

## LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on  
February 24, 2014  
at the Department of Administration,  
Conference Room B - Second Floor,  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

**Members Attending:** Kristen Chin, Edward Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Carol Terry, Thomas Viall

**Members absent:** Kenneth Findlay, Louise Herrington-Bright, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Mary Ann Slocomb

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

**Guests:** Eileen Dyer, Providence Community Library, Co-chair of the Rhode Island Library Association's Legislative Committee

**Reporting:** Karen Andrews

**Materials Distributed:**

- Introduction to the Lori Grant Program

### I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the January 13, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

**Moved by:** Joan Ress Reeves

**Seconded by:** Joan Retsinas

### III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Tom discussed his attendance at the successful and well-attended RILA and COLA events that took place on February 11, 2014. Howard Boksenbaum was honored with COLA's "Sweetheart of the Year" award.

The RILA annual conference will be held at Salve Regina University on June 2-3, 2014. National Library Legislative Day will be held on May 5-6, 2014, in Washington, D.C. Karen Andrews will coordinate attendance for NLLD.

#### **IV. CHIEF OF LIBRARY SERVICES REPORT**

##### **A. 2015 State Budget & LSTA Funding**

Karen Mellor reviewed Federal, State, and LSTA funding for OLIS. The LSTA grant allotment has increased and the 2015 state budget as proposed by the Governor has decreased. OLIS will determine if the maintenance of effort required for LSTA funding will be affected. The Chair recommended that the Library Board's Legislative Committee send a letter to the Rhode Island House Finance Committee within the next two weeks regarding the unfilled Chief of Library Services position and the reduction of OLIS funding. OLIS has 13 Full Time Equivalent positions listed in the proposed state budget, but only 12 are funded.

##### **B. LORI Grants**

OLIS will be issuing \$200,000 in LORI grants. Donna DiMichele is conducting LORI grant workshops at Jamestown Public Library on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 and Cranston Public Library on Thursday, February 27, 2014. Applications for LORI grants are due on March 14, 2014 and LORI grant funds must be spent by September 30, 2014. All types of libraries are eligible for LORI grants.

##### **C. Public Library Standards**

The Public Library Standards have been posted on the OLIS website and will be in effect as of July 1, 2014.

##### **D. AskRI Request For Proposal**

A request for proposal will be issued prior to the next LBRI meeting for the Statewide Resource Reference Center. Rhode Island state law requires that a request for proposal for the Statewide Resources Reference Center be issued every two years.

##### **E. Protecting the Past – RI**

Protecting the Past - RI calendars were distributed to the LBRI members, and are a product of the Protecting the Past – RI project. The objective of the calendars is to offer monthly preservation recommendations for cultural heritage organizations.

##### **F. HELIN Conference**

The HELIN conference, with approximately 200 attendees and 3 speakers, was held at Bryant University on January 15, 2014. Anya Kamenetz, a contributing writer at *Fast Change* magazine, discussed her book, *DIY U (Do It Yourself University)*, and changes in the delivery of education because of internet and online educational resources. Dan Cohen, founding executive director of the Digital Public Library of America (dp.la), discussed the Digital Public Library. As of January 2014, the Digital Public Library had approximately 5.5 million items and 1200 participating US libraries. Susan Crawford, author of *Captive Audience: The Telecom Industry and Monopoly Power in the New Gilded Age*, discussed the lack of broadband penetration and accessibility in the United States.

## **G. OLIS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Department of State Library Services was established on July 1, 1964. The Chief would appreciate receiving suggestions from the Library Board about celebrating the agency's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Motion to Approve:** Joan Retsinas

**Seconded by:** Rose Ellen Reynolds

The report of the Chief of Library Services was unanimously accepted.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A.** Rose Ellen Reynolds reported on RI State Senate bills S2265 and S2397. Karen Mellor thanked LBRI members for informing OLIS of any bills that could potentially have an impact on libraries. OLIS will post bills and actions taken on the Legislative Updates page of the OLIS web site.

## **VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Hiring a new Chief of Library Services**

There is no update at this time. Karen Mellor will report OLIS-related information that may appear in the budget.

### **B. Board Vacancies**

Tom thanked the Library Board for their responses to his request for information. The Chair has crafted a tenure list for the current Library Board membership, and identified Library Board positions that will require representation at the close of this legislative session. The Library Board's Public Library Trustee position is currently vacant.

### **C. LORI Standards**

LORI Standards revision activities will begin in late May 2014. The Chair has a list of Library Board members who have volunteered to participate in the LORI Standard revision process.

### **D. Construction Reimbursement – Appendix F: Current Caps and Priorities**

Construction Reimbursement - Appendix F revision activities will begin in late May 2014.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. LORI Grant Review**

The Chair requested four to six volunteers to facilitate the grant review and award process. The volunteers will form into two groups that will divide the grant applications. When the reviews are complete, the groups will meet to discuss their findings and award the LORI grants. LORI grant applications are due to OLIS on March 14, 2014, and OLIS would like to distribute them to reviewers on March 17, 2014.

## **B. SRRC Grant Review**

The Statewide Reference Resource Center request for proposal will be issued for the 2015 budget in April 2014.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT**

Donna DiMichele announced that the 2014 RI Annual 'Reading Across Rhode Island' book is Robin Sloan's *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore*. The children's 2014 RI Annual 'Reading Across Rhode Island' book is *Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein.

## **IX. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2014.

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

**Moved by:** Ed Garcia

**Seconded by:** Phyllis Humphrey