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**South Central Regional Library Council, Board of Trustees
December 8, 2006
Gannett-Tripp Library, Elmira College, Elmira**

Present:

Liz Wavle
Steve Crandall
William Demo
Bernadette Hodge
Nan Hyland
Frank Mols
Ristiina Wigg
Stephanie Wilson

Excused:

Boodie McGinnis
David Karre
Chuck Nelson
Sue Bretscher
Karen Creenan

Staff & Guests:

Jean Currie
Ann Voorhees

Presiding: Liz Wavle called the meeting to order at 9:35am

Doc.#2006- 55 **Agenda:** Motion by Mols to approve the agenda, seconded by Hyland. Carried.

Doc.#2006- 56 **Minutes:** Motion by Mols to approve the minutes of October 6, 2006, seconded by Crandall. Carried.

President's Report:

Wavle welcomed Ann Voorhees, who will join the Board in January, 2007. She also noted the prominence of SCRLC regional libraries in various aspects of the recent NYLA Annual Conference.

Doc.#2006- 57, 58 **Treasurer's Reports:**

Motion by Demo to approve Bill Sheet # 3 for September, 2006, seconded by Mols. Carried.
Motion by Crandall to approve Bill Sheet #4 for October, 2006, seconded by Demo. Carried.

Doc.#2006-59 **Nominating Committee Report:** Wigg presented a slate of officers for 2007: Elizabeth Wavle for President, Ristiina Wigg for Vice President, Stephen Crandall for Secretary, Bill Demo for Treasurer. Motion by Wigg to approve the slate, seconded by Hyland. Carried.

Doc.#2006-60 **Resolution to Change Treasurer's Signature:** With a change in Treasurer, the Board needs to approve a new file signature. Motion to approve the resolution: Resolved that the Tompkins Trust Company is designated a depository of the funds of the South Central Regional Library Council and the Trust Company is hereby authorized to pay or otherwise honor any and all checks, drafts, or other orders issued from time to time, for and on behalf of this organization with the signature of William Demo, Treasurer, and Elizabeth Wavle, President, by Wilson, seconded by Wigg. Carried.

Doc.#2006-61 **RBDB Review Panel Report:** Currie presented the report noting that grant applications did not use all available funds. Discussion rising from the report included:

- Concern that previous rejections might discourage further proposals.
- Concern that the regional digitizing project may proceed without the requested business plan (which should include projections for future costs).
- Can the new advisory committee help with the business plan?
- What value would a digitizing project have for the K-12 community?

- Many libraries/systems may not be producers of digital objects, but the project will make resources available that are relevant to users. The project should identify such resources of value. One would be the Mark Twain collection at Elmira.
 - The project should try to match local history curricula and should establish partnerships with other relevant institutions.
 - We should proceed as the world is moving to digital, but are we giving up anything as a result.
 - We should be taking a long term view, need to build an inventory, look at multi-media integration, new technologies do filter down to everyone.
 - Reminder that the approved Plan of Service included digitizing.
 - There will always be competing interests and never enough money. There will always be opportunity costs.
 - The K-12 constituency needs access to a better online encyclopedia – is this a statewide problem or a regional issue. Could SCRLC investigate the cost of WorldBook?
 - Wavle asked Hyland to serve as the Board representative on the Digitizing Advisory Committee.
- Motion to approve the RBDB Review Panel Report for 2007 funding by Hyland, seconded by Demo. Carried.

Doc.#2006-62 SCRLC Annual Report to the NYSL: Currie noted the inability to present an easy-to-read version of the online report. Motion to approve the 2005/2006 report by Crandall, seconded by Mols. Carried.

Doc.#2006-63 Meeting dates for 2007: The proposed dates were modified and Currie will send out new proposal. The meetings will be advertised and guests invited although SCRLC has been advised that it does not need to meet the Open Meetings Law.

Doc.#2006-64 Resource Sharing Initiatives: Currie presented information about the SUNY IDS project to improve document delivery and noted that several SCRLC private academic libraries will likely join. Funds from RBDB and LSTA could support the necessary training and purchase of ILLiad. A complementary service might include UPS's CampusShip™ for rapid delivery. There will be a workshop on January 26 to introduce both these potential services for discussion by SCRLC resource sharing staff.

Doc.#2006-65 WALDO Partnership: Currie reported that WALDO will no longer use the NY3Rs as billing agents. There was some discussion of whether SCRLC would still continue to offer customized billing for those libraries requiring it if WALO could not provide such customizing. SCRLC will lose about \$20,000 in administrative fees but can use the found time to advantage in management of the digitizing project.

Doc.#2006- 66 Executive Director's Report: Currie noted the proposed uses of the 2007/2008 LSTA Invitational Grant: continuing education, training in digitizing, upgrading the WOW units. Several of the efforts will involve collaboration with CLRC. She also noted the different NYLA and Regents' advocacy efforts for 2007.

Doc. #2006-67 Committee Minutes: No further discussion.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Wilson, seconded by Crandall. Carrie. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted
 Steve Crandall
 Secretary

Presentation by Steve Crandall on the renovation project at Herrick Library, Alfred University

Although there had been an item in the strategic plans for 10 years, it was not until a gift of \$1.8 million that fund raising started in earnest. After an ambitious renovation plan for renovating Herrick Library was developed there was extensive fund raising. After a major gift failed to materialize, the plans were revised down to a projected cost of \$4.5m.

Major initiatives:

- Coffee bar
- Information commons: group study space, lots of computers, lots of software, lots of flexibility
- Conference room
- New offices for librarians of uniform size with access to a larger room for meetings
- Large amount of compact shelving on the ground floor
- Restrooms on the main floor
- All night study room: no real security (will see how it works out), separate entrance @ night, with vending machines and bathrooms available.
- To be finished by July, 2007. 50th anniversary of original opening.

Currently 12 Herrick staff members are sharing quarters in the Scholes Library (College of Ceramics). It has worked well and allowed synergistic conversations in a friendly & positive environment, facilitating joint projects among new librarians from both libraries.

The information commons will be run by the library. The ITS Help Desk will continue operating in the library basement when the building is reoccupied.

The collection is in temporary storage in a chicken coop – a difficult environment to control!