

NCPLDA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday August 11, 2016

Meadowbrook Inn
Blowing Rock, NC

Meeting called to order at 10:02AM by Melanie Holles

Executive Board Members Present:

Melanie Holles, Becky Callison, Jane McAllister, Ruth Ann Copley, Jennifer Sackett, Ross Holt, Harry Tuchmayer, Suzanne White, Laurel Morris, Jane Blackburn, Margaret Marshall, Tammy Baggett, Michael Roche

Others Present:

Cal Shepard, Tanya Prokrym,

Michael Roche moved to approve the Agenda with the addition of e-book project, letting Assistant Directors attend, vendor sponsorship, and training. Motion seconded by Ross Holt and passed unanimously.

Jane Blackburn moved to accept the Minutes from the March Executive Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Michael Roche and passed unanimously.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report - Jane McAllister:

- Ancestry, African American Heritage and Fold 3 invoices will be going out soon and will be due on December 1.
- 2016 Friends donations have been coming in well, over 90% of lobbyist expenses have been covered, some new organizations have contributed
- Sirsi/Dynix is the winning vendor for the meeting.
- 45 paid registrations for this meeting;
- Jane has been advised by our bank to create a separate Business Savings account to keep most of our deposits; will increase security. This was agreed upon
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NCLive Report - Ruth Ann Copley:

- First annual NCLive Summit – establishing a Fundraising Task Force chaired by Jennifer Sackett, Exec Board has been meeting monthly by phone, next in person meeting this month.
- DSAC is moving forward with proxy server information and still working on revamping the website. Getting SSL licenses for proxy server
- New person hired

Ross pointed out that the fundraising effort will include a public funding component. Jennifer said this will be in a couple of years. Task force includes a rep from each COI. Looking at financial stability and trying to get increased funding – last increase was 2004-2005.

Becky is on publicity committee and they are looking at online funding opportunities

State Library Commission –

No additional report.

State Library – Cal Sheperd

Did a special exercise pre-strategic planning jointly with the State Library Commission
Will give a full report tomorrow. Thrilled to have Tanya Prokrym on board in her new position. Merger with DENR still slowing everything down

No regional or municipal library reports.

County Library Report – Michael Roche

Interested in training for directors -- knowing that several people are getting close to retirement, to discuss things like working with commissioners, outcome measurement, etc. Also training for future directors (current Branch Mgrs, etc) to help them understand transition and differences. Ross suggested maybe a NCLA workshop “So you want to be a director.” Melanie mentioned maybe that’s a reason for opening up the meetings to assistant directors or county librarians within a regional system. Jennifer suggested beginning with Dec meeting with awards so they can see what is happening across the state. Harry clarified that it’s 2 different issues – allowing a Director to send a designee to attend meeting in his/her place as a nonvoting representative. Would require a By-law revision, Harry proposed we look at the Bylaws and try to make a proposed change for the Dec. meeting. 2nd thing might be an NCLA pre-conference. Ross, Michael, Melanie, and Jane B. offered to help put together a proposal for such a pre-conference. Will mention attendance by other library staff in Friday’s general meeting to see how the membership feels.

Summer Reading Task Force – Laurel Morris

Laurel announced that the date, place, and agenda have been set for the “Rethinking Summer Reading” Summit to gather opinions and ideas about the future of the Summer Reading program among NC public libraries. The meeting will be held on Friday, September 30 at the Thomasville Public Library from 10-2 with a working lunch. Agenda items will include CSLP vouchers, results from 2016’s program, the Summer Learning vs Summer Reading concept, measurement and program outcomes, Summer Reading Workshops, and philosophical issues regarding the effectiveness and importance of these programs. The Board approved of these plans and Laurel will announce to the membership at Friday’s general session.

New Business

Vendor sponsorships:

Sirsi/Dynix keeps outbidding everyone by thousands of dollars. Limit to once per year? Set up selection criteria other than highest bidder? Is the point of vendor sponsorship to increase our funds/ offset conference expenses or to introduce new vendors and products to the membership? Possibly split between 2 groups for \$500 each? Give vendor chair discretion to select with consideration to the above issues, not just strictly to the highest bidder.

Children's eBook Project – Jennifer Sackett

Jennifer briefly outlined the history of this project and how it was funded. The Overdrive platform was chosen because 64 of the 81 libraries already use them. For 12 libraries, this will be the first time they have been able to offer eBooks.

Once finally approved, Melanie will have to sign MOA and each library will sign a participation form. Will be billed through NCPLDA treasurer

Jane M moved that Jennifer and Ruth Ann be appointed as the collection committee to move forward with this project. Michael seconded. Approved.

Announcements:

Tammy Baggett - Awards Committee has not yet met but Sept 1 will be go live date for awards nominations, open for 30 days. Suggestion to move back from poster session to presentations. Committee will look for ways to combine approach, choose one from each category to have a brief presentation and all will have poster sessions.

Ross Holt moved to adjourn @ 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurel R. Morris, for Brigette Blanton, Secretary