The 122nd Connecticut Library Association Annual Conference “Building Community” was held at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell on April 30, 2013.

I. Call to order and welcome
   a. CLA President Carl DeMilia called the meeting to order at 1:30. He welcomed the attendees and thanked Conference Co-Chairs, Ben Shum and Michele Martin for their hard work in organizing the Conference. He also thanked Exhibits Chair David Boudinot for a great job selling out the vendor hall for the second year in a row.

II. CLA Annual Review
   a. Carl said his presidential year has flown by but included a number of special events including his recording of a PSA at the Mark Twain House in celebration of ALA’s 2012 Banned Book Week.
   b. Weather played a role again this year as libraries provided heat, electricity and respite for residents who lost power during Hurricane Sandy.

At 1:41 Carl suspended the Annual Meeting to allow Governor Malloy to present a special CLA Award to the staff of the Cyrenius H Booth Library in recognition of their excellence in service to the residents of Newtown following the tragedy at Sandy Hook. Carl also presented a gift of recognition and thanks to Governor Malloy for declaring October 2012 Information Literacy Month. Carl reconvened the Annual Meeting at 1:53.

   c. For the second year in a row, two Connecticut Librarians have won ALA’s “I Love My Librarian” Award. This is notable as only 10 recipients are selected each year from across the nation.
   d. The Legislative Committee has been hard at work this year on House Bill 5614 concerning eBooks and the Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act.
   e. Carl thanked CLA Members for giving him the opportunity to represent Connecticut librarians and libraries.

III. Approval of minutes of the 120th Annual Meeting
   a. Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the minutes of the 121st Annual Meeting held May 8, 2012. Betty Anne Reiter seconded, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer’s Report
   a. CLA Treasurer, Christina Baum said the CLA budget is healthy and on track. Once the final Annual Conference numbers are in the financial reports will be posted to the CLA website.
V. Presentation of Candidates for CLA Office
   a. Past President and Nominations Chair, Betty Anne Reiter presented the slate of candidates for CLA Officers:
      i. Vice President/President Elect:
         Ben Shum, Bibliomation, Inc.
         David Boudinot, Henry Carter Hull Library, Clinton
      ii. Recording Secretary:
         Michele Martin, Greenwich Library
      iii. NELA Representative
         Beth Crowley, E.C. Scranton Memorial Library, Madison
      iv. Region 1 Rep:
         Patricia Lunn, Woodbury Public Library
      v. Region 4 Rep:
         Sheri Szymanski, Stratford Library
      vi. Region 5 Rep:
         Karen Jensen, James Blackstone Memorial Library, Branford
         Christy Billings, Russell Library, Middletown
   b. Betty Anne said voting will take place electronically from May 6-20th.

VI. New Business
   a. Legislative Committee Update
      i. Legislative Committee Co-Chair, Jay Johnston encouraged attendees to call their legislators and ask them to support HB5614 concerning eBooks. The publishers have responded by sending 15 lawyers to talk to Connecticut legislators but they need to hear from librarians. Co-Chair, Carl Antonucci thanked Representative Brian Sear for sponsoring the bill which is the first in the nation to address the issue of unfair eBook pricing to libraries.
      ii. Jay said there has been an amendment to the construction grants that allows libraries to apply for state monies on a monthly, rolling basis in the case of catastrophic incidents.
      iii. Carl Antonucci thanked Mary Etter for her work on the legislative links program and said there is a still a need for volunteers.
   b. Carl Demilia reminded attendees that being a member of CLA is important but it is even more important to be an active member.

With no further business, Jay Johnston moved to adjourn, Janet Woycik seconded and the meeting adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Crowley
CLA Recording Secretary