

CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
September 2, 2010

- I. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am.
- II. **Board Introductions:** Members of the Board introduced themselves.
- III. **Approval of the Minutes:** See Votes Taken.
- IV. **Announcements:** Debbie Herman announced the following Board changes:
- a. Hali Keeler has resigned from the Board as LTA liaison for Three Rivers Community College;
 - b. Ann Marie Naples has resigned as chair of Customer Service;
 - c. Frank Skornia, a student at SCSU, will chair New Members Roundtable;
 - d. Ben Shum of Bibliomation has joined the Board as chair of the proposed Technology Section (see Votes taken).
- V. **Old Business:**
Sheila Lafferty presented the revised by-laws for the College and University Section. See Votes Taken.

Extension & Special Patron Services Section- Jaime Hammond & Kate Sheehan reported on their regarding the need for this inactive CLA Section. They determined that virtual meetings would better suit individuals interested in this section and instead of a Board position, a possible liaison appointment might better serve the CLA Board. See Votes Taken.

Conference 2011- David Boudinot and Caitlin Augusta announced the theme: "Come Together, Move Forward." They reported, among other things, that program registration for Section & Committees will be online and consist of 2 forms – one for proposed programs, one for payment. They presented the proposed conference rates; discussion ensued and the following rates were approved. See Votes Taken.

One & Two Day Early Registration (prior to March 25th):

CLA Member - \$105/\$190

Non-Member - \$140/\$280

Student rates* - \$60/\$120 (requires 2 hr volunteer commitment per day)

One & Two Day Registration (after March 25th):

CLA Member - \$120/ \$210

Non-Member- \$155/\$310

Student rates* - \$60/\$120 (requires 2 hr volunteer commitment per day)

*students must be CLA members.

VI. New Business:

Treasurer's Report- Alison Wang presented the annual 2010-2011 CLA budget for Board vote. She noted some changes based on a revised management contract with CLC. This includes: contracting directly with the bookkeeper and the webmaster, rather than paying via CLC management fee. Additionally, this year CLA will not have an audit conducted, but rather file a 990 Form, resulting in a savings of approx. \$2,300.00. See Votes Taken.

VII. Action Items:

a. CLA Board Electronic Discussion Group. Debbie Herman presented the proposed policies to govern an online discussion group. Questions and comments about regulating/monitoring content followed. It was decided to add the following line to the policies: "Inappropriate comments may be removed by the CLA President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer and/or Past President." See Votes Taken.

b. CLA Technology Section- Ben Shum proposed the formation of a new section and he read the goals of this committee. See Votes Taken.

c. Update Financial Plan: Alison Wang presented the revised financial plan for vote by the Board. See Votes Taken.

VIII. Votes Taken:

Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the Minutes of August 5, 2010. Randi Ashton Pritting seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Sheila Lafferty presented the changed by-laws for the College & University Section. Ed O'Hara moved to accept the by-laws. Alison Wang seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Randi Ashton Pritting moved to dissolve the Extension Special Patron Services section. Barbara Bailey seconded. Board voted, one person opposed; motion carried.

Peter Ciparelli moved to accept the 2011 Conference rates as proposed. Barbara Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Randi Ashton Pritting moved to accept the 2010-2011 CLA Annual Budget. Peter Ciparelli seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jaime Hammond moved to accept the policies of the CLA Board Electronic Discussion Group to include information regarding the Board's right to remove inappropriate comments. Kate Sheehan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jaime Hammond moved to approve the establishment of the new Technology Section. Kate Sheehan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Peter Ciparelli moved, on the condition the by-laws are approved, to adopt the newly updated CLA Financial Plan. Barbara Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

IX. Committees/Sections/Roundtable/Regional Reports:

Procedures: Sandy Brooks reported that the revised CLA by-laws will be available to present at the October Board Meeting.

Career Development: Richard Conroy reported that his committee will meet Tuesday, September 14th at CCSU.

CSL: Ken Wiggin reported that the CSL budget will be reduced by 15%.

