

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, December 19, 2011
Draft Minutes

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held
December 19, 2011
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Present: Tom Viall, Chair, Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Ed Garcia, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, and Carol Terry

Members Absent: Regina Connor, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Mark McKenney, Alison Peirce, Joan Ress Reeves and Ruth Sullivan

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

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

- OLIS Monthly Report for December
- Draft of OLIS long range plan, Leadership. Learning. Logistics. Libraries – a five-year framework for action for LBRI Approval

Chair Tom Viall convened the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Tom welcomed the Library Board and thanked them for their continued commitment to the Library Board.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes from the November 21, 2011 were unanimously adopted.

Moved By: Rose Ellen Reynolds
Seconded By: Mary Slocomb

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tom Viall

Tom wished everyone a happy holiday season.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT - HOWARD BOKSENBAUM

OLIS Budget

A preliminary version of the Governor's budget has been put forward; it is still a recommendation and must complete its rounds of the governor's office, then go to the legislature. So far, it looks like a second year in which OLIS will not have to request an LSTA maintenance of effort waiver from IMLS. The federal side of the budget, on the other hand, is not so bright. The dust hasn't settled yet on the federal budget, but it appears OLIS may lose about \$25,000 in FY2013. Note that we are currently working from federal FY2011, although it is state FY 2012.

State Grant-In-Aid

All of the applications for State Grants-In-Aid to municipalities has been completed. The first two quarters of tax-based and all of the endowment based grants-in-aid have been paid, with the exception of East Providence, Pawtucket, West Warwick and Central Falls. East Providence's budget process is based on their November 1 fiscal year; hence made their application concomitantly late. Pawtucket and West Warwick have been held up by their failures to meet MOE. The City of Pawtucket has sent a request for a waiver, which has been granted. West Warwick is working on a similar request.

Central Falls has reestablished its library. Early last week Howard, along with Central Falls receiver's chief of staff, Gayle Corrigan and Central Falls library enthusiast Bruce Kaplan incorporated a new nonprofit corporation that will operate the library. Last Thursday the incorporators voted to pass the responsibility on to seven new board members, who are mostly Central Falls local people, including the Superintendent of Schools and the Deputy Fire Chief. The city, on behalf of the library, has rejoined Ocean State Libraries; we are working with them to get delivery up and running.

Protecting the Past – Donna DiMichele

Donna reported that the Steering Committee met on December 5, 2011. Theresa Woodmansee, the new Project manager, has taken charge and is moving the agenda forward.

IMLS Data – 2009

OLIS submits annually a subset of the data collected as part of the annual public library report process. That data is vetted by the census and published along with the other states' data. The census signed off on that the 2009 data and reports are available online now at IMLS. More recent preliminary data for 2010 and 2011 are on the OLIS website.

2011 LORI Recertification

OLIS collects some similar data on all of the LORI members on a three year cycle that also includes LORI member library recertification. The 2011 iteration has been completed and is summarized on the OLIS website.

Delivery

Tom asked about the delivery RFP and Howard responded that it has been submitted to the division of purchases and will soon be on the street.

The report of the Chief Library Office was unanimously accepted and approved.

Moved By: Kristin Chin
Seconded By: Ken Findlay

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation – Rose Ellen Reynolds
No significant activity.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Update of the LSTA 5-year evaluation – the Himmel & Wilson Study

The consultants completed 9 out of 12 of the phone interviews as well as 5 focus groups including the Library Board, a LORI Services group, a Talking Books Plus users group, CRIAL and Library Directors.

OLIS long range plan the L's adoption

The OLIS long range plan, Leadership. Learning. Logistics. Libraries – a five-year framework for action, was unanimously approved

Moved By: Mary Ann Slocomb
Seconded By: Joan Retsinas

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board will be held on January 23, 2011, at the Department of Administration, Conference Room B.

X. ADJOURN

A motion was made to adjourn.

Moved By: Mary Ann Slocomb
Seconded By: Ed Garcia

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.