

South Central Regional Library Council  
Board of Trustees  
September 15, 2006  
Tompkins Cortland Community College, Cortland NY

**Present:**

Liz Wavle  
Susan Bretscher  
Steve Crandall  
William Demo  
Nan Hyland  
David Karre  
Frank Mols  
Ristiina Wigg  
Stephanie Wilson

**Excused:**

Karen Creenan  
Bernadette Hodge  
Charles Nelson  
Boodie McGinnis

**Staff Present:**

Jean Currie  
Nora Hardy

**Presiding:** Liz Wavle called the meeting to order at 10:13 am.

**Doc.#2006- 35** **Agenda:** Motion by Crandall to approve the agenda, seconded by Bretscher. Carried.

**Doc.#2006- 36** **Minutes:** Motion by Bretscher to approve the minutes of June 9, 2006, seconded by Mols. Carried.

**President's Report:**

Wavle reminded everyone to register for the SCRLC Annual Meeting and praised the beautiful baskets donated for the Basket Raffle. She is now a Black Belt Soduiko master!

**Doc.#2006-37,  
38, 40, 41**

**Treasurer's Reports:**

Motion by Mols to approve the Bill Sheet #12 for June, 2006, seconded by Demo. Carried. Bill Sheet #1, July, 2006 had incorrect Salary totals. Wavle requested that it be corrected and resubmitted for approval at the next Board Meeting.

Motion by Crandall to accept the Audit for 2005-2006 and congratulate Danna Harris on a successful audit, seconded by Bretscher. Carried. The on-time NYS budget resulted in two state aid deposits within one year elevating SCRLC's income substantially and artificially. Currie will check with the auditor to discuss possible effects on the 2006-2007 audit.

The Auditor recommended continuing the development of a revised investment policy and supported closing down the SCRLC Trust Inc. Currie reported that all banking has been successfully moved to Tompkins Trust; Tompkins Trust's staff has been exceptionally easy to work with.

**Doc.#2006-42** **By Laws Committee Report:** Motion by Mols to accept the By Laws Revisions as submitted, seconded by Crandall. Carried.

**Doc.#2006-43**      **Nominating Committee Report:** Motion by Wigg to accept the Committee's recommendations, seconded by Wilson. Carried.

**Doc.#2006-44**      **Resource Sharing Subsidy:** Header needs to be corrected to reflect FY 2005-2006. Motion by Bretscher to approve as amended, seconded by Hyland. Carried.

**Doc. #2006-45, 46**      **Dissolution of the SCRLC Trust Inc., Executive Committee Report & Investment Plan:** Karre moved that Currie proceed with dissolution of the Trust with all possible speed, and confer with the necessary authorities as needed to proceed through steps 2-7 of the Investment Plan. Demo added a friendly amendment that Currie explore how similar funds are handled by the other NY3Rs. Seconded by Mols. Carried. Discussion on these issues included:

- Investment decisions will be a major issue & there is a need to be prudent.
- Concerns about the public vs private division of monies.
- Who makes the decisions about amounts invested and risk.
- The Trust Inc and the investments are two different issues.
- Get the Trust Inc taken care of and then work on the investment issues.

**Doc. #2006-47**      **SCRLC Digitizing Plan:** Currie outlined the Plan of Action noting that that a grant was received from the Friends of the Tompkins County Public Library. CONTENTdm will be the software platform. The next step will be recruitment of an advisory committee and identifying libraries committed to the project. Initial projects will include documents and photographs, but not newspapers due to complex digital rights issues. Discussion included the following:

- Mols expressed concern as to whether this project would erode resources from RBDB funding.
- Karre commended this project as a good use of collaborative effort, but expressed concern that there is no business plan for the project's management and ongoing maintenance.
- Could the participating libraries contribute to the ongoing maintenance?
- Hyland asked about project management and how it will affect staff's existing responsibilities.
- The Board consensus was that this is a worthwhile project and should go forward as described by Currie.

**Doc.#2006-48**      **Executive Director's Report:** SCRLC's 40<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will highlight the differences between the library environment and expectations when SCRLC was founded and the future it prepares libraries for now. The Basket Raffle has begun with the generous donations of many beautiful baskets on a wide array of themes.

**Doc. #2006-49**      **Committee Minutes:** No further discussion.

**Adjourn:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 am.

Respectfully Submitted  
Steve Crandall  
Secretary