

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
January 28, 2011
SCRLC Office, Ithaca, NY**

Present:

Stephen Crandall
Linda Beins
Susan Bretscher
Lisabeth Chabot
Richard Entlich
John Meador
Charles O'Bryan
Harry Pence
Ristiina Wigg

Excused:

Deborah Gagnon
David Karre
Mark Steigerwald
Ann Voorhees
Marc Wildman

Guest & Staff Present:

Staff:
Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Nora Hardy

Presiding: Steve Crandall called the meeting to order at 9:43 a.m.

Doc.#2011-1 **Agenda:** Approved.

Doc.#2011-2 **Minutes, 12-17-2010:** Moved to approve by Bretscher. Second O'Bryan. Approved.

President's Report & New Member Welcome- Crandall welcomed new Board members Ristiina Wigg, Richard Entlich, and Harry Pence, expressing appreciation for their willingness to share their experience and expertise with SCRLC's members.

Personnel Committee Report, Finance Committee Report: Crandall reported that although new developments have changed specific funding amounts within the budget, the overall budget picture has not changed and if the Committee recommendations are not implemented, expenses "will eat into the cash balance" in a significant way. Lindbloom reported that the auditor, Matthew Sherry, advised against that if it could be avoided.

Doc.#2011-3 **Treasurer's Report:**
Moved to approve December 2010 Bill Sheet by Wigg. Second Chabot. Approved.

Doc.#2011-4, 5 **Budget Amendments 2010-2011 Drafts #1 and #2** –Lindbloom reported that Article VII has passed NYS Assembly and Senate and is awaiting the Governor's signature. If he doesn't sign or veto, it will pass into law automatically. Despite the unanticipated passage of Article VII, the total amount of the budget remains about the same; the divisions between operating budget, supplemental funding, and program budgets will change with a bit more in the operating budget. SCRLC has been eating into its cash balance even with the supplemental aid. If current funding and spending trends continue, the current cash balance will be exhausted within around 5 years. The funds requested from NYS in December have not been received. Distribution will now be delayed while chart recalculation takes place. Under Draft #2, the Resource Sharing/Digitization Manager position would become 53% FTE, with some work redistributed to other staff. Any expansion of Resource Sharing and Digitization activities and innovations would depend on grant awards and internships. O'Bryan recommended considering a .25 FTE grant

writer for a 3-year term; Chabot suggested an NY3Rs sharing of a grant writer and merging cost avoidance opportunities. Lindbloom reported that SCRLC is exploring opportunities for the New York Heritage project to deepen collaboration and cost savings activities. The Digitizing Advisory Committee will provide its recommendation to the Board in May.

Motion to approve Draft #2 by Meador. Second Beins. Approved.

Election of Board Officers: Steve Crandall, President; Linda Beins, Vice President; Susan Bretscher, Treasurer; Lisabeth Chabot, Secretary. Approved.

Board Committees: Harry Pence joined the By-laws Committee. Ristiina Wigg joined the Nominating Committee. Richard Entlich joined the Personnel Committee. Bretscher resigned from the Personnel Committee due to her Finance Committee /treasure responsibilities.

Doc.#2011-6 **Work Plan, 2010.** Completed. Moved to receive by O'Bryan. Second Bretscher. Approved.

Doc.#2011-7 **Work Plan, 2011** Proposed plan will be modified as necessary when 5-Year Plan of Service has been completed. Meador asked if any former Nylink services were acquired. Lindbloom indicated that SCRLC had taken over Nylink's Computers In Libraries (CIL) conference registration (open to anyone in NYS), for which SCRLC receives \$8 per registration (we are also sponsoring a bus to CIL and ACRL). LAND delivery is in flux, though the NY 3R's could end up with a role. Meador reported BU may join Lyasis as their OCLC intermediary. Chabot reported that Ithaca College is working directly with OCLC. Moved to receive Proposed Work Plan, 2011 by Wigg. Second Beins. Approved.

Doc.#2011-8 **Executive Director's Report:** ACITS is reviewing database use statistics by and will present its recommendations to the Board.

The topic of member dues was also discussed. A multi-type Task Force (10-12 members) was suggested, with Chabot as Chair. Lindbloom will invite non-Board members to participate. Crandall recommended that the process must be transparent and include regular updates to the membership, with input accepted from anyone. A consistent gradual increase in dues is preferable to sporadic sizeable increases. Beins suggested that a linkage between dues income and specific member services might help visibly justify increases.

DOC.#2011-13 **Conflict of Interest Statements:** Distributed, signed and collected from those present; others will be contacted by email.

Next Meeting: NOTE LOCATION CHANGE: The next Board Meeting will be Friday, March 25, 2011 at Southern Tier Library System, 9424 Scott Road, Painted Post, NY. (Note: This is STLS headquarters--take Coopers Plains Exit, #42 off of I86; turn north on CR 26/Meads Creek Rd.--Scott Road is about ½ mile on the right).

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisabeth Chabot
Secretary