

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, January 25, 2010
Draft MINUTES

**The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
January 25, 2010 at 4:15 p.m. at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B, Second Floor, One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908**

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Regina Connor, Ken Findlay, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Alison Pierce, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocumb, Carol Terry and Tom Viall.

Members Absent: Kristen Chin, Shirley Long, Ruth Sullivan, and Alison Pierce

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Howard Boksenbaum, Donna DiMichele, and Karen Mellor

Observers: Brian Gallagher, Al Arsenault, Susan Reed

Reporting: Rose Ellen Reynolds

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AS CORRECTED

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – MARK MCKENNEY

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT - HOWARD BOKSENBAUM

OLIS Budget

Grants-in-aid are being level-funded in Governor's Budget but OLIS will request 5% additional funds. The quest for a "new OLIS home" is in abeyance this year, but continues. URI and the Office of the Secretary of State have been considered, and when economy recovers, other ideas will be looked into.

LSTA

Donna DiMichele described OLIS projects using LSTA funds and matching State funding. She discussed the combined staff effort to complete the IMLS annual report and "library stories" are being sought to illustrate uses of LSTA funds.

National Library of Medicine

Howard described “Go Local” a cooperative project underway with United Way and 211 that would link Medline + and local resources online. A feasibility study is planned with \$5,000 from LSTA and \$5,000 from United Way. Mary Ann Slocomb, Board member and Howard discussed Go Local sustainability issues and future stakeholders. They also outlined a Senior Health Information Outreach project that will be funded by the National Network of Libraries of Medicine that will present classes for senior and training for public library and senior center staffs. RI ranks 11th in US in numbers of seniors. The classes teach seniors how to access reliable data bases for health related information and will also have “Train the Trainer” sessions coordinated. Lifespan will be the project’s lead institution; OLIS will contribute \$5,000 for the librarian training component.

National Library Awareness Week in RI

Monday - February 8th COLA 25th Anniversary

Annual Meeting at State House 4:30—7:00pm;

Tuesday - February 9th library Fair at State House 1:30—4:00 pm.

Opportunities for Legislators to have photos for READ Posters will be provided and these will be displayed in local libraries throughout the State.

National Library Legislation Day

National Library Legislation Day in DC is 6/29/10. Mary Ann Slocomb mentioned that Medical Librarians are also meeting in DC.

V. Committee Reports

Public Relations

Ed Garcia is having a PR meeting on March 3rd to build new membership in committee and hopefully, future LBRI members.

CCC

Joan Ress Reeves reported her committee is developing an informational spreadsheet for libraries to use acquainting them with their local representatives. Her committee will distribute this information statewide. It was also discussed and approved by the LBRI to have OLIS get a Twitter Account that would be linked to OLIS website.

Legislation

Sen. David Bates will introduce a similar bill to last year’s bill to clarify language and change outmoded titles concerning OLIS. Rose Ellen Reynolds volunteered to contact Sen. Hanna Gallo if Sen. Bates does not introduce bill soon.

Ad Hoc Logistics Committee

Tom Viall, chair, with input from Committee members, Brian Gallagher and Susan Reed presented a power point presentation of their extensive report on the Delivery System as it currently is. He explained the Committee wants to extend the study especially with the vendors. Donna DiMichele answered questions describing the bidding process for the delivery Service as well. Mark Mc Kenney expressed thanks to this Committee for this on- going project and for their work and commitment.

VI. New Business

Joan Ress Reeves invited all to attend COLA Annual Meeting on 2/8/10.

Ken Findlay mentioned seeing a newspaper article describing Champlin Foundation Grants, especially the great number to Libraries and made a motion that LBRI send a letter of gratitude to Champlin for their generosity to RI Libraries. Motion passed unanimously.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting of the Board will be held on March 15, 2010.

XI. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.