

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting Online Zoom
March 31, 2023
Minutes**

Present:

Megan Biddle
Gaby Castro Gessner
Kristin Dade
Sarah Glogowski
Julia Iannello
Erika Jenns
Margaret Kappanadze
Fiona Patrick
Matthew Roslund
David Schuster
David Stevick
Brian Sullivan
Karin Wikoff

Excused:

Steph Cowling-Rich
Nicole Waskie-Laura

Staff:

Diane Capalongo
Danna Harris
Mary-Carol Lindbloom

Presiding. President K. Dade called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**DOC.#2023 – 12,
13, 14**

Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by S. Glogowski; seconded by M. Biddle. Approved.

DOC.#2023 – 16

January 2023 Bill Sheet #7. S. Glogowski highlighted out of the ordinary expenses for January: Grants to member libraries (remaining 10% of digitization grants), tax forms, office keys and name tag, accounting software, and NYALS website registration. S. Glogowski motioned to approve the January Bill Sheet; seconded by K. Wikoff. Approved.

DOC.#2023 – 17

February 2023 Bill Sheet #8. S. Glogowski highlighted out of the ordinary expenses for February: Grants to member libraries, car repair expense and mileage reimbursements, ICOLC conference fees and expenses, webinar expense, audit fee, NYLA membership. S. Glogowski motioned to approve the February Bill Sheet; seconded by D. Schuster. Approved.

DOC.#2023 - 18

Dr. Kawanna Bright's DEIJ Consulting Project is proposed as a way to help our members more deeply with their DEI efforts. First, two webinars will be presented on cultural competency, which will also fulfill a work plan item. Second, after watching both webinars (synchronously or the recording), SCRLC members could apply for 2-6 consulting hours with Dr. Bright. The DEIJ Advisory Committee members, staff, and Dr. Bright would recommend the projects for funding. \$1,000 is already in the workshop budget for the webinars, but there should be Board approval for at least the \$7,000 consulting component. A motion to release funds for the DEIJ consulting

project (\$8,000 in total) with Dr. Bright was made by K. Wikoff; seconded by B. Sullivan. Approved.

M-C Lindbloom recommended compensating Dr. Bright at least \$500-\$1,000 for work on the assessment tool—it has not been straightforward. Several Board members noted that she will be continuing to work on this and that we should consider additional compensation in the future. A motion to approve a \$1,000 honorarium for work on the assessment tool to Dr. Bright was made by S. Glogowski, seconded by M. Kappanadze. Approved.

DOC.#2023 - 19 **Spencer Historical Society Affiliate Member Application.** A motion to approve was made by M. Kappanadze; seconded by M. Biddle. Approved.

DOC.#2023 – 20 **Seward House Affiliate Member Application.** A motion to approve the application was made by K. Wikoff; seconded by D. Schuster. Approved.

DOC.#2023 – 14 **Bylaws & State Regulations Committee Report.** S. Glogowski reported that in collaboration with Stephanie Cole Adams, Esq. progress is being made, and the membership will vote on the bylaws at the annual meeting.

For Discussion **Vermont's Academic Libraries.** Currently, many libraries face unprecedented challenges for a number of reasons, and several issues were discussed including the three merging Vermont academics that seek to move all library services centrally and virtually and eliminate staffing. This is shortsighted, in the light of DEI, accessibility, and digital equity. Technology does not make things cheaper (someone still has to troubleshoot, maintain, order, renew, etc.); virtual reference cannot meet all reference needs. The Internet Archive and Controlled Digital Lending also came up.

Digital Equity. Hold April 24 9:30-11:30 a.m. open for the Southern Tier region's listening session with the Connect All (NYS office in charge of making digital equity a reality for all New Yorkers). They are writing the NYS plan, which is due to the federal government over the summer.

DOC.#2023 - 9 **Executive Director's Report.** It is a good time to contact legislators, in the final days of budget negotiations. ICOLC in St. Louis: M-C Lindbloom is presenting a program on the DEI assessment; she planned to drive to Missouri to avoid airline issues, but is rethinking due to the weather and "cultural war" issues (both SCRLC and her car have NYS library plates).

Respectfully Submitted,
Matthew Roslund