for their libraries
  - s. Technical Services: Laurie Haggan
    - i. Fall conference will be in November on Bib Frame.
    - ii. Invite local folks to give a talk at our monthly meeting.
    - iii. Noticed a rift between Academic and Public libraries so may do two conferences in the spring.
  - t. Technology: Melissa Ceraso
    - i. Meeting this summer to plan for fall program.
  - u. Region 2: Marjorie Ruschau
  - v. Region 3: Janice Wilson
  - w. Region 4: Sheri Szymanski
  - x. Region 5: Christy Billings
8. Beth Crowley adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.

Attendance: Michele Martin, Sue Dowdell, Kirk Morrison, Sally Tornow, Jennifer Keohane, Dawn LaValle, Beth Crowley, Nicole Greco, Tom Piezzo, Katy Dillman, Christy Billing, Chris Angeli, Carl Antonucci, Julie Styles, Lisa Karim, Janice Wilson, Jennifer Datum, Sheri Szymanski, Marge Ruschau,

Brandie Doyle, Ellen G Cartledge, Karen Jensen, Sunnie Scarpa, Ed Morrissey, Carl DeMilia, Melissa Ceraso, Peter Ciparelli, Ken Wiggin, Bernadette Neidermeier, Kara Gilbert, Kristina Edwards, Laurie Haggan.

The next regular meeting of the CLA Board will on July 9, 2015 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Michele Martin, Recording Secretary.