

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
September 23, 2011
Alfred University, Alfred, NY**

Present:

Stephen Crandall
Linda Beins
Susan Bretscher
Richard Entlich
Deborah Gagnon
Aprille Nace
Harry Pence
Sarah Weisman
Ann Voorhees
Ristiina Wigg

Excused:

Lisabeth Chabot
David Karre
John Meador
Charles O'Bryan

Staff Present:

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Nora Hardy

Presiding: Steve Crandall called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Doc.#2011-53 **Agenda:** Approved, with the addition of discussion of regional economic development councils.

Doc.#2011-54 **Minutes, 6-17-2011:** Moved to approve by Beins. Seconded by Weisman. Approved.

President's Report: None.

**Doc.#2011-55,
56, 57**

Treasurer's Report:

Lindbloom explained that funds for two programs have not been received from NYS: HLSP and RBDB and remain in the 10% held back by the Dept. of Budget. CCDA funds are also in that 10%. Three Councils have received full funding. Lindbloom mentioned that the audit went very well, and that we used \$11,065 of our cash balance-less than predicted. She discussed areas of saving. Lindbloom reminded the Board that the budget doesn't include a delivery subsidy and that she needed to inform the membership. WALDO owes SCRLC money from Jan 2010 and Jan 2011, for which collection efforts continue. Moved to approve June 2011 Bill Sheet #12 by Wigg. Seconded by Gagnon. Approved. Moved to approve July 2011 Bill Sheet #1 by Voorhees. Seconded by Wigg. Approved. Moved to approve August 2011 Bill Sheet #2 by Entlich. Seconded by Wigg. Approved.

Doc.#2011-58 **McGraw Historical Society Membership Application** –Motion to approve by Bretscher. Second Weisman. Approved. This group is joining to participate in the regional digitization project.

Doc.#2011-59 **Resolution on Access to the Safe Deposit Box:** Moved by Bretscher. Seconded Pence. Approved with corrected spelling of Diane's name.

NY 3Rs Collaborations: Lindbloom explained that the NY 3Rs collaborative initiatives are becoming more detailed and accountable:

- *Database Task Force* – has been exploring a relationship with LYRASIS. NY 3Rs

may work with EBSCO and other vendors directly. Lindbloom is part of this task force, which will be meeting with SLSA about their vendor portal. Vendors post standard prices; purchases are made by each school library system autonomously. Wigg reported that public library systems are working with NYLA on database negotiations. Lindbloom will inform the database task force and SLSA at their next conference call to contact Kevin Verbese. All types of systems should be part of the conversation.

- *Delivery Task Force*—A consultant is being hired to evaluate needs and recommend several options for LAND delivery. The contract expires 6/30/2012 and neither NYSHEI nor NYSL can take it over. Collaboration with public and school delivery systems will be sought once the academic delivery is worked out.
- *Collaborative CE Group*—Will buy 2 online CE classes with NY 3Rs money. SCRLC will handle registrations for the initial offerings. Lindbloom is exploring a possible collaborative state-wide calendar, which would help avoid duplication in scheduling and improve attendee marketing (one stop shopping).
- *Procurement*—NY 3Rs/NYLA is working toward legislation to clarify commodities and services wording for OGS purchasing.

Lindbloom cautioned that SCRLC's participation in these projects could be hampered by not contributing to the project fund (seven of the nine Councils have written checks to date). Entlich requested that more effort be made to document funded activities on the website, providing meeting notes or minutes and budgeting information. Bretscher moved that "SCRLC use \$10,000 from the cash reserve for the NY 3Rs assessment fee for collaborative opportunities." Seconded by Weisman. Approved.

Membership Dues & Fees Task Force: Staff has been very busy lately compiling data requested on "value added" services. Six brochures are planned addressing the benefits received by different library types. Lindbloom expressed concern about differentiation of the value/benefits provided to main libraries that are direct members, compared to public libraries belonging only through their system. This year SCRLC will be losing most of the Supreme Court members, due to changes within the Court system. Entlich noted that on the Member Survey, members' interests were narrowly focused on the benefits by library type and proposed that the SCRLC website should be organized/tabbed the same way.

Regional Economic Development Councils: Wigg, Crandall, and Weisman attended regional economic development meetings. They noted that it is very important for libraries to maintain/enhance their visibility as contributors to regional economic development. Ten regions have been established and SCRLC has 3-4 of them. Weisman suggested that talking points be developed and shared for events like the meetings and survey. Weisman had located "Libraries and Community Economic Development: a Survey of Best Practices" from Western Illinois University Libraries, which is located at <http://www.alliancelibrarysystem.com/rural/documents/bestpractices.pdf>)

Doc.#2011-60 **Executive Director's Report:** Lindbloom is working on an RFP (Request for Proposal) for the SCRLC BARC (Bibliographic and Referral Center). Volume has been diminishing, however the service is very important to the members who do use it. Wigg suggested consideration of establishing one place to handle all ILLs.

Doc.#2011-61 **SCRLC Disaster Plan:** Entlich reminded everyone to pay attention to the digital resources' vulnerability and recovery procedures. Their intangibility and sometimes remote location may help or hinder efforts to safeguard them. Wording regarding Barbara Lilley notification should be changed to her job title. Lindbloom indicated there would

probably be many revisions after attending the C & P workshop on writing a disaster plan.

Doc.#2011-62 **Committee Minutes:** Entlich noted that the E& T minutes should be corrected to read “Cornell and Columbia.”

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be held at 9:15 a.m. before the Annual Meeting on Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Cooperstown Graduate Program Facility, Cooperstown, NY.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Stephen Crandall

Board President & Acting Secretary