

Connecticut Library Association – Executive Board Meeting  
Farmington Library  
February 3, 2011

- I. Call to Order: Debbie Herman called the meeting to order at 10:27 a.m.
- II. Board Introductions: none
- III. Approval of Minutes: Randi Ashton-Pritting moved to accept the minutes of December 2, 2010; seconded by Betty Anne Reiter. Motion passed unanimously.
- IV. Announcements:
  - a. The June meeting to be held at the Groton Public Library has been rescheduled to June 9<sup>th</sup> as Betty Anne Reiter will be away the previous week.
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Bylaws revision update: Mary Etter reported that Sandy Rosado was sending the bylaws revision to the lawyer for review. Mary will verify that the wording concerning the membership year has been updated to reflect the new rolling year process. Randi Ashton-Pritting asked if the bylaws would be sent out to members in sections or in its entirety. Mary said it will be sent in sections. Debbie Herman thanked Mary Etter, Sandy Rosado and the Bylaws Revision Committee for their hard work.
  - b. StarChapter migration update: Debbie Herman reported that StarChaper should be live in the next week and everyone will receive a password. Debbie encouraged all Board Members set up their profiles. E-Commerce is all set and should be ready for conference registration by the end of the week.
  - c. Conference Update: David Boudinot reported that a crisis was averted over the weekend when the Hilton notified the Conference Committee that they had double booked for the second day of the conference and wondered if CLA would consider changing our dates. The Hilton decided to make other arrangements, however, when the committee reminded them of the cancellation clause in the contract that would result in the hotel having to reimburse CLA a significant amount of money. Debbie commended David and Caitlin Augusta for their foresight and calm response to the problem. Caitlin reported that hiring a private shuttle to bring attendees to and from the train station would cost about \$1,000. There was discussion as to whether we should pay this amount and then charge attendees a fee to take the shuttle not knowing how many people will actually utilize the shuttle service. Mary Etter asked if the conference publicity would include a link to the train schedule and there was some

discussion about asking attendees to indicate if they would be taking the train when they registered. There will be free parking at the hotel garage and the hotel does provide a shuttle for the train station. Caitlin also announced that there are some groups who are planning evening social events at the conference and if any other groups are planning parties that they would like announced they should let her know.

## VI. New Business

- a. Approval of the Technology Section bylaws: Debbie Herman questioned whether the wording requiring the Chair of the section to be a CLA member was redundant but Ben Shum pointed out that it serves to reinforce the need to keep up with your membership status especially in light of the new rolling membership year. Jay Johnston moved to approve the Technology Section bylaws; seconded by Mary Etter. The Technology Section bylaws were passed unanimously.
- b. Enfield Censorship Morass and Resolution: Debbie Herman reported that despite initial opposition by the Enfield Town Council, the Enfield Public Library has been given permission to show Michael Moore's film Sicko as part of a movie series. Director of the Enfield Public Library, Henry Dutcher said CLA's immediate response, and particularly Peter Chase's support, was helpful to him and he has assured CLA that the Library will continue to use independent judgment when planning future programs. Peter Chase has also written a response to a recent editorial regarding the difference between material selection and censorship. The Connecticut Library Consortium is working on licensing fees for libraries who wish to show the film as a display of solidarity for Enfield. Debbie also reported that Will Wilkins from Real Artways would like to plan a forum on libraries and she volunteered Peter Chase as a speaker.
- c. Connecticut Book Festival Call for Volunteers: Mary Etter announced that the Connecticut Book Festival will be held May 21 and 22 and they are in need of many volunteers to help coordinate activities and maintain safety. She will put a call out for volunteers via email. Randi Ashton-Pritting mentioned that the World Youth Peace March will be happening at the same time and they are hoping to have it go past the Book Festival as a way to tie the two events together.
- d. NELLS Application Process: Mary Etter announced that the next New England Library Leadership Symposium has been scheduled for August 8 – August 12 at the Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in Andover, MA. The NELLS Co-Chairs have decided to ask each State Library Association to select the mentor they would like to send and then the mentors would help select the participants. Mary will let CLA know when she has more information about the mentor selection process.

- e. Notes from the Customer Service Committee Meeting – tabled until next meeting.
- f. Resolution honoring Dr. Spencer Shaw: Jay Johnston announced that a resolution honoring Dr. Shaw who passed away last June will be presented at the Annual Awards Meeting at the conference. Randi mentioned the Governor could also be petitioned to create a “Dr. Shaw Day.” There was discussion about the best way to recognize and keep in touch with retired librarians who have been active CLA members in the past such as an honor roll or member emeritus category. Debbie will put out a call for volunteers to form a task force to look into ways to do this.

## VII. Reports

- a. Editorial Committee: Kate Sheehan announced that Connecticut Libraries will be moving to its own site. Some discussion about how to differentiate the domain name so it is not confused with CLA or CLC. Kate will post the job listing for the new editor once it is approved by Debbie Herman. In the meantime, any announcements or items for the newsletter should be sent to Kate.
- b. Publicity Committee: Betty Anne Reiter reported that the annual display at the Connecticut Legislative Office will be up during the first two weeks of April. To save money, only the exterior pictures of the libraries will be mounted and hung while pictures from last year’s Snapshot Day will be shown on a continuous loop on a television monitor. It was suggested that the monitor could also be set up at CLA. Debbie announced that Library Advocacy Day will also take place during this time. Jay Johnson and Betty Anne agreed that the Legislative and Publicity Committees should meet to discuss how to work together to effectively promote libraries to the State Representatives during these events. Betty Anne announced that this year’s Snapshot Day is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup>.

VIII. With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Jay Johnston; seconded by Maribeth Breen. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Beth Crowley

Attendees: Debbie Herman, Beth Crowley, Betty Anne Reiter, Ben Shum, David Boudinot, Mary Etter, Caitlin Augusta, Maribeth Breen, Sheila Lafferty, Dana Tonkonow, Peter Ciparelli, Steve Cauffman, Sharon Brettschneider, Jessica Miller, Kate Sheehan, Jay Johnston, Randi Ashton-Pritting.