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**South Central Regional Library Council
Board of Trustees
September 19, 2008
Four County Library System, Binghamton, NY**

Present:

Liz Wavle
Steven Crandall
Susan Bretscher
Karen Creenan
Deborah Gagnon
David Karre
John Meador
Ann Voorhees
Ristiina Wigg
Stephanie Wilson

Excused:

Nan Hyland
Marc Wildman

Staff Present:

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Nora Hardy

Guest:

Muriel Godbout

Presiding: Liz Wavle called the meeting to order at 9:46 am.

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Agenda: Approved.

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Minutes: Approved with corrections. Gagnon noted a misspelling and that in item 6 "be" was missing. Motion by Bretscher, seconded by Gagnon. Carried.

President's Report:

None at this time.

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Treasurer's Reports: Motion by Creenan to approve the Bill Sheet for June 2008, seconded by Wigg. Carried. Motion by Creenan to approve the Bill Sheet for July 2008 with Workman's Comp and Total corrections, seconded by Wilson. Carried. Motion by Creenan to approve the Bill Sheet for August 2008 with Workman's Comp and Total corrections. Seconded Gagnon. Carried.

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Personnel Committee Report: Lindbloom reported that after extensive research, Blue Cross' Option 11 coverage will be the best coverage for SCRLC employees and will yield significant savings for both employees and SCRLC. Motion to approve by Crandall, seconded Karre. Approved. In order to provide out-of-state dental coverage, Delta Dental will be made available to staff needing out-of-state coverage - employees who select this plan will pay the difference between Delta and Blue Cross coverage. Motion to approve by Crandall. Seconded Wilson. Approved. A flex spending plan will be made available to employees who want to participate. Motion to approve by Crandall. Seconded Wigg. Approved. The Board expressed its appreciation for the thorough research and detailed benefits grid developed by Danna Harris to assist in these

decisions.

Executive Committee Report: None at this time.

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Nominating Committee Report: John Meador (BU) has agreed to continue serving on the Board. Charles O'Bryan (DCMO BOCES SLS) has agreed to serve, succeeding Stephanie Wilson (GST BOCES SLS). Bernadette Hodge (NYCAMH) has resigned, and will be replaced by Mark Steigerwald (International Motor Racing Research Center Library). Bernie Tomasso (Port Byron). Tomaso advised the Board of his work with a vendor to avoid potential conflict of interest issues and affirmed his willingness to serve on the Board.

Systems Retreat: Several Board members attended a systems' retreat in August, which was convened by the executive committee of the emerging New York Alliance of Library Systems (NYALS). Participants identified opportunities for collaboration on issues and programs shared by all types of systems. Several priorities emerged, including advocacy and marketing, on which Karre and Lindbloom volunteered to work. Because of the current budget reduction and future reductions expected next year, the advocacy group has asked system Boards to discuss services and concrete activities that could be cutback, charged for, or eliminated if necessary due to budget cuts. The group suggested examining noticeable components rather than invisible ones. Regarding marketing, SCRLC, like all NY3Rs, has statutory mandate, but must ensure that members (and stakeholders) recognize its value. Wigg recommended that time at the December Board meeting be scheduled to discuss advocacy/marketing and its ramifications. It may merit formation of a task force by Lindbloom. Lindbloom will discuss also be discussing advocacy with the NY3Rs.

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Executive Director's Report:

- A Board Retreat will be scheduled in February (not during school vacations) after the incoming members' terms begin. A snow date will be chosen and a single presenter will be selected to minimize rescheduling challenges in case of adverse weather.
- The December 12th Board meeting has been moved to the SCRLC office. It will be followed by an SCRLC open house and the dedication of the Training Room.
- Lindbloom will explore whether the SCRLC financial affairs should use more than one institution in light of the current banking world turmoil.
- The results of the SCRLC audit are expected by the October Board Meeting. The Auditor may be invited to attend the December Board meeting to answer any questions the Board may have.
- The Board would like to review the annual member dues schedule for extension at the December meeting.

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Steve Crandall
Secretary