I. Call to Order: Betty Anne Reiter called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

II. Board Introductions: Board members introduced themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes: Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the minutes of November 3, 2011 seconded by Elaine Krikorian, motion passed unanimously.

IV. Old Business:
   a. President’s Report:
      I. Betty Anne noted two Connecticut Librarians won the “I Love My Librarian” Award and would be honored at a ceremony in New York on December 8. Some discussion about coordinating a Connecticut contingent to attend followed.
      II. Betty Anne thanked Ken Wiggin for suggesting a press release be sent out regarding the response of Connecticut libraries to the storm-related power outages. She also thanked Beth Crowley for writing and submitting the press release which resulted in a news report by NBC Channel 30. Kate Sheehan will create a “libraries in the news” section for listing similar items on the CLA website.
      III. Planning for the 2012 Connecticut Leadership Conference has begun.

   b. Treasurer’s Report:
      I. Alison Wang distributed the profit and loss statement for November 1-15. So far the budget is showing a net income of $5,652.62.
      II. To avoid confusion when paying by check for workshops, the registration confirmation form must be printed out and submitted with the check.
      III. Mileage reimbursement forms should indicate how many miles, point of origin and destination.

   c. 2012 Conference Update:
      I. Amy Terlaga reported a design firm from California has been hired to create the conference website and program brochure.
      II. Steve Cauffman said the final program slate is almost complete and program planners will be notified with a confirmation letter shortly. They will also be sent a draft of the official CLA Speaker Letter that can be edited and sent to presenters.
V. New Business

I. Dr. Marie Shaw, LTA Liaison and Program Coordinator for the Library Technology Certificate Program at Three Rivers Community College gave an overview of the accreditation process they have undertaken to provide an ALA accredited certification degree, similar to the MLS degree, for library support staff. This accreditation allows for a standardization of the program of studies so the degree would be recognized by any library the student may eventually work for. To date, five of the six courses have met the competency set requirements and they hope to meet the final competency requirement for “communication and teamwork” through an online course offering.

VI. Reports

a. ACLB
   I. Betsy McIlvaine reported over 100 directors, and board members attended their fall leadership conference on the topic of advocacy. They are hoping to have a follow-up session at the CLA conference.

b. ALA
   I. Jay Johnston reported ALA has an interest in the Occupy Movement and is writing a resolution of support.

c. CLASS
   I. Sandy Rosado reported the CLASS Annual Conference was held on November 18th at the University of Hartford and drew well over the expected turnout with 95 attendees. She thanked Randi Ashton-Pritting and the Customer Service and Resource Sharing committees for their help and support with the conference.

d. CLC
   I. Jill Dugas Hughes reported CLC has completed their strategic plan which includes confirming their commitment to support all types of libraries, remain innovative and cutting-edge, and ensure the long-range sustainability of the Consortium.
   II. The ArtSpace Gallery in New Haven has a new exhibit called Library Science featuring works by various artists based on libraries and people’s relationships with them. The exhibit runs through January 28 and a special “Librarian Night” is scheduled for December 14. CLC has coordinated with ArtSpace to bring a Library Science Film Festival to libraries throughout Connecticut
and *Library Science* “Site Projects” have been installed at libraries in greater New Haven.

III. The CLC Networking Breakfast has been scheduled for December 12 at LIMRA InfoCenter in Windsor.

IV. The Children’s Programming Showcase will be held on December 5 in Woodbridge.

V. Jill, Sharon Brettschneider, and Betty Anne Reiter continue to meet to coordinate efforts between CLA, CLC and the State Library.

e. Editorial
   I. Kate Sheehan introduced Lisa Carlucci Thomas, the new Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, to the Board.
   II. Discussion followed regarding how to communicate with Lisa regarding changes to the website.

f. Legislative
   I. Jay Johnston announced a Legislative Committee meeting will be held at Central Connecticut State University on December 5 at 9:30 am.
   II. Committee initiatives include highlighting the library’s role in early literacy development and pre-K education, as supporters of business, and other ways libraries are integral to their communities. Jay asked for ideas particularly of people who may be able to testify to these issues. Discussion followed regarding ways to collaborate with the education committee and other groups who have similar agendas to provide additional weight to the library messages.

g. NELA
   I. Dana Tonkonow reported the NELA Board is interested in reviving the Counterparts program. Anyone interested in becoming involved should let Dana know.

h. Reference/Adult Services
   I. Paula Cook is trying to restart the Reference and Adult Services Section. A meeting is scheduled for December 20 at Manchester Community College.

i. State Library
   I. State Librarian, Ken Wiggin passed out a summary sheet of State Library activities.
   II. Public Library Annual Statistical Reports are in. They show a downward trend in circulation figures. Forty-one libraries who would have been ineligible for state aid grants will receive them due to the maintenance of effort requirement being waived.
III. Governor Malloy has denied refilling Mary Louise Jensen’s position and has not yet approved refilling Sharon Brettschner’s position as she has not officially retired.

