

CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Central Connecticut State University – New Britain
June 3, 2010

- I. Call to Order: Randi Ashton Pritting called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: Incoming President Debbie Herman welcomed the Board to CCSU and introduced Interim Library Director, Roy Temple. Members of the Board introduced themselves to fellow members and guests.
- III. Approval of the Minutes: Jay Johnston moved to accept the Minutes of March 4, 2010. Carl Antonucci seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - a. Strategic Plan: Barbara Bailey reported that the committee plans to have the completed strategic plan by July 15th and to have it adopted at the August 2010 CLA Board Meeting. She informed the Board that the proposed plan will be sent to the webmaster to post on the CLA website for Board member access and review.
 - b. 2010 Conference Report: Debbie Herman reported positive feedback on conference programs and the choice of venue for this year's event. She praised committee and section chairs and conference co-chairs for their exemplary work which resulted in a net profit of approximately \$32,000. She introduced the conference co-chairs for 2011: David Boudinot and Caitlin Augusta.
 - c. Treasurer's Report: Alison Wang also praised the Committee and Section chairs for their work on behalf of CLA this past year. She reported that the Membership Committee, in particular, did an outstanding job bringing in approximately \$24,000 in dues. The CLA net income for 2009-2010 is between \$32,000 and \$34,000.
- V. New Business:
 - a. President's Report: Randi Ashton Pritting praised the Board for the success of the conference and for working diligently through an economically challenging year. She encouraged all libraries (public, academic & school) to continue working together for the overall betterment of library services in Connecticut.
 - b. Legislative Committee: Randi introduced State Representative Christopher G. Donovan, Speaker of the CT House of Representatives. Representative Donovan's videotaped address to the CLA Board included information regarding the process of lobbying for libraries and the need for Connecticut libraries to continue its fight for State funding. He encouraged librarians to invite local representatives to their libraries to meet library patrons during this election year.

CLA Lobbyist, Bobby Shea suggested writing letters to the editors of local papers to get the message out. He reiterated that as an election year, 2010 is a good time to get information out and to be heard by the legislature and its committees.

It was also suggested that legislative information be continually updated on the CLA website.

- b. Presentation of the 2010-11 Executive Board: Debbie Herman announced the members as follows:

President- Debbie Herman
Past President- Randi Ashton Pritting
Treasurer- Alison Wang
VP/President Elect- Betty Anne Reiter
NELA Rep- Mary Etter
ALA Rep- Jay Johnston
Region I- Tracy Ralston
Region II- Glen Grube
Region III- Su Epstein
Region IV- Carolyn Benjamin
Region V- Maribeth Breen
Region VI- Suzanne Maryeski

- d. Action Items:

1. Approval of Presidential Appointments: Debbie reported that Richard Conroy will chair Career Development. She stated that there is still a need for chairs for the Editorial and Procedures committees and therefore she asked to table the Presidential appointments.
2. Authorization of Check Signing:
Mary Etter moved that the authorized signatures on CLA's bank accounts be advanced to reflect the organization's new officers, as required by banking regulations. Peter Ciparelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Technical Services Section: Dana Tonkonow reviewed the changes in the Section's by-laws. Kathy Leeds moved to accept the revisions. Alison Wang seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Request for ADA accommodations: Dana Lucisano moved that the Board appoint someone to serve as ADA coordinator for the annual conference. Discussion ensued. A vote followed; with 3 abstentions, the majority was not in favor and the motion was denied. It was noted, however, that the record reflect the motion was denied based on affirmation that issues brought forward are or will be addressed.

A second motion for funds for the provision of assistance to disabled individuals was withdrawn.

VI. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Region Reports:

- a. Membership- Jaime Hammond reported a membership total of 866. A meet-up is scheduled for June 13th at BAR in New Haven.
- b. Conference Committee- Caitlin Augusta and David Boudinot will be working with ADA committee to develop procedures for accommodations at the conference.
- c. President- the next meeting will be August 5 at Middletown Service Center with a brief business meeting at 9 a.m., followed by a board information meeting and retreat until 1 p.m. This will provide an extended orientation for ADA regulations, budget review and policy, and to develop more formalized goals that will reflect the Association's strategic plan. Debbie reminded the Board to send in committee and section budgets.
- d. CSL- Ken Wiggin gave a review of the State budget including a \$1.2 million reduction in personnel, more furlough days, as well as the CSL Board approval of 8 LSTA grants; \$238,000 grant from IMLS for "Connecting to Collections."
- e. Friends- Carl Nawrocki announced the Friends annual meeting June 12, 2010. He also reported on the renewed Friends website: FOCL.org.
- f. CLC- Jill Hughes reported that she has met with Randi and Debbie regarding CLA and CLC's duplication of services. CLC has recently submitted an RFP for the development of a strategic plan that will involve CLA. She announced the CLC Annual Meeting June 16th with Joe McGee, VP Fairfield County Regional Business Council. She reported a new dues schedule for CLC members with increased levels so to be more equitable.
- g. NELA- Mary Etter announced that NELA will host its conference in Boxboro in October.
- h. ALA- Jay Johnston announced that Advocacy Day is June 29th.

VI. Adjournment: with no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Najarian
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Mary Engels, Carl Nawrocki, Carolyn Benjamin, Jessica Miller, Mary Etter, Robert Shea, Peter Ciparelli, Theresa Conley, Mona Scully-Smith, Dana Lucisano, Caitlin Augusta, David Boudinot, Jaime Hammond, Laurie Colburn, Steve Cauffman, Su Epstein, Barbara Bailey, Ann Marie Naples, Randi Ashton Pritting, Gerald Seagrave, Beth Crowley, Carl Antonucci, Jill Dugas Hughes, Maribeth Breen, Kathy Leeds, Chris Bradley, Kat Lyons, Dana Tonkonow, Betty Anne Reiter, Debbie Herman, Alison Wang, Sheila Lafferty, Kendall Wiggin.