

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
January 27, 2012
SCRLC Office, Ithaca, NY**

Present:

Lisabeth Chabot
Richard Entlich
Deborah Gagnon
David Karre
Aprille Nace
Jane O'Brien
Charles O'Bryan
Sarah Weisman
Ristiina Wigg

Excused:

Linda Beins
Susan Bretscher
Stephen Crandall
John Meador
Harry Pence

Staff Present:

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Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Nora Hardy
Danna Harris

Guests:

Matthew McSherry
Tina Winstead, iSchool Intern

Presiding. Lis Chabot called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m. Chuck O'Bryan presided after being elected the 2012 President.

Election of Officers. Lis Chabot presented the slate of officers: Charles O'Bryan, President; Linda Beins, Vice President; Susan Bretscher continuing as Treasurer; and Lisabeth Chabot continuing as Secretary. Moved by Wigg. Seconded by Weisman. Approved.

Doc.#2012-1

Agenda. Moved to accept the agenda, except to move the Audit discussion to second item. Moved Wigg. Seconded Gagnon. Approved. O'Bryan requested that all Board members review Board meeting documents carefully before each meeting to make the most effective use of the limited time for action and discussion during Board meetings. He also suggested developing a consent agenda for future meeting.

Doc.#2011-71

Audit. Matt McSherry, partner in the auditing firm, was present to address questions about the 7/1/2010-6/30/2011 audit. He stated that it was "a pretty stable year for the Council. The books were in good shape and in good order." The audit was "unqualified"—a very positive rating. SCRLC ended the year in an excellent cash position, even compared with the previous year. He stated that although SCRLC's funds are all held by Tompkins Trust, there are adequate safeguards in place. Chuck O'Bryan asked if there was a limit to the profit SCRLC's Continuing Education (CE) activities can generate. McSherry said that as long as the activities are tightly tied to the SCRLC mission, there is no problem. Motion to accept the audit as presented by Weisman. Seconded by Karre.

Doc.#2012-4

2010 Federal Tax Return. Sherry also reviewed the 990 tax form with the Board. Entlich asked why professional services had not been broken down by category on page 10. Matt indicated he would do so before filing. The web address will also be corrected as noted by Entlich and Lindbloom. In the future, because potential donors may review a 990 form prior to determining to which organization to contribute, Lis Chabot suggested that the description on page 2 could be enhanced; Mary-Carol Lindbloom suggested using information from the value statements. The filing deadline is Feb. 15, 2012. Wigg moved to accept the 990 including the revisions. Seconded by Chabot. Approved.

Doc.#2012-2 **Minutes, 12-16-2011.** Moved by Weisman. Seconded by Gagnon. Approved.

President's Report. Chuck O'Bryan emphasized that funding and ILL are very important issues and that Common Core standards are completely driving education at this time.

Doc.#2012-3, 4 **Treasurer's Report.** Moved to approve December 2011 Bill Sheet #6 by Entlich. Seconded Wigg. Approved. O'Bryan asked why there was a large charge from Clarity Connect (i.e., \$199) for the purchase of a router board. Lindbloom will check into it.

Advocacy Committee Report. Wigg reported that advocacy efforts this year will focus on increasing funding. All members should encourage library supporters (especially trustees, students, users, and volunteers) to participate in Library Advocacy Day, March 6. There will be assistance provided to help them craft their messages to the legislators.

Doc.#2012-5 **ILL Report.** Lindbloom presented the report and noted that few trends were revealed, and the need for further evaluation. The ILL reporting form is being redesigned for improved clarity. The same statistics will be collected, but the form will be easier to use. Many changes to ILL are expected in the next several years with impacts from ebooks and media, changes in ILL staffing, and regional holdings/collection policies. Lindbloom reported that the NY 3Rs are exploring development of a statewide ebook collection/platform, but do not anticipate moving forward with it at this time. They are also looking into information infrastructure and the need for regional repositories. Entlich expressed concern that so much of the BARC use is for only two members. Lindbloom indicated that Four County Library System will now be using BARC for their last-resort borrowing due to staffing changes. Lindbloom also reported that the borrowing/loaning weighting formulae will need to be reexamined for future subsidy calculations.

Doc.#2012-6 **Work Plan 2011.** Lindbloom reviewed the accomplishments of the 2011 Work Plan, which was derived from the final year of the 2006-2011 *Plan of Service*.

Doc.#2012-7 **Work Plan 2012.** Lindbloom explained that SCRLC runs on a July 1 to June 30 Fiscal Year. Reconciling the Board's calendar year with the fiscal year would simplify many things, but would require many by law and fiscal changes. Chabot recommended that there be fewer activities listed, but more measurable ones. It was suggested that the NY 3Rs activities be added to the Work Plan. Moved by Gagnon. Seconded by Nace. Approved.

Doc.#2012-8 **Value Statement Documents.** O'Bryan thanked Lindbloom, Task Force, and the staff for their efforts to develop the Value Statements. Lindbloom reported that the Dues and Fees Task Force will use them as the criteria for evaluation and changes to the dues structure. The NY 3Rs values document is now available and will be helpful to SCRLC values efforts. Lindbloom expressed concern about loss of SCRLC members due to their financial situations and the challenges in demonstrating value. Karre stated the importance to 4CLS of having SCRLC provide out-of-region ILL support.

Board Meeting Locations:

March. 23 – SCRLC
May 18 – Wells College, Aurora, NY

June 15 – Board Retreat, Greek Peak or
Binghamton area

Sept. 21 – Allegheny/Steuben County area
Oct. 26 – Annual Meeting, Corning
Museum Of Glass
Dec. 14 -- SCRLC

Doc.#2012-9 **Executive Director’s Report.** O’Bryan recommended a program he saw recently on SOPA and PIPA by Sounds Abound. Entlich expressed concern that a strong proponent on Fair Use should be part of any copyright/intellectual property presentation to provide balance. SCRLC’s intern this term is Tina Winstead, who will be working on an NNLM/MAR grant, a LibGuide, social media, and text reference (desk, documents). The first NY 3Rs Collaborative CE class was very successful. The second class is already full. Larger class sizes are needed for statewide offerings (i.e., Amigos has limited the class sizes so far). The next Collaborative CE meeting will view a behind-the-scenes demonstration of L2 for possible statewide calendar/registration implementation. More information will be available shortly on Boopsie, which is a mobile platform. Lindbloom gave a brief overview of other NY 3Rs projects: EBL (cooperative ebook purchase project), information infrastructure, consultant exploring LAND replacement options, procurement, database partnerships.

Doc.#2012-10 **Advisory Committee Minutes.** Hardy reported that registrations have increased. Online webinars and conferences continue to be well received. The spring ‘semester’ has both online and face-to-face opportunities for professional development.

Doc.#2012-11 **NY 3Rs Collaborative Financial Report.** Many felt the format was very confusing; separating the special “project moneys” from operating funds would be helpful. More detail was needed on how each project attaches to one of the original goals. Concern was expressed that the EBL project seemed to be limited to certain libraries without clear expectation of availability for additional participants. It was not desired that funds should be spent faster, but that the accountability be stricter if there is to be an expectation of additional future funding.

Doc.#2012-12 **Conflict of Interest Statements.** Must be signed by each Board and staff member every year.

Next Meeting. The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012 at SCRLC, Ithaca, NY.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisabeth Chabot
Secretary