

Connecticut Library Association-Executive Board Meeting  
Connecticut Library Service Center-Middletown  
October 7, 2010

- I. Call to Order: Debbie Herman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.
  
- II. Board introductions: The members of the Board introduced themselves. On behalf of the Board, Debbie Herman wished congratulations to David Boudinot (in absentia) on his recent marriage. The Board also welcomed Janice Wilson, 2011 NELLs co-chair, and Bill Uricchio, Procedures Committee, as guests.
  
- III. Approval of Minutes: (See Votes taken)
- IV. Old Business
  - a. Update on progress of meetings with CLA/CLC/CSL representatives - Debbie Herman reported that CLC, CLA, & State Library Reps. met in September to continue the discussions begun by Kathy Leeds concerning areas of overlap, as well as identification of areas of collaboration among the three organizations. Some areas under examination are clarifying the role of CLC Roundtables vs. CLA Sections. Representatives from the three organizations agreed to work together to improve dissemination of information about Continuing Education opportunities. The State Library has offered to assist in developing a survey regarding communication methods. The board agreed that further discussion concerning CLA's goals for these ongoing talks should be discussed, along with the budget review, at the January 2011 meeting.
  - b. Update on chapter management software selection process - Debbie Herman discussed her ongoing investigation with Jaime Hammond, Membership Chair, concerning possible systems applications for Membership Management--Star Chapter vs. Wild Apricot. She asked Board to discuss the options and recommend applications by next meeting.
  - c. Presentation and Discussion of Revised CLA By-Laws - Procedures Co-Chair, Sandy Rosado, presented an overview of the By-Laws that she, Mary Etter and the Procedures Committee have been working on since January. All changes in the report are marked in "red ink" and reflect changes in wording and organization, not content. Rosado stated that the By-laws revisions would be voted upon in "chunks", so members could comment and address specific issues in each procedural area.
  
- V. New Business
  - a. Approval of Customer Service Committee chair appointment - Given the resignation of Ann Marie Naples as chair of the Customer Service Committee, Debbie Herman recommended Jennifer Keohane to fill the Board vacancy (See Votes taken).
  - b. NELLs Symposium: Debbie Herman introduced Janice Wilson who spoke about the four-day NELLs 2011 Leadership Symposium August 8-12, 2011 in Andover, MA. The deadline for applying is February 2011. The suggested contribution for State Chapters is \$2,000.00. The option of contributing \$1,000 this fiscal year and the remainder in the next was discussed as well as basing the amount of CLA's contribution on the number of Connecticut attendees. Debbie Herman recommended that, given the absence of the CLA Treasurer, the Board should table a vote on the commitment of funds until the next Board meeting.
  - c. The departure of Pam Najarian from CLA Board meetings was noted and prompted discussion of staffing realignments at CLC and their impact on fulfillment of the management contract with CLA. Herman explained that the move was driven by the desire to avoid a sizable increase in the cost of contracted services this fiscal year. Rosado suggested that Herman appoint an Association Secretary to record the minutes, something that Herman will follow up on. Since the Association reimbursed Pam Najarian for mileage in order to attend board meetings, a decision was made last year to keep meetings in Middletown. A volunteer Association Secretary

would permit moving meetings to other library locations, something which several board members have desired, Herman noted.

VI. Votes Taken:

- a. Barbara Bailey moved to accept the Minutes of September 2, 2010. Peter Ciparelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- b. Motion to approve the appointment of Jennifer Keohane as chair of the Customer Service Committee: Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the appointment. Maribeth Breen seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. Committee/Section/Roundtable/Region Reports

- a. State Library: Ken Wiggan announced that the Governor's budget might reflect as much as 15% reduction for the State Library. Ken passed out invitations to the Connecticut Book Festival Fundraising Gala on November 20, 2010. The CT State Library is a sponsor of the reception, which supports Hartford's two-day book festival. Mary Etter is the Book Festival's CLA liaison. He mentioned that Kat Lyons at the Connecticut Center for the Book is working on an official Connecticut Proclamation naming 2011 "Year of the Book."
- b. Publicity: BettyAnne Reiter announced a "PR Tune-up" to be held at the Middletown Library Service Center on Tuesday, November 9. Program runs 2 - 4 p.m.
- c. Friends: Carl Nawrocki announced that the Friends full-day Annual Conference / luncheon will take place on November 6, 2010 at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain. One of the speakers, Sharon Clapp, Web Resources Librarian for the Connecticut State Library, will be discussing "Using Social Media."
- d. CLASS: Laurie Colburn announced that CLASS will host its annual meeting entitled "*Expanding Our Skills, Expanding Our Minds; Workshops and Networking Opportunities for Library Paraprofessionals*" at the University of Hartford / West Hartford campus on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- e. Intellectual Freedom: Peter Chase announced that during Banned Books Week (Sept. 25-Oct. 2) newspaper articles drew attention to past and present controversial books. He discussed the ongoing dialogue he's engaged in with CT prison officials, ALA IF Committee, State Senator John Kissell, the ACLU, and Intellectual Freedom advocates about the censorship of prisoners' reading choices. He mentioned that library legal expert Arlene Bielefield will speak at the 2011 CLA Conference in Stamford.
- f. Editorial: Kate Sheehan announced the November 1 deadline for submissions to the online *CT Libraries*. She is working on a job description for the Newsletter Editor position. She will poll the membership using an online survey to gather information about the members' view on the production of future newsletters.
- g. Children's: Libby Mueller reported that the Children's Section Annual Meeting was held on September 28, 2010 at the Wallingford Library. Three presenters and 57 section members attended.
- h. Career Development: Richard Conroy reported on deflation and salary adjustment. CLA's salary recommendation is "above the curve."

