

**South Central Regional Library Council  
Board Meeting  
December 17, 2010  
SCRLC Office, Ithaca, NY**

**Present:**

Stephen Crandall  
Linda Beins  
Susan Bretscher  
Lisabeth Chabot  
Deborah Gagnon  
David Karre  
Charles O'Bryan  
Ann Voorhees

**Excused:**

Sherry Collins  
Nan Hyland  
John Meador  
Mark Steigerwald  
Marc Wildman

**Guest & Staff Present:**

**Staff:**  
Mary-Carol Lindbloom  
Nora Hardy  
Danna Harris

**Guests:**

Matthew McSherry

**Presiding:** Steve Crandall called the meeting to order at 9:42 a.m.

**Doc.#2010-63**     **Agenda:** Approved.

**Doc.#2010-64**     **Minutes, 10-29-2010:** Corrections to "Members' Annual Business Meeting": Minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were seconded by Linda Beins. Jean Currie moved to approve the Board of Trustees nominated slate. Moved to approve as corrected by O'Bryan. Second Bretscher. Approved.

**Doc.#2010-58,  
65, 66, 67, 58**     **Treasurer's Report:**  
Moved to approve September 2010 Bill Sheet by Chabot. Second Voorhees. Approved.  
Moved to approve October 2010 Bill Sheet by O'Bryan. Second Crandall. Approved.  
Moved to approve November 2010 Bill Sheet by Kerr. Second Voorhees. Approved.  
Moved to approve 2009 990 Federal Tax Return by Bretscher. Second Chabot. Approved.  
Moved to approve Workplace Fraud and Notification (Whistleblower) Policy by Chabot. Second Voorhees. Approved.

**Doc.#2010-59**     **Audit, 2010** – Matt McSherry explained that his firm performed the audit for SCRLC's fiscal year ending 6/30/2010 and that they provided an "unqualified" opinion, which is a very positive evaluation. He reported that SCRLC continues to have liquid assets, which positions SCRLC very well, overall. He mentioned that it was impossible to earn high interest rates in the current economic climate and recommended continuing the current pattern of investments. He said "The organization is financially very healthy and in good hands." Lindbloom requested McSherry's opinion on the current pattern of budgeting to spend down the cash balance. McSherry indicated that though we have a healthy cash reserve it is not large or inappropriate to the size of the budget. He recommended that SCRLC maintain the same level of cash reserve. The Board, Executive Director, and Business Manager should continue to actively monitor the budget and the Board amend as necessary.

**Doc.#2010-69**     **RBDB** – Lindbloom reported on the current overall budget status to provide context for the RBDB budget discussion; Karre, as a member of the NYALS executive committee, provided additional input. NY3Rs directors and most other library system directors have

requested that NYS release their funds now, but there is no guarantee that the Division of the Budget will release them (either whole or in part). There is no indication when charts of distribution (2010-2011) will be distributed. There are still significant questions on how Basic Aid and program funds will be cut, but SCRLC's budgeted Supplemental Aid of \$51,000+ will not be released due to the non-passage of Article VII. RBDB funds have not been released for 2010, but pieces of the 2011 RBDB budget needed approval: The BARC contract renewal with Broome Community College \$9,000 (increased use is anticipated due to schools); AskUs 24/7 consortial membership (this ensures lower AskUs 24/7 fees for members) \$8600; My Info Quest SMS text messaging reference service \$400. The ACITS committee will be scrutinizing the database use statistics to determine which databases are most used and most valuable to which member library types. ACITS will share its findings and recommendations, so the Board can make a 'data-informed' decision. Chabot suggested that SCRLC and ACITS consider cost sharing with the libraries to stretch SCRLC funds and secure the most valuable electronic resources as prices rise and funding drops. Karre moved to approve allocation of RBDB funds for salaries, BARC, AskUs, and MIQ pending a revisiting of the budget and disbursements by April 1. Seconded by Crandall. Beins noted that Code 15 Prof Salaries FTE should be corrected. Approved.

**Board Calendar 2011:** Jan. 28-SCRLC, March 25-DCMO BOCES, May 20-Wells College, **June 17** (note change because of an ALA conflict)-Ithaca College, Sept. 23-Alfred University, Oct. 28 Annual Meeting-TBA, Dec. 16-SCRLC.

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**Executive Director's Report:** Lindbloom reported that there have been four Plan of Service meetings held around the region, with the final one scheduled for Dec. 20 at TC3. Deb Gagnon and Lindbloom expect to work on an IMLS grant for submission in February. Lindbloom will need to rework and resubmit the Laura Bush initiative. Lindbloom has begun discussions with Syracuse University about student internships at SCRLC. The *Emerging Library Technologies* online conference yielded over 100 participants and over \$1100 profit. Follow-up programs will be planned. CCDA meeting with the academics was productive; crafting a new plan as part of the overall POS is the next step. The two poster sessions that Hardy and Lindbloom presented at NYLA (with many thanks to Diane and Kathleen) went well. SCRLC has implemented a weekly newsletter to help with communication between the office and member libraries; Tools of History is serving as one of the beta sites for CONTENTdm 6.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, January 28, 2010, 9:30 a.m., at the SCRLC office, Ithaca., NY.

Respectfully Submitted  
**Stephen Crandall**  
President and Acting Secretary