

**Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting  
December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown  
9:30am Coffee/10:00am Business Meeting**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** President Glenn Grube called the meeting to order at 10:04a.m.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes  
A ***motion*** was made by Peter Ciparelli and ***seconded*** by Gail Hurley to approve the minutes of November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 with the following corrections:  
Region 2 Report: Susan Ray-Windsor is offering curbside pickup, not Enfield.  
4a.- Christy Billings' last name should be capitalized.  
Reference/Adult Services-needs a chair  
***Motion was approved unanimously. Motion passed.***
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **President's Report-Glenn Grube:** Glenn reported that the vote on Net Neutrality will be taking place soon and that the ALA is encouraging people to reach out to Congress, not the FCC, up until December 14, and that it is good to reinforce. Protests will be staged at Verizon stores across the country to support Net Neutrality. Glenn stated that ALA/Reforma will be offering support to libraries in the Caribbean and through the Adopt-A-Library, interested libraries will be matched with a library in distress. Frank Ridley commented that FOCL worked with the Elks Club and Scott Brill shared that support can be as small as you want. CLA will publicize the program on the website.
  - b. **Treasurer's Report-Scott Brill:** Scott shared that the Executive Board will be reviewing CLA's financial situation at a meeting in January.
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Freedom to Read Foundation Membership-Sam Lee:** Sam reported that CLA could join the foundation as an institution at a cost of \$100.00 per year. This would make webinars and other resources available to the Association.  
A ***motion*** was made by Mary Etter and ***seconded*** by Peter Ciparelli to join the Freedom to Read Foundation and was ***unanimously approved. Motion passed.***
  - b. **Friends of Connecticut Libraries-Kate Byroade:** Kate Byroade reported that the FOCL fall conference program about the FOCL survey of library directors was well received. She and Frank hope to do another presentation at the CLA Annual Conference. A suggestion at FOCL was to do a reverse survey of Friends groups and Kate asked the group if they agreed with that idea. The group generally assented.
5. **Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:**

**ACLB:** Denise Stankovics: Denise reported that 130 people had registered for their conference held in November and Ken Wiggin gave the keynote address about fiscal challenges, perceptions and measures that matter. There will be a Futures Conference at some point. The State Library is working on the Fiber Project. Cybersecurity in the Library-need to lock away infrastructure. Jeannie Esposito, of the Excite Libraries Program, will be presenting the team-building program and it has been awarded to six trustees. Dawn LaValle and Gail Richmond will be hosting Board Basics, through either regional or single Board training sessions. Training dates will be announced on the ACLB listserv and on ConnTech.

**ADA:** Maria Bernier: Absent

**ACLPD:** Ramona Burkey: Absent Dawn LaValle reported that the Resource Sharing group had their orientation meeting and a survey by the committee will be forthcoming.

**ALA:** Carl Antonucci: Absent

**Archivist:** Gerald Seagrave: None

**Awards:** Region Reps: Chris Hemingway reported that the nominations have opened on the CLA website.

**BCALA:** Vivian Bordeaux: Absent

**Career Development:** Richard Conroy: Absent

**CLA Lobbyist:** Gallo & Robinson: Absent

**CLC:** Jennifer Keohane: Jennifer stated that it is not all doom and gloom despite the funding cuts by the State. A business development plan will be presented to the CLC Board at their December meeting. CLC has been contracted by LCI, LION, and Bibliomation to issue an RFP for supplemental materials delivery. CLC hosted an exhibit at several conferences to focus on the value they can offer to schools. Jennifer brought keyboard calendars and announced that people can take as many as they'd like.

**Commission on Ed Tech:** Colleen Bailie: Colleen reported that a meeting was held on December 4<sup>th</sup> and the annual review of the CET will soon be available on their website. FY19 CEN pricing will remain at the same levels for most libraries. The Commission is creating an Equity Toolkit for CT institutions which will include resources for ensuring digital access for all and will be on CET's website soon. The Commission will be drafting a statement in support of Net Neutrality.

**CSL:** Ken Wiggin: Ken reported that there is a total of \$2.8 million in approved construction grants and a grant for fiber at the Gunn Library in Washington. Since nothing about the budget is ever final, he expects rescissions around Christmas time. The funds for ResearchIT will be depleted by the spring. The CSL has lost 36% of its funding since the current governor took office and the CSL is considering applying for a Federal waiver to retain Federal funding. The book budget is about \$500,000 and was once over \$1 million dollars. Open staffing positions are not being filled. However, digitization projects are going well. The Net Neutrality's effect on library networks will be minimal since schools and libraries are included in Tier 1 and anticipate no cutbacks but he is concerned about library service providers.

**Children's:** Danielle Valenzano & Kari Hamad: Danielle and Kari are working on CLA Conference proposals.

**College & University:** Julie Styles: Kyle Lynes reported that they are working on CLA Conference proposals. The Information Literacy Conference is scheduled for June 15, 2018 at the University of Hartford and will include 2 sessions. One of the sessions will be on creative instructional design for students.

**CLASS:** Lorrie Goings & Alberto Cifuentes. Jr.: Glenn shared that the post-conference survey is due December 11, 2017 and gave a reminder that there is still a need for a new chair. Please refer any interested persons to either Glenn or Alberto.

