

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting Online Zoom
February 3, 2023
Minutes**

Present:

Megan Biddle
Gaby Castro Gessner
Sarah Glogowski
Erika Jenns
Margaret Kappanadze
Fiona Patrick
David Schuster
Brian Sullivan
Karin Wikoff

Excused:

Kristin Dade
Steph Cowling-Rich
Julia Iannello
Matthew Roslund
David Stevick
Nicole Waskie-Laura

Staff:

Christine Brown
Diane Capalongo
Danna Harris
Mary-Carol Lindbloom

Presiding. Vice President M. Biddle called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m.

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Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the Agenda and December 16, 2022 minutes was made by M. Kappanadze; seconded by K. Wikoff. Approved.

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December 2022 Bill Sheet #6. S. Glogowski highlighted out of the ordinary expenses for December: journal subscriptions, capital equipment purchases, staff and student gift cards, office supplies, MLA and NYCON membership dues, and the printer/scanner. M. Biddle motioned to approve the December Bill Sheet; seconded by D. Schuster. Approved.

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Digitization Grant Application. ACITS recommended focusing solely on digitization projects for the next grant round, resulting in some suggested modifications to the application form and rubric, including the title (Digitization Grants). The rationale is that all projects in recent years have been digitization (New York Heritage or Newspapers); there is still the ability to apply for an innovative digitization project, e.g. 3D or 360 Empire State Immersive Experience. Projects outside digitization could be funded in other ways, e.g. collaborative workshops or Dolphin Cove grants. A motion to approve the Digitization Grant Application with those changes was made by E. Jenns; seconded by B. Sullivan. Approved.

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Backbone Ridge History Affiliate Member Application (Community Group). They do not have a building and would be considered a community group. They have materials pertaining to the history of the land and people between Seneca and Cayuga Lakes (primarily 19th century farming). A motion to approve was made by S. Glogowski; seconded by M. Kappanadze. Approved.

DOC.#2023 – 6 **Canal Society of New York State Affiliate Member Application.** A motion to approve the application was made by K. Wikoff, seconded by S. Glogowski. Approved.

DOC.#2023 - 11 **Hornell Public Library Affiliate Member Application.** A motion to approve the application was made by B. Sullivan, seconded by K. Wikoff. Approved.

Board Committee Assignments. E. Jenns will join the Bylaws & State Regulations Committee; D. Schuster will join the Personnel Committee. Other Board members present retained their committee assignments.

Bylaws & State Regulations Committee Report. S. Glogowski reported that in collaboration with Stephanie Cole Adams, Esq. good progress is being made in the revision of the Bylaws. The membership section has been moved to the beginning of the document to highlight that SCRLC is a member-driven organization; the Roberts Rules language has been eliminated because we do not need to be that formal; if it is in the Bylaws, it must be rigorously followed and have a Parliamentarian. They can still be used as a guideline. We were advised to develop a calendar of annual action items for the Board and add as an appendix. There has also been discussion regarding the standing committees; she recommends eliminating the executive committee. S. Adams strongly advised the Board to not vote on Bylaws before the Annual Meeting because the membership must approve any revisions.

DOC.#2023 - **Nominating & Board Development Committee Report.** The Board Retreat was discussed; we would like to try to meet in person at Finger Lakes Library System. The topic would be a Board 101 session and Board matrix discussion/presentation, possibly facilitated by NYCON.

DOC.#2023 - 9 **Executive Director’s Report.** Additions: The Governor’s budget proposes \$96,127M, which is the same amount she proposed last year. This is a negative change of \$3.5M from the current year and would remove around \$28,000 from our budget. The Awareness and Advocacy Committee meets on Monday and will discuss the funding level and Library Advocacy Day plans among other items. NOVELny may also go away as of 6/30/2024, which would further harm library users across the state and library type.

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by K. Wikoff; seconded by S. Glogowski. Adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Megan Biddle, Acting Secretary