j. Young Adult
   I. Chris Angeli reported 39 attended the Young Adult Section’s annual fall meeting on Thursday, November 17 at the Wallingford Public Library.

k. Region 1 – Sally Tornow
   I. Roxbury’s Minor Memorial Library is creating a commemorative walkway between the Booth Free School and the Library. Purchasing the bricks, which will be engraved with the donor’s name, will raise funds to make the Library a more inviting place to visit.

l. Region 5 – Chris Angeli
   I. *Essex Library* 246 people came out for a debate between the candidates for Essex Selectman. 146 came to our Veteran's Day program which featured a talk by Ben Cooper, who helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp and Holocaust survivor Henny Simon. Over 80 people came to a presentation about Winston Churchill.
   II. *Killingworth Library*
   Program: The Real Peace Corps and How It Could Change Your Life... Yes, Yours!” presented by John Guy LaPlante. Mr. LaPlante lives in Deep River, has written 3 books on his world-travel adventures, and is the world’s oldest Peace Corps volunteer (he served from ages 78-80) - he ended up teaching English as a second language in the Ukraine (a surprise for him!). He presented his story with great candor and humor, engaging our standing-room only audience (made up of everyone from teens through seniors). We highly recommend his program for any other library!
   Tammy Eustis submitted a proposal to the library board for a changeover of their automated system. They are still running the dinosaur Athena, which is 7 years out of date and slowly dying. The Board approved her recommendations, and they plan to migrate over to the AAgent VERSO system (from Auto- Graphics) in the coming year.

III. *Russell Library, Middletown*
   The award-winning *Green Children* program has ended. Children’s Librarian Ken Kruse was honored by the Rockfall Foundation for
his work in “greening” the young residents of Middletown.

m. Region 6 – Suzanne Maryeski

I. Franklin/Janet Carlson Calvert Library (First time reporting) Library celebrated their fifth anniversary in the summer with a summer reading carnival. There are 1,900 residents of the town and 1,000 have library cards. The library was previously served by the Willimantic Library. Seventeen libraries participated in the Connecticut Author Trail this year. The program runs from the last week of June through the end of September. At the finale there were 120 people present, up from 75 last year.

II. Ledyard/Bill and Gales Ferry Public Libraries: Has a Giving Tree for books. There are tags on the tree and patrons take a tag & donate a book, or give a donation to buy a book. The library knitting group makes hats & scarves for the Women’s Center.

III. Mystic/Noank Library: Has a raffle going on with a train and a diorama of Mystic (historical) including the old stores and a bridge that goes up and down.

IV. New London/ Public Library of New London: Received $5,000 from the Liberty Bank Foundation to support a non-profit resource center being established at the library.

V. North Stonington/ Wheeler Library: Raised more than $100,000, including more than $40,000 from a silent auction and dinner at the library.

VI. Norwich/Otis Library: Received three grants: $30,000 from Edward and Mary Lord Foundation for collection purposes, $5,000 from Friends for materials, and $2,000 from Chelsea Groton Bank for materials related to personal finance. The library will be working with Southeast Mental Authority on a grant that will help teach negotiating skills to young adults. O ‘Tis a Festival: A festival to encourage people to come to downtown Norwich. On Saturday, November 19 the library had 1,200 patron visits on one day

VII. Old Lyme Will be holding demos for the public on eReaders later this month., Hopes to have eReaders in circulation sometime after Jan. 1st.

VIII. Sprague Public Library: Located in a historic grist mill, the library was renovated in the summer from a grant that the town received. Put in an elevator, new windows, carpeting and a new circulation desk. The library is a very small library, but it looks great.

IX. Stonington Free Library Association: Having a holiday book sale. This year the board president decided to have focused board meetings on different library services, such as programming, development and fundraising.
X. Waterford Public Library: Went ‘live’ with downloadable Ebooks and audiobooks.

VII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jay Johnston, seconded by Jennifer Keohane. The meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Crowley
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Betty Anne Reiter, Beth Crowley, Carl Demilia, Alison Wang, Carl Nawrocki, Mary Engels, Peter Ciparelli, Gerald Seagrave, Kate Sheehan, Elaine Krikorian, Jennifer Keohane, Ken Wiggin, Jay Johnston, Glen Grube, Su Epstein, Mary Etter, Libby Mueller, Lynn Zaffino, Marie Shaw, Suzanne Maryeski, Steve Cauffman, Jill Duglas Hughes, Amy Terlaga, Kate Byroade, Susan Lauricella, Lisa C Thomas, Dana Tonkonow, Betsy McILvaine, Sally Tornow, Sandy Rosado, Paula Cook, Julian Aiken, Benjamin Shum, Chris Angeli