- i. Legislative: Carl Antonucci announced that the Legislative Committee is working on a bookmark to be distributed to legislators after the election. He suggested the possibility of recruiting a legislative intern from library schools to help with legislative advocacy via Facebook, email blasts, and other Web 2.0 technologies.
- j. Region 2 Update: Glenn Grube announced the retirement of the Associate Library Director in Rocky Hill.
- k. Public Library: Barbara Bailey announced that the CLA Public Library Section will present *The Idea Factory: A Showcase of Excellence in Public Libraries* at the Wallingford Public Library, Thursday, October 28. Nominees and winners of the 2010 Excellence in Public Libraries Service Awards will be there to share their success stories. The "Excellence in Public Service Awards" will be presented to on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Wallingford Library.
- l. Region 4: Carolyn Benjamin announced that Westport Library will host the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Rabbit Hill Festival of Literature" on October 21-23 featuring collaboration between authors and illustrators, tours of Weston Woods, and other events. Danbury Library will hold its Third Annual "One Book, One Community" event featuring Tim O'Brien, the author of this year's read, The Things They Carried.
- m. Region 6: Suzanne Maryeski reported that the 2010 "One Book, One Region" author, Tori Murden McClure discussed her memoir, A Pearl in the Storm on Sunday, September 19, 2010 in Mystic. The event attracted over 400 people, that largest for "One Book..." to date. The Groton/Bill Memorial Library received a \$100,000 community grant.
- n. YA: Jessica Miller reported that the YA Section has invited author Ellen Hopkins to present at its Annual Meeting and is awaiting confirmation. (Update: Ms. Hopkins was unavailable, so author Paul Volponi will appear instead).
- o. Tech Services: Dana Tonkonow announced that on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation at the Farmington Public Library on "RDA: Resource, Description and Access" by Judith Kuhagen, Cataloging Policy Specialist at the Library of Congress
- p. Conference 2011: Caitlin Augusta reminded Board members of the Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline for programs. She announced that Futurist Ken Gronbach and Frank DeFord will be keynote speakers at the Conference.
- q. Technology: Ben Shum announced that his section is drafting by-laws, establishing interest groups around using Web CMS, OpenSource ILIS systems, and recruiting new members via the New Members Roundtable.
- r. NELA: Debbie Herman reported for Mary Etter. A few CLA board members will be presenting at the upcoming NELA conference in Boxborough, MA on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Attendees of the 2009 conference are eligible to receive a 50% registration discount. Herman noted that she would be attending the COUNTERPARTS session.
- s. New Members Roundtable: Frank Skornia reported that 15 people attended the 8<sup>th</sup> CLA Meet-Up at Black-Eyed Sally's in Hartford on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The next meet-up will be held in Willimantic / NE Region at the Willimantic Brewery.

- t. PEG: Peter Ciparelli announced that the PEG money available in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter had been awarded.
- VIII. Adjournment: with no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Libby Mueller  
CLA Board Member

Attendees:

Peter Ciparelli, Benjamin Shum, Richard Conroy, Carl Antonucci, Ken Wiggin, Ed O'Hara  
Debbie Herman, Caitlin Augusta, Carl Nawrocki, Mary Engels, Steve Caufmann, Betty Anne Reiter,  
Gerald Seagrave, Laurie Colburn, Suzanne Maryeski, Maribeth Breen, Frank Skornia,  
Sheila Lafferty, Peter Chase, Janice Wilson, Kate Sheehan, Jessica Miller, Dana Tonkonow,  
Carolyn Benjamin, Glenn Grube, Barbara Bailey, Sandy Rosado, Bill Urrichio, Libby Mueller, Kat Lyons