

## LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on  
January 12, 2015  
at the Cranston Public Library,  
140 Sockanosett Cross Road, Cranston, RI 02920

**Members Attending:** Cristina Amedeo, Kenneth Findlay, Edward Garcia, Louise Herrington-Bright, Rosita Hopper, Phyllis Humphrey, Alison Davis Maxell, Monica Nazareth-Dzialo, Joan Ressa Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Robert Sloan, Thomas Viall

**Members absent:** Kristen Chin, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Retsinas

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

**Guests:** None

**Reporting:** Karen Andrews

**Materials Distributed:**

- Library Construction Costs for the Northeast
- Library Construction Costs for Connecticut

### I. WELCOME

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

### II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the December 15, 2014, meeting

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved with minor changes.

**Moved by:** Rosita Hopper

**Seconded by:** Robert Sloan

### III. REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Mr. Viall reported that the first official executive order from the new governor, Gina Raimondo, was a directive to state employees, boards, and commissions about ethics and integrity in government. As the Chair of the LBRI, Tom Viall is the Board's Public Ethics Officer.

The Chair reminded Board members with expired terms that they are charged by state law to serve on the LBRI until a successor is appointed and qualified. Board members whose terms are expired are requested to advise Mr. Viall of their interest in remaining on the Board. Members are also invited to recommend applicants for positions on the Board if the member's term is expiring.

The Rhode Island Library Association (RILA) will hold the annual RI Library Legislative Day 2015 in the State House rotunda on February 10 from 2:30-4:30 pm. The event will be followed by the Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA) Annual Meeting. The guest speaker at the COLA

event will be Brian Jones, co-founder of the online Library Report. Robert Aspri of HELIN is the COLA 'Sweetheart of the Year.'

Mr. Viall and Ms. Mellor attended the January 05 Inauguration Parties of the Governor and Secretary of State to meet the new office-holders and represent RI libraries.

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

##### **A. RI Government transition**

Ms. Mellor reported on the Governor's Inauguration and presented relevant highlights of the governor's inaugural address. Libraries and the governor's stated objectives are aligned in many areas, including building skills of students and workers to compete in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, encouraging entrepreneurship to increase job creation, and innovating and delivering value to taxpayers.

##### **B. State Budget**

The governor has requested an extension from the legislature to submit the annual budget past the early February deadline. The extension date will be communicated to the LBRI by the Chief when it becomes available. If level-funded, 2016 Grant-in-Aid (GIA) for libraries will be 22% of local tax-based appropriations and expenditures.

##### **C. State Program Report**

The RI State program report for the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) has been submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). IMLS provides OLIS with about 58% of its annual budget.

##### **D. Youth Services**

The Chief anticipates that with the new administration in place, there should soon be movement on filling the youth services position.

##### **E. State Data Coordinator**

The OLIS State Data Coordinator, Lauren Miklovic, has given notice and will leave OLIS at the end of January 2015. This position is 100% federally funded and the Chief is hopeful that it will be approved to be filled as soon as possible.

##### **F. Continuing Education**

The OLIS Continuing Education Calendar for March – June 2015 will be completed and published by January 19, 2015. A Library Trustees program on fundraising is scheduled with Rick Blaine. The workshop is offered in partnership with COLA and RILA.

##### **G. Adult Lifelong Learning (ALL) Access**

Cranston Public Library and Providence Public Library are in the midst of an IMLS grant-funded program titled "ALL (Adult Lifelong Learning) in the Library (ALL Access)". This project provides adult learning services to individuals with low digital literacy, low education attainment, low English literacy, and disabilities. Cranston Public Library has created its C-Lab with a grant from Champlin Foundation to provide digital literacy

training and support ALL Access Activities. Providence Public Library has created the Learning Lounge for informal learning. OLIS will hold a meeting to explore whether other libraries are interested in participating in an "ALL Access II" project to extend the benefits of ALL Access learning to more communities. If enough libraries are interested and can develop a cost-share plan for the program, OLIS will apply to the IMLS for a grant to fund the project.

H. LORI Statistics

At the February LBRI meeting, Chaichin Chen will deliver a report about the LORI Technology Assessment and what it reveals about RI libraries.

