South Central Regional Library Council
Board Meeting
March 22, 2019
Finger Lakes Library System, Ithaca, NY

Present: Camille Andrews
Megan Biddle
Keturah Cappadonia
Jim Galbraith
Sarah Glogowski
Carol Henderson
Jean Jenkins
Fiona Patrick
Mark Smith
David Stevick

Excused: Cindy Buerkle
Fabina Colon
Lyndsie Robinson
Nicole Waskie-Laura

Staff: Diane Capalongo
Danna Harris
Mary-Carol Lindbloom

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

Consent Agenda

DOC.#2019 – 9, 10. M. Smith moved to approve the consent agenda; seconded by M. Biddle. Approved.

President’s Report

J. Galbraith reported on Advocacy Day, which he attended with STLS and 4CLS groups noting that the effort was very well organized. He met with Chris Friend and Philip Palmesano from the Assembly and Senator Thomas O’Mara to convey support of library aid, construction aid and census funds. There is hope for restoration to the current level but no expectation of an increase. He also noted that Brian Hildreth pointed out in the meetings that it is very discouraging that we have to go to Albany every year to beg for funding. J. Galbraith asked others who had been in Albany for their input.

M-C Lindbloom noted that we have 5 new legislators with whom we need to set up appointments in their home offices. We’ll be meeting with B. Lifton with the possibility that we would qualify for some type of aid—possibly for a digitization project. K. Cappadonia noted that Catherine Young resigned the day after Advocacy Day; there will be special election to fill her seat.

DOC.#2019 – 11, 12 January 2019 Bill Sheet #7; February 2019 Bill Sheet #8. For January, S. Glogowski noted grants to member libraries/RBDB grants, parking garage fee, and M. Brown’s RS conference registration as out of the ordinary expenses. February’s out of the ordinary expenses were pass through funds for ESLN IDS (Ithaca C and Alfred U), Plan of Service printing, Arden Kirkland’s last payment, and Stephanie Adams-Ask the Lawyer deposit account. C. Henderson moved to approve; seconded by S. Glogowski. Approved.

September 13 Board Meeting. Since we have scheduled the Legislative
Appreciation program for the morning, it was agreed to hold the board meeting at SCRLC beginning at 1:00 p.m.

**DOC.#2019 - 13** Nominating and Board Development Report. M-C Lindbloom met with Kirby Edmonds to begin planning the board retreat; he will also facilitate the Annual Meeting. The NYCON grant application for the board retreat was submitted. ESLN is holding a staff retreat, so M-C Lindbloom will not attend Camp Finance without NYCON funding. We are still looking for someone to fill the other non-librarian seat; C. Henderson will reach out to MANY (Museum Association of NY).

**DOC.#2019 – 14** NYCON’s Nonprofit Landscape Report/Library Trends. Charitable contributions will be negatively affected by the new tax law; non-profit fundraising will be more competitive; there is a trend to pay less benefits and increase taxable salaries, which benefits NYS but not employees; NP mergers are trending to save money, increase influence. Libraries: Elsevier has been dropped by California, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Peru consortia/campus systems. ESLN is engaging in strategic planning. SCRLC needs to consider these trends as we begin our strategic planning process for the next five years Plan of Service. Sites reviewed: https://cosn.org/driving-k-12-innovation-2019-hurdles; https://library.educause.edu/resources/2019/2/horizon-report-preview-2019; ALA Center for the Future of Libraries-Trends.

**DOC.#2019 - 15** Executive Director’s Report. J. Corrice and R. Perry (CLRC) continue to work on ESDN sun-setting situation. METRO is developing an alternative platform to CONTENTdm, while New York Heritage will follow its development, there are no plans to migrate to it. DEI Committee is working on a community code of conduct, which will be presented to the Bylaws Committee then to the Board; sexual harassment workshops/webinars have been scheduled or being planned. RS onsite borrowing program proposal is being developed.

Other: C. Henderson expressed concern about moving the Annual Meeting to a mid-week day; we will revisit the Annual Meeting date once M-C Lindbloom hears back Re: NYCON grant application.

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn was made by C. Andrews; seconded by M. Biddle. Approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Next meeting will be on Friday, May 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m. at Scholes Library, Alfred University, Alfred, NY.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Galbraith, Acting Secretary for Nicole Waskie-Laura