

CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Executive Board Meeting
Middletown Library Service Center
November 5, 2009

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Randi Ashton-Pritting.
- II. Board Introductions: Members of the Board introduced themselves.
- III. Approval of the Minutes: **Peter Ciparelli moved to approve the Minutes of the Meeting of October 1, 2009. Barbara Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**
- IV. Additions to Agenda: Chris Bradley requested that ALA Mid-Winter be added to the day's agenda.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Editorial Committee: On behalf of chair Tom Newman, Randi presented the Editorial Committee's recommended resolution to David Kapp for approval. **Peter Chase moved to accept the resolution as written. Jay Johnston seconded. Motion passed unanimously.** Randi also reminded the Board to submit their book reviews to Tom Newman for the December online issue of CT Libraries.
 - b. NELA: Mary Etter thanked the libraries of Connecticut for their support of the recent NELA conference in Hartford. She reported 552 attendees, 50% were from Connecticut.
 - c. Legislative: CLA Lobbyist Attorney Bobby Shea presented the Board with a chronology of legislative activity pertaining to the State budget from July 2008 through February 2009. He urged libraries/librarians to continue to write letters to Governor Rell asking her to reconsider the holdbacks and tell her how difficult it is to meet the demands of your community. He stated the need to continue thanking State Reps and Senators. State Librarian Ken Wiggin also urged the Board to write letters to the Governor pleading to get holdbacks back, eluding to the fact that any additionally cuts would be tragic, and telling what you are doing to remain efficient at your library. He also suggested reaching out to editorial boards for press cover (as opposed to the general press).
 - d. Conference 2010 Update: Debbie Herman reported that a revised contract from Mohegan Sun was received. She and Jaime Hammond praised Mona Scully-Smith on her negotiating skills. The dates for the conference are Monday and Tuesday, April 19th and 20th and information and submission forms for committee chairs will be on the

website. The committee plans to offer a Grass Roots Program – one that can be submitted by anyone for inclusion in the conference program. Deadline for submissions is 12/1/09. More details will follow.

e. Membership: Jaime Hammond discussed the success of the meet-ups and announced that the next one will be held in West Hartford. She gave the latest membership statistics and discussed the ability and advantages of online payment through PayPal.

VI. New Business:

a. Career Development: David Boudinot presented the CLA Minimum Salary Guidelines for MLS positions to be effective July 1, 2010. The recommended increase is 1.2%. Information will be posted online. **David moved that the recommended salary guidelines for entry level workers with a MLS be changed from: \$46,711 to \$47,320 (35hrs/wk); \$50,049 to \$50,700 (37.5 hrs/wk); \$53,385 to \$54,080 (40 hrs/wk). Barbara Bailey seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

b. Intellectual Freedom: Peter Chase reported that Ramona Harten, Director, Cheshire Public Library is being nominated for the Library Journal Movers and Shakers Award for refusing to ban *In the Middle of the Night* by Brian McDonald from the library shelves. He also reported that certain sections of the Patriot Act are coming up for change including reducing the use of National Security Letters. The Board was asked to review the current bill (Connecticut Library Association Resolution on 2009 Reauthorization of the USA Patriot Act). **Jay Johnston moved to accept the resolution. Jaime Hammond seconded. Motion passed unanimously.** Peter thanked Jan Day and Peter Ciparelli for their help with distribution.

c. Treasurer's Report: Alison Wang distributed the CLA October 2009 Profit & Loss Budget Performance Report noting that Russell Library is not charging CLA for rent for the remainder of the year but has requested complimentary conference registrations in return.

d. CSL: Ken Wiggin announced the availability of \$125,000 in LSTA grants, the debut of the new iCONN landing page, the November 13th deadline for the Annual Statistical Report and the November 6th nominations deadline for the Excellence in Public Library Service Awards. Ken informed the Board that the Bridgeport Public Library received voter support of the Nov. 3rd referendum approving a 1-mill tax levy to finance the city's library system. Ken Wiggin said the CSL will begin educating libraries on the pros and cons of this type of funding approach. A new directors' workshop will be held November 13th. It was suggested that academic librarians be invited to future new director workshops.

VII. New Business:

a. Speed Mentoring: David Boudinot announced the event planned for students and librarians at SCSU will take place Tuesday, November 17th. He is looking for volunteer mentors to participate.

b. PEG: Peter Ciparelli informed the Board that funding is available for ALA mid-winter.

c. Three Rivers Community College: Hali Keeler announced that registration for the Spring semester LTA program begins 11/12. Classes offered are Introduction to Reference Services and Digital Media.

d. January Meeting: Debbie Herman announced that a full-agenda, CLA Board Meeting has been added to the schedule for Thursday, January 7, 2010 at the Middletown Service Center.

VIII. Adjournment: Randi Ashton-Pritting made a motion to adjourn. Carolyn Benjamin seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Najarian
Recording Secretary

Attendees: Kendall Wiggin, Carolyn Benjamin, Theresa Conley, Hali Keeler, Barbara Bailey, Peter Ciparelli, Steve Cauffman, Gerald Seagrave, Laurie Colburn, Sheila Lafferty, Ann Marie Naples, Jessica Miller, Mary Engels, Betty Anne Reiter, Beth Crowley, Caitlin Augusta, Peter Chase, Randi Ashton-Pritting, Alison Wang, Debbie Herman, David Boudinot, Jaime Hammond, Nancy Disbrow, Jay Johnston, Mary Etter, Vivian Bordeaux, Edward O'Hara, Carl Antonucci, Maribeth Breen, Dana Lucisano, Kat Lyons, Dana Tonkonow.