South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
March 25, 2011
Southern Tier Library System, Painted Post, NY

Present: Stephen Crandall
         Susan Bretscher
         Lisabeth Chabot
         Richard Entlich
         David Karre
         Charles O’Bryan
         Ann Voorhees
         Ristiina Wigg

Excused: Linda Beins
         Deborah Gagnon
         John Meador
         Harry Pence
         Mark Steigerwald
         Marc Wildman

Guest & Staff Present: Staff:
                      Mary-Carol Lindbloom
                      Nora Hardy

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

Doc.#2011-14 Agenda: Approved.


President’s Report – Due to job changes, Marc Wildman and Mark Steigerwald have sent their resignations to the Board. Moved to accept with regret by Bretscher. Second Voorhees. Approved. The Nominating Committee was presented with some possible Board candidates from the special and community college libraries to fill the terms of office. Voorhees will contact prospective candidates.

Doc.#2011-16 Treasurer’s Report:
Moved to approve January 2011 Bill Sheet #7 by Chabot. Second Wigg. Approved.
Moved to approve February 2011 Bill Sheet #8 by Karre. Second Entlich. Approved.

Doc.#2011-18 CCDA Plan – Lindbloom reported the plan had not been revised since 1992. The revised plan encourages communication among participating libraries. A discussion list has been established to facilitate discussions about CCDA including subject areas. The date for revision will be updated; “wisest” should be changed to “effective” use of limited funds; “limited” in that sentence should be removed. Motion to approve by Bretscher. Second Wigg. Approved as corrected.

Doc.#2011-19 Plan of Service 2011-2016: Lindbloom reported that the Plan of Service (POS) will be submitted electronically upon Board approval. Then a reader-friendly POS will be created for members’ information. The member survey and other instruments indicated that continuing education is extremely important to members, so SCRLC needs to focus on that. Karre and others pointed out that even if everything in the POS cannot be accomplished (due to staffing and funding levels), SCRLC will still have moved forward in serving its members. Moved by Entlich. Second Karre. Approved.

The POS team recommended that SCRLC’s mission be modified as follows, “South Central Regional Library Council leads and advocates for member libraries by promoting
learning, collaboration, and innovation.” Moved by Karre. Second Wigg. Approved.

Doc.#2011-20  RBDB, Budget 2011 - Lindbloom reported that 2011 budget was developed based on what was known at the time (hard figures are not available). Budget includes grants for member libraries. Although NewsBank will be canceled due to funding and use, Lindbloom renegotiated its termination date to the end of the school year. WALDO can explore a joint purchase price for members interested in cost-sharing. Crandall suggested that SCRLC lobby for Gale LRC to be included in NOVELny. Lindbloom noted a typo under Code 15—will correct from 25,000 to 26,000 (totals were not affected). Moved by Karre. Second Chabot. Approved as corrected.

Doc.#2011-21  Budget Amendment, 2010-2011: Lindbloom explained that the major change is in from which budgets personnel are paid. The Finance Committee will meet Re: 2011-12 budget; solid figures are expected by mid-May. Moved by Wigg. Second Bretscher. Approved.

Doc.#2011-22, 23, 24, 25  Database Use Summary: Lindbloom reported that the FirstSearch statistics seem to be too high and the Gale figures too low. Despite SENYLRC leaving the Route 13 group, SCRLC and CLRC negotiated and kept the FirstSearch cost to $31,000 each. Wilson Omnifile and Gale were held to 2010 costs. Entlich pointed out that the FirstSearch numbers by library types do not total correctly.

Doc.#26  Membership Survey Results: Lindbloom explained that SCRLC offers many services which do not apply to all members. In future surveys, she expects to tailor evaluation instruments to users of the various programs (HLSP, CCDA, etc.). Continuing education ‘bubbled to the top’ regardless of how the survey results were sorted. The survey results were consistent with information gathered for the Plan of Service through regional meetings, field visits, the annual meeting, committees, etc.

Doc.#2011-28  Executive Director’s Report: In addition to the written report: 1) SCRLC just received word that the Conservation/Preservation Grant, Disasters and Quiet Catastrophes: Prevention & Recovery, has been funded; 2) two British Literature classes have been meeting on Renaissance Island; a student MLIS intern completed her internship; 3) The next lunchtime online book discussion, which has been organized by STLS and SCRLC, is Packing for Mars, by Mary Roach. It will be held on May 17, 12-1PM.

Staff appreciation lunch: Steve would like to recognize the SCRLC staff at the June meeting, mindful of the budget situation. In lieu of a restaurant, a catered lunch? Other? Alternative staff appreciation expressions such as restaurant certificates were discussed. Lindbloom will gather input from the staff.

Next Meeting: The next Board Meeting will be Friday, May 20, 2011 at Wells College, Aurora, NY.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Lisabeth Chabot
Secretary