

**South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
May 18, 2012
Wells College, Aurora, NY**

Present:

Linda Beins
Sue Bretscher
Steve Crandall
Richard Entlich
Deborah Gagnon
David Karre
John Meador
Jane O'Brien
Sarah Weisman
Ristiina Wigg

Excused:

Lisabeth Chabot
Aprille Nace
Charles O'Bryan

Staff Present:

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Mary-Carol Lindbloom
Diane Capalongo

Presiding. Linda Beins called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.

Doc.#2012-26 **Agenda.**

Doc.#2012-27 **March 12, 2012 Minutes.**

Wigg moved to approve. Seconded by Entlich. Approved.

Doc.#2012-28 **President's Report.** Board retreat emphasized.

**Doc.#2012-29,
30** **Treasurer's Report.** March 2012 Bill Sheet #9 Entlich pointed out NYSEG subtotal does not add up; needs to be adjusted. Page 7, under charitable donation, 0% ?; doesn't make sense to include it. Take out percentage? Weisman: page 1 question about computer purchase; MCL explained the money came from LSTA money that needed to be expended so we purchased 2 computers and printer. Weisman: question about Nora's Austin trip expenses; MCL explained that money came from various programs and expenses were paid out in different months. Rich noted we have spent less than ¼ of budgeted board meeting expenses; are we allocating too much? Motion to approve will be delayed until corrections are made.

April 2012 Bill Sheet #10. Entlich pointed out NYSEG subtotal mistake continued; needs to be adjusted. Entlich, page 6, budgeted receipts change, ytd dates goes to zero. Why does LSTA not change but RBDG does? Add to report actual percentages for program years. MISP should not be reset to zero until July. LSTA should be reset to zero but it is not. Wigg suggested two different rows - last year and this year; Rich would like fiscal years on the program page of the bill sheet. Charitable donation issue on this month, too-take out percentage. Motion to approve will be delayed until corrections are made.

Doc.#2012-31 **Budget 2012-2013.** Bretscher: The proposed budget is balanced at zero rather than resulting in deficit spending. MCL was determined to not go into cash balance again. The 3.3% increase in library aid helped. 2% cost of living raises were included. Adjustments were made in the program budget, e.g., some of the Executive Director's

salary was moved into the RBDB budget. The Literature Resource Center was removed from the budget due to low use; there was also an extra \$18000 that had been used last year to carry *Newsbank* through to fiscal year end (it otherwise would have expired in the middle of a semester-March). RBDB includes over \$44000 in grant money to member libraries. Much discussion about RBDB ensued. LRC: The figures provided by Gale did not precisely match the statistics provided by the public library systems. There was concern about replacing this with a grant program. The Board felt that the process and the criteria for grants need to be updated and further developed. Matching grants, caps on the size of any one projects, and more information for applicants regarding priorities for funding were requested. The RBDB budget was approved as submitted along with the overall budget. With questions remaining about the LRC and the application process, MCL will go back to the ACITS Committee and delay the application process until the Board can review. Motion to approve budget: Crandall. Seconded: Wigg. Approved.

Doc.#2012-33 **NY3Rs Projects.** Discussed in the context of the budget. John Meador expressed concern over the information infrastructure component, i.e., how the NY 3Rs determined that this was a need on the part of the state's research libraries. MCL indicated that this initiative grew out of conversations in Buffalo and Rochester, and that the summit will bring together directors of research institutions across the state, and others to discuss issues surrounding the development of a statewide infrastructure, to look at what is already being done, and to look for opportunities to collaborate.

Advocacy Committee Report	Wigg: Thanks to legislators for increasing library funding; please write those letters. Noted some reps will be replaced due to redistricting and voting.
By-laws & State Regulations Committee Report	No report; will meet soon.
Executive Report	No verbal report; see DOC.#2012-32
Finance Committee Report	No further comments.
Nominating & Board Dev. Report	Still seeking candidate for nonprofessional seat preferably from eastern region.
Personnel Committee Report	No report (Nace will return in June).
June Board Retreat	Otsego county grant of \$1000 awarded. Andrew Marietta will be leading discussion. Board survey and staff surveys will be distributed before the retreat. Staff will join for lunch maybe for other pieces of discussion, which Andrew will determine after the

surveys have been reviewed. Focus: board roles and responsibilities. Building discussion will probably take place, 9:30 – 3. Rich: Ask moderator to discuss demarcating lines for board involvement in various issues.

2013 Board Meeting Dates	January 18	March 15	May 17	June 21
	September 20	October 18 or 25	December 13	

Next Meeting. The next Board Meeting will be held on Friday, June 15, 2012 at Hope Lake Lodge, Greek Peak, Virgil, NY.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Beins
Acting Secretary