

South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
January 25, 2019
SCRLC, Ithaca, NY

Present:

Camille Andrews (arrived 9:38)
Megan Biddle
Cindy Buerkle
Fabina Colon (arrived 9:40)
Jim Galbraith
Sarah Glogowski
Carol Henderson (arrived 9:36)
Jean Jenkins
Fiona Patrick
Mark Smith (arrived 9:40)
David Stevick
Nicole Waskie-Laura

Excused:

Keturah Cappadonia
Lyndsie Robinson

Staff:

Diane Capalongo
Danna Harris
Mary-Carol Lindbloom

Presiding. J. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 9:33a.m.

Consent Agenda

DOC.#2018 – 1, 2, 3. J. Jenkins: delete “October 2018, Bill Sheet #4” from the Employee Handbook paragraph on p. 2. N. Waskie-Laura moved to approve the consent agenda with correction to the Minutes; seconded by C. Buerkle. Approved.

DOC.#2019 – 4

December 2018 Bill Sheet #6. S. Glogowski noted grants to member libraries/RS subsidies, new vehicle purchase, NE Journal of Medicine, AskUs 24/7, BARC renewal and audit as out of the ordinary expenses. There were some adjusting entries made for HLSP, since it is nearing the end of its program year. S. Glogowski moved to approve; seconded by N. Waskie-Laura. Approved.

Board Committee Assignments. F. Patrick volunteered to join the Personnel Committee. C. Henderson volunteered to Chair the Personnel Committee, which makes her a member of the Executive Committee.

Meetings.

May 3rd at Alfred University, Scholes Library.
September 13th at Wells College, Long Library.

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Board Retreat, Annual Meeting (Open Space Technology) & All-Committee Meeting. A task group (J. Galbraith, C. Henderson, M. Smith, N. Waskie-Laura, M-C Lindbloom-ex officio) was formed to extract the most relevant, compelling ideas from the three documents in order to begin our strategic Plan of Service development. The first order of business will be to decide what software platform to use--Google Docs is not assessible for some Board members. All Board members

need to be able to participate/comment once the task group has done the initial editing/distillation.

Board Orientation.

What makes a good board member? S. Glogowski suggested referencing [*Handbook for Library Trustees of NYS*](#).

Board members discussed benefits of Board membership: networking; seeing what other libraries/types are doing; collaborating with different library types; participation inspires collaboration; you can gain a broader view of library services/types.

Questions? F. Patrick asked about benchmarking among the nine councils. M-C Lindbloom indicated that in some areas they can (e.g., how HLSP is handled in all the regions) and that it is complicated by the wide variation in programs, services, and foci. And yet, they all work closely together to collaborate in shared programs and services (e.g., New York Heritage, AskUs 24/7, the Dark Archives, AsktheLawyer). An example of a benchmark could be the number of collections and items that are ingested into New York Heritage per council.

Advocacy: Board members were invited to participate in Advocacy Day on 2/27 in Albany, though advocacy is an on-going process. FLLS offers bus transportation to all SCRLC members, as would 4CLS/STLS. Census is a key interest to legislators this year; check the NYLA website for priorities and talking points. Those unable to go to Albany can participate via NYLA virtual advocacy; email advocacy alerts; by phone calls to legislators and the governor; and letter writing campaigns. Newspaper items—especially op-eds—should be mailed to the governor.

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Executive Director's Report. The Empire State Digital Network and the Digital Public Library of America were discussed. The Resource Sharing Advisory Committee met Wednesday (1/23) and is working on a reciprocal onsite borrowing proposal to send to the Board in 2019.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn was made by C. Henderson; seconded by S. Glogowski. Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

Next meeting will be on Friday, March 22, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Finger Lakes Library System, Ithaca, NY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicole Waskie-Laura, Secretary