

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
May 20, 2011
Wells College, Aurora, NY**

Present:

Stephen Crandall
Linda Beins
Susan Bretscher
Richard Entlich
Deborah Gagnon
David Karre
Charles O'Bryan
Harry Pence
Ann Voorhees
Sarah Weisman

Excused:

Lisabeth Chabot
John Meador
Aprille Nace
Ristiina Wigg

Staff:

Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Kathleen Jackson

Presiding: Steve Crandall called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Doc.#2011-30

Agenda: Approved.

Doc.#2011-31

Minutes, 3-25-2011: Motion by Bretscher to approve, with the correction of the spelling of "Karre," 1st line, 2nd page. Seconded by O'Bryan. Approved as corrected.

President's Report: No report. Introductions were made for benefit of new member, Sarah Weisman.

Treasurer's Report:

Doc.#2011-32

March 2011 Bill Sheet #9 Bretscher reported nothing out of the ordinary for March. O'Bryan questioned the cost effectiveness of issuing small grants to non members (in MISP). Lindbloom indicated that MISP money is set aside to cover medical ILL for those not using electronic transfer accounts. Those libraries send invoices directly to us for reimbursement with minimal cost in staff time. Motion to approve by Beins. Seconded by Gagnon. Approved.

Doc.#2011-33

April 2011 Bill Sheet #10. Moved by Pence to approve. Seconded by Voorhees. Approved.

Doc.#2011-34

Budget 2011-2012. Discussed the various Budget Alternatives (Docs.#36-39). Lindbloom noted that the 2011-2012 figures are from the preliminary State Aid charts, but they have not yet passed the Dept. of Budget. The major change is that RBDB will experience the same 21.75% cut as the operating budget and the other program budgets (HLSP & MISP)--\$171,666 (full funding would be \$219,386). The reduction in funds means that RBDB grants to member libraries are suspended for 2011. Might have an opportunity to award grants in early 2012 using 2012 funds. Lindbloom reviewed the changes to 2011 RBDB. RBDB includes a virtual reference cost share; Lindbloom suggested having Nora Hardy speak about and demo 24/7 at a future meeting or to individual libraries interested in joining. Salary increases: Crandall indicated there has not been a salary increase since 2008-09; although one time payments had been made, base salaries have remained the same. Lindbloom indicated that Diane Capalongo, whose job description and title have been adjusted, has taken on more responsibilities including a major communication role and digitization. Motion by Beins to approve \$5,000 adjustment for Capalongo and a 2% increase for all SCRLC employees (including

Capalonga). Seconded by Gagnon. Abstained: Weisman. Karre recommended reducing the CE Budget from \$10,000 to \$2,500, which is more in alignment with actual figures from this year. Entlich said he had anticipated revenue to be twice the expenses but actually to date it is four times expenditures. Karre commented that e-conferences and CE are the way to go and if we do change the budget figure, we should look at this next year with a view to underwrite training. It was also suggested to add a note to 19b on the budget sheet. Entlich said the figure should be discretionary from year to year. Motion by Bretscher to accept the budget. Seconded by Karre. Abstained Weisman. Approved.

Nominating Committee Report: Voorhees reported that Steigerwald and Wildman left two positions open. Sarah Weisman has volunteered to take the community college position; Aprille Nace of the Corning Museum of Glass will represent special libraries. Nace's resume was read. Motion by Bretscher to accept the nominations of Weisman and Nace. Seconded by Gagnon. Approved.

Doc.#2011-35

Board Development Activities: In that there are four new Board members (Pence, Entlich, Weisman, Nace) Lindbloom suggested adding a Board Development component to the June 17th meeting, from 9:30 to 10:30. Topics will include Board responsibilities, website, Board documents, finances, and advocacy.

Staff Recognition: Lindbloom reported that the staff would be appreciative of gift certificates to a restaurant in lieu of a luncheon with the Board. The Board is also invited to join staff for a potluck lunch on Staff Development Day (8/31) and during their December holiday celebration (date TBA).

New York Heritage Program Update: The DAC committee met to discuss the merging *Tools of History* with *New York Heritage* opportunity and needed more information. Lindbloom sought input from the Board. Questions from the DAC and the Board will be addressed and will go back to DAC and ACITS for further consideration.

Executive Director's Report: Lindbloom elaborated on the impact of WALDO pullout. The NY 3Rs have been investigating the feasibility of various collaborative projects including a cooperative licensing of electronic resources, LYRISIS, becoming an OGS contractor, LAND delivery, and OCLC partnership for innovative projects. This would necessitate hiring advisors/consultants/project managers. It has been suggested that each Council be assessed \$10,000 to pursue and accomplish these goals. Discussion and questions ensued, which focused on whether or not we needed member buy-in to move forward with this, if the proposal was "all or nothing," and what about those already having direct agreements, and since the board had not had an opportunity to peruse the document, it was decided the discussion of this topic be deferred.

Next Meeting: The next board Meeting will be Friday, June 17, 2011 at Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY. -- 9:30 for Board Development; regular meeting at 10:30.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Crandall, President & Acting Secretary