I. Joe McGovern

Former OLIS Staff member, Joe McGovern, passed away unexpectedly last week as a result of a surfing accident in Florida. Joe worked for OLIS for 30 years as Supervisor of Media Services and retired in 2008. In addition to being a surfing enthusiast, Joe was a well-known sports photographer. A link to an article about Joe is on the OLIS website on Rhodarian.

J. Paper copies for LBRI Meetings

The Board was polled on the need at LBRI meetings for hard copies of documents that are issued via email along with the meeting notices. The Board voted to retain the paper copies for the meetings.

**Motion to approve:** Joan Ress Reeves

**Seconded by:** Alison Davis Maxell

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

## V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Legislation

Ms. Reynolds is currently reviewing the legislative committee appointments issued by State Librarian Tom Evans. Ms. Mellor advised that OLIS will continue to monitor library bills. Mr. Garcia will send a link to Ms. Mellor and Ms. Reynolds for an online legislative bill tracking resource.

B. LORI Standards - Donna DiMichele

The proposed draft of the LORI Standards and Interlibrary Loan Code has been posted to the OLIS website. Three stakeholder meetings have been scheduled for January 20, 28, and 29 for discussion and public comment. LBRI will have a final version for review at the March LBRI meeting. A survey about the Standards and Interlibrary Loan Code is available for stakeholders on the OLIS website. Ms. DiMichele requested that Board members communicate the survey availability to their library organizations. The survey closes on February 06.

## VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Construction Regulations

Appendix F, Section 4, of the Public Library Construction Reimbursement Regulations stipulates a cap on reimbursable construction costs per square foot. The current cap for new construction is \$200 per sq. ft. and \$175 per sq. ft. for renovation and remodeling. The Board's last revision to the caps was made in 2006.

After a review of current costs for library construction in the northeast states, it was proposed that the new construction cap be raised to \$300 per sq. ft. and \$250 per sq. ft. for renovation and remodeling. Mr. Findlay recommended that before setting a cap, industry data should also be reviewed. Mr. Viall recommended that the item be held for further study before voting on a resolution.

### B. Review of LBRI By Laws and Vision Statement

The LBRI Committee for the review of the current LBRI By Laws and LBRI Vision Statement will report on their progress at the February Meeting.

## VII. NEW BUSINESS

### A. Discussion of Bylaws: Article 1, Section 1, Nomination of Officers; Article 4, Sections 2 and 3, Appointment of Committees

Mr. Viall proposed that the Bylaws sections regarding the election of committees, election of a vice-chair, and election of board officers be suspended until such time that an adequate review of these sections of the Bylaws is performed.

Motion to Suspend:

**Moved by:** Joan Ress Reeves

**Seconded by:** Rose Ellen Reynolds

### B. LBRI Meeting Agenda

Mr. Viall recommended that the current LBRI meeting agenda be amended to incorporate a new permanent agenda item. The new agenda item will be 'Reports of the Board' and will be a way for LBRI members to communicate library issues and concerns to the Board. The new agenda item will appear on the agenda beginning in February. Members are requested to advise the Chair if they have items that they wish to discuss. Items discussed will not be actionable items as they will be new agenda items.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chair extended the Board's appreciation to Mr. Garcia for hosting the LBRI meeting.

Mr. Garcia will conduct a tour of Cranston's new C-Lab at the close of today's LBRI meeting.

Ms. Nazareth-Dzialo demonstrated the new iBill currency reader for those with diminished vision.

Ms. DiMichele reported that the RI Center for the Book has chosen *Norwegian by Night* by Derek B. Miller as the Reading Across RI 2015 book. There are 39 copies of the book in the Talking Books Plus library. The 2015 Reading Across RI kick-off event will be held on January 31 at Salve Regina University.

#### **IX. FUTURE MEETINGS**

The next LBRI meeting is scheduled for February 09, 2015 from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. at Cranston Public Library, 140 Sockanosett Cross Road, Cranston, RI.

#### **X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

**Moved by:** Ken Findlay

**Seconded by:** Ed Garcia