

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting Online Zoom
September 15, 2023
Minutes**

Present:

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

Excused:

Steph Cowling-Rich
Sarah Glogowski
Fiona Patrick
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.

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Consent Agenda. A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by K. Wikoff and seconded by M. Kappanadze. Approved.

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July 2023 Bill Sheet #1. In S. Glogowski’s absence, M-C Lindbloom highlighted out of the ordinary expenses for July: Grants to member libraries (both digitization and Consider the Source), and OCLC FirstSearch. M. Kappanadze motioned to approve the July Bill Sheet; M. Biddle seconded. Approved.

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August 2023 Bill Sheet #2. M-C Lindbloom highlighted out of the ordinary expenses for August: ESLN Directors’ Retreat, electronic resources, grants to members. M. Roslund motioned to approve the August Bill Sheet; B. Sullivan seconded. Approved.

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2022-2023 Annual Report. A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Annual Report was made by E. Jenns and seconded by K. Wikoff. Approved.

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2024 Meeting Dates.

February 9 - online
March 22 - online
May 7 (Tuesday) – in person @ Alfred or Houghton
July 25 ? – in person (Board Retreat)
September 20 – online
October 17 or 18 – in person (Annual Meeting)
December 13 – online

A motion to approve the 2024 meeting dates was made by M. Kappanadze and seconded by M. Biddle. Approved.

BARC Contract. The Resource Sharing Advisory Committee recommends leaving the Bibliographic & Referral Center (BARC) service with Tompkins Cortland Community College. Electronic interlibrary loan has become more complicated, and changing the service to a new provider would not be easy, plus it would create extra work for the users. Do we legally have to send it out for bid periodically? M-C Lindbloom called our lawyer to verify (waiting to hear back). The Board agreed that staying with TC3 is the best option, pending legal comment.

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Bylaws. The Board reviewed the proposed bylaws and summary of changes. Composition-wise, we lack a younger perspective; could we add a “Junior” or “Student” Board seat? Could a student commit to a 5-year Board term? Maybe Board participation could be part of an internship program. The Planning & Purpose Committee (proposed in the new bylaws), could be a good place for them to start (one need not be a Board member to be on a committee). An official position would need be voted on in the bylaws by the membership—there isn’t time to do include this for this year (and would need to vet with our lawyer who advised on the bylaws).

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Board Matrix. The Nominating Committee reviewed the board matrix in greater depth. It would be ideal to have more diversity Re: age, race, and ethnicity. M. Roslund created a chart representing the geographic distribution of board members. There is a lot of experience among board members; how can this have impact? Re: Advocacy, some are very confident and others need training. Creating elevator speeches would be useful. Advocacy is not just about legislators; we need to find our champions to tell our stories. Another idea: set aside board time to share conference experiences/learning that might be useful to others.

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Slate of Trustees/Board Terms. Fiona agreed to serve another term. We will need to nurture relationships with other special libraries to fill her seat in five years. The Nominating Committee suggested Mary Ann Munroe from GST BOCES to fill the upcoming SLS seat; the Board agreed.

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Executive Director Report. Regarding DEALS (DEI Assessment for Library Systems), there were a few more questions for Dr. Bright; then we’ll send it to the Board and DEIJA Advisory Committee.

Adjournment. A motion to adjourn was made by K. Wikoff and seconded by G. Castro Gessner. Adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Roslund