

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board of Trustees
June 18, 2010
Southern Tier Library System, Painted Post, NY**

Present:

Stephen Crandall
Linda Beins
Susan Bretscher
Lisabeth Chabot
Sherry Collins
Deborah Gagnon
Nan Hyland
David Karre
Charles O'Bryan

Excused:

John Meador
Mark Steigerwald
Bernard Tomasso
Marc Wildman

Guests & Staff Present:**Guest:**

Kathy Miller, NYLA, RRLC
Ristiina Wigg, STLS

Staff:

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Nora Hardy

Presiding: Steve Crandall called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

Doc.#2010-31 **Agenda:** Approved.

Doc.#2010-32, 45 **Minutes, 5-19-2010:** Approved as written. Moved Collins. Second Bretscher. Approved.
Special Board Meeting Minutes, 6/7/2010: Moved Bretscher. Second Collins. Approved.

President's Report: Crandall commended Lindbloom and the staff for the successful Academic Librarians, 2010 conference. He described the current environment as pivotal in SCRLC's history: full of significant changes, opportunities, and uncertainty. He encouraged Board members to consider new initiatives such as IMLS grants as important opportunities for SCRLC to "enhance our ability to provide the best service to our library members and their patrons."

Doc.#2010-41, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 43

Treasurer's Report:

January 2010 Bill Sheet #7—provided for Board members' convenience in reviewing subsequent corrections. No action required.

February 2010 Bill Sheet #8 – Moved Gagnon. Second Karre. Approved.

March 2010 Bill Sheet #9 –Moved Gagnon. Second Karre. Approved.

April 2010 Bill Sheet #10 – Moved Collins. Second Beins. Approved.

May 2010 Bill Sheet #11 – Moved Gagnon. Second Collins. Approved.

2010-2011 Budget: Bretscher presented the budget for 2010-2011. There were no changes since its presentation at the May 19 meeting. It assumes that all currently proposed cuts will take effect and uses \$48,444 from the SCRLC cash reserve. The 2010-2011 budget includes a one-time payment to SCRLC staff. "Draft #1" should be eliminated from the title of the document. Moved Collins. Second Gagnon. Approved.

Fiscal Year Document Revised: Lindbloom distributed a list of SCRLC's grant and budget fiscal years. That information will be included within the monthly financials. It was requested that the Business Manager be available via telephone for the financial part of Board meetings in case questions arise that can be readily answered.

**FOR
DISCUSSION**

**Doc.#2010-38,
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IMLS Grant #1-Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program (21st Century Lifelong Learning: Online Learning for Librarians), IMLS Grant #2-National Leadership Grant (Online Library Learning 2010) : Due to the demise and restructuring of library systems in Illinois, SCRLC has been presented with a few opportunities. Lindbloom explained that the Alliance Library System (ALS) has invited SCRLC to rewrite and resubmit two CE-related IMLS grant proposals that they had to pull. Some new partners such as SCRLC members, NYS library schools, and NY 3Rs may be invited to participate as appropriate. Additional partners outside NYS will help make the case that this is an appropriately nation-wide effort. Grant #1 has a primary focus of training the trainers and library staff. Grant #2's focus is identifying best practices and trends within online CE delivery. Moved by Collins "The Board is in favor of investigating both of these grants for what they can accomplish for SCRLC's members. The projected results should have a significant impact within the region and will bring results to the larger library community." Second Karre. Approved.

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SMS Text Reference (My Info Quest): SCRLC was asked to take over leadership of this national pilot service comprising five New York libraries and around 65 libraries nationally. Lindbloom has been working on the desk an hour a week in the evening to get a sense of the service and chairs the Marketing committee. Collins moved "The Board approves SCRLC taking over the My Info Quest leadership role for the foreseeable future." Second Gagnon. Approved.

Delivery Meeting: Lindbloom attended a meeting in Albany to explore the ramifications of Nylink's demise with regard to LAND delivery service and what that means for IDS. Many models and vendors are being examined. Around eight SCRLC libraries participate in IDS; eleven use LAND.

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Executive Director's Report: Two major events were held with aplomb and good reviews: the *Tools of History* Launch at the History Center and the *Academic Librarians* 2010 conference. SCRLC sponsored another bus to the ALA conference, held in D.C. Lindbloom accompanied this group. Educational Trust documents were finally returned to SCRLC by the former attorney. Lindbloom explained that at their last meeting, the Hospital Advisory Committee examined the Hospital Library Service Program regulations in reference to three long-standing SCRLC member hospitals that discontinued their circuit service contracts. This situation will be monitored and revisited with the Board in fall 2010.

Annual Meeting: The searches for program and location are nearing conclusion. The day will include a program on change, offered by Lis Chabot and Susan Currie. There will also be a panel of e-reader project participants.

Kathy Miller, NYLA President: Miller provided an overview of the New York Library Association (NYLA), its goals and legislative initiatives. She responded to several questions regarding current projects and invited suggestions and comments for future NYLA action. She reported that there are many conversations taking place on how services can be best delivered by different configurations of partnering systems. She stated that funding and employee structures make mergers very difficult either laterally or vertically. Geography tends to invalidate economies of scale for many mergers because of the maximum practical distances for providing services. She predicted that when the general economic climate improves it will take five years to regain the library environment of 2007.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m. The next Board Meeting will be Friday, September 17, and will include a strategic planning session, facilitated by Sharon and Dan Wiseman. The location will be announced later.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nan Hyland
Secretary