**Conference 2018:** Kirk Morrison & Alessandra Petrino: Alessandra reported that CLA Conference proposals are due tomorrow-Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. The keynote has been secured. On Monday, David Pogne will give the keynote and allow time for Q&A and on Tuesday, ALA President Jim Neill will speak.

**Customer Service:** Lisa Karim & Ellen Janpol: Lisa and Ellen shared that they are working on CLA Conference proposals.

**Editorial:** Marjorie Ruschau: Jennifer Datum is looking to invigorate the Editorial Committee and rename it the "Communications and Marketing Committee", which will need to be voted on to approve the change in name. December's CLA publication will include a section of "Most Memorable Reads" (a 50-word summary of a 2017 book), a "Movin' On Up" column and an Intellectual Freedom column. Jen requested that all people news be sent to her.

**FOCL:** Frank Ridley: Frank reported that the recent conference was a success and the presentations are available on the FOCL website. Frank was contacted and interviewed by a Maryland consulting group as they were very impressed with roles document that was developed by FOCL, ACLB and CLA several years ago.

**Intellectual Freedom:** Sam Lee: Sam reported that they are in the process of submitting their CLA Conference proposals and that they wrote the upcoming Net Neutrality article for CLA Today. The group is reviewing intellectual freedom cases here in Connecticut to determine the status. ALA has created a draft on visual art, performing art and arts in libraries which can be found [here](#).

**Legislative:** Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter: Mary reminded members to engage as much as possible with legislators. She shared some suggestions from Kate Robinson on ways to do this which include sending holiday cards or writing a 'year in review' note and include expressions of appreciation that the budget has been passed.

**Membership:** Thomas Piezzo: Tom reported that a new version of the membership brochure is being created and thanked members for allowing him to speak at fall workshops and conferences.

**NELA:** Christy Billings: Christy reported that March 16, 2018 is the new date for the Libraries, Ransomware & Digital Security event to take place at UMass Amherst. NELLs II for librarians with more than 15 years of experience will be held in August.

**PEG:** Peter Ciparelli: Peter reported that grant money helped people attend NELLs and fall conferences.

**Publicity:** Julie Ann Menders: Absent

**Procedures:** Christine Angeli: None

**Public Library:** Lorna Rhyins: None

**Reference & Adult Services:** Sara White, from West Haven, was introduced as the new Chair. Sara came from Michigan and was an academic librarian in a fine arts library.

**Resource Sharing:** Karen Carey: None

**SCSU:** Arlene Bielefield: Arlene reported that the library school program status is pre-candidacy and the next status is candidacy. February 15, 2018 is the deadline for standards 4 and 5. Carl Antonucci will be giving a talk on leadership tonight from 5:30-7:30p.m. The talk will also be streamed online.

**Technical Services:** Gail Hurley: Gail reported that 2 proposals were submitted for the CLA Conference.

**Technology:** Gen Francis: Gen reported that they met on November 8 to discuss conference ideas and they will be exploring how to revive the section.

**Young Adult:** Jennifer Rummel: Jennifer reported that the Fall Meet-Up was a success and they are working on their CLA Conference proposals.

**Region 1:** Matt Yanarella: Absent

**Region 2:** Susan C. Ray: Susan shared that Bloomfield will be hosting a solo performance of A Christmas Carol, Granby held a DIY confetti party popper workshop and Windsor Locks has gained approval for a new roof.

**Region 3:** Elizabeth Thornton: Absent

**Region 4:** Geri Diorio: Geri reported that Westport will be holding their annual crossword puzzle contest on February 3, 2018 with Will Shortz and Stamford is seeking support for retention of their Sunday hours.

**Region 5:** Chris Hemmingway: Chris reported that many libraries were hosting gingerbread events. The directors of the Derby and Orange libraries are retiring and Deep River has joined Bibliomation.

**Region 6:** Gale Bradbury: Gale reported that the library in Groton has been awarded a \$6,000 Libraries Ready to Code grant and will be receiving consulting expertise and operational support from Google. The Waterford Library and community partner, Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc., launched their homebound delivery service and hours at the library in Ledyard have been reduced.

Jennifer Keohane thanked everyone for their programs this year.

**6. Adjournment:** A *motion* to adjourn at 11:11a.m. was made by Mary Etter and *seconded* by Chris Hemmingway and was *unanimously approved. Motion passed.*

Attendance: Glenn Grube, Kate Byroade, Jennifer Rummel, Julie Styles, Lisa Karim, Ellen G Janpol, Chris Hemmingway, Gail Hurley, Dawn LaValle, Sara White, Chris Angeli, Arlene Bielefield, Kari Hamad, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Lorna Rhyins, Danielle Valenzano, Susan Ray, Gale Bradbury, Ken Wiggan, Alessandra Petrino, Jennifer Datum, Christy Billings, Jennifer Keohane, Scott Brill, Karen Jensen, Geri Diorio, Tom Piezzo, Colleen Bailie, Samantha Lee, Kyle Lynes, Frank W. Ridley, Denise J. Stankovics