Region 2: Glenn Grube reported on the events and activities of the region including the Hartford Foundation for Giving's non-competitive grants, the Hartford Public Library's Art Walk and the success of the West Hartford Public Library's Movie Night.

SCSU: Nancy Disbrow reported that the University received conditional accreditation from ALA and will be revisited 2013; the Department of Information and Library Science is officially in the School of Education; the new dean of the School of Education is Dr. Michael Sampson, author of many children's books ; the new dean of Graduate Studies is Dr. Holly Crawford who has a PhD in Information and Library Science.

YA: Geri Diorio announced, among other things, an upcoming joint roundtable scheduled November 10th.

Region 5: Mary Beth Breen shared some of the news of the region including Henry Carter Hull's upcoming Fundraising Gala scheduled September 11th . She also announced the ribbon cutting ceremony of HCC's brand new Business Resource Center on 9/28.

Region 3: Su Epstein noted the CT Author's Trail is still in progress. The capstone event will Donald Bain at Mohegan Sun Thurs 9/23 at 7 pm.

College & University: Sheila Lafferty announced the Section's event "Emerging Technology in Libraries" scheduled Tues October 26th at Wallingford Public.

Resource Sharing: Steve Cauffman reported that 18 libraries in Connecticut participated in an ILL cost study, the result of a session presented at the 2009 CLA Annual Conference. Mary Jackson, the presenter at the session and the coordinator of the study, is planning on publishing an article about the study, the first of it's kind to feature public libraries, and will make the spreadsheet available to any library that would like to estimate its ILL costs.

Friends: Carl Nawrocki announced that the Friends of CT Libraries annual membership campaign has begun.

Legislative: Randi Ashton-Pritting reported on behalf of the committee. She informed the Board that the committee would like to update its popular bookmark; the committee has decided not to host legislative breakfasts; the Committee encourages Board members to write letters to editors of local newspapers regarding the importance of libraries. The Legislative Committee would like to take on an intern from the SCSU Graduate School of Library Science. The intern would help maintain the Legislative Committee Webpage, put information on Facebook, and help as needed at the State Capitol.

CLASS: Laurie Colburn announced the CLASS workshop date as October 22. She said the committee is still looking for a location.

CT Center for the Book: Kat Lyons reported on the Lifetime Achievement Award program Sunday September 18th at the Hartford Public Library. This year's award recipient is Lary Bloom.

CLC: Jill Hughes reported that the CLC Willimantic Office will be closing effective October 1, 2010 with no change in services. She said that CLC has reorganized and changed internal staffing. As a result the CLA management contract has changed so that the administrative duties CLC provides to CLA will be reallocated to all CLC personnel who will share the duties. The CLA email address and phone number remain the same.

Public Library Section: Barbara Bailey reported that the "Idea Factory" is scheduled October 28 at the Wallingford Public Library. She added that the Development Committee continues to work on the strategic plan.

NELA: Debbie Herman reported for Mary Etter encouraging Board members to register for the NELA conference in Boxboro; that Counterparts will have a "meet-up" at the conference and that NELA is asking State Associations to contribute \$2,000 to reinstate NELLs (New England Library Leadership Symposium) in 2011.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Najarian

Attendance: Carl Antonucci, Peter Ciparelli, Richard Conroy, Ben Shum, Ken Wiggin, Glenn Grube, Geri Diorio, Kate Sheehan, Caitlin Augusta, Gerald Seagrave, Jaime Hammond, David Boudinot, Maribeth Breen, Su Epstein,

Beth Crowley, Libby Mueller, Laurie Colburn, Suzanne Maryeski, Sandy Rosado, Kat Lyons, Frank Skornia, Carolyn Benjamin, Jill Dugas Hughes, Linda Avellar, Barbara Bailey, Nancy Disbrow, Hing Wu, Sheila Lafferty, Steve Cauffman, Carl Nawrocki, Mary Engels, Kathy Giotsas, Ed O'Hara, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Debbie Herman, Alison Wang.