



NCPLDA Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, March 29, 2012  
Wrightsville, NC

In attendance were Cal Shepard, Harry Tuchmayer, Jennifer Pratt, Jody Risacher, Mary Sizemore, **Louise Humphrey**, Carol G. Walters, Carol Wilson, Becky Callison, Ed Sheary, Bill Snyder, Jackie Beach, Ruth Ann Copley, David Miller, Dan Barron, and Elizabeth House.

President Carol Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:02 am. She welcomed board members and guests, and introductions were made around the table.

Carol Walters asked to make a request prior to the board commencing with the agenda. She reported that the legislative day committee plans to serve ice cream, popcorn and soft drinks on legislative day. They would also like to use hats again. She requested permission to spend up to \$2000. Carol Wilson asked Louise Humphrey to give the Treasurer's Report so the board could make an informed decision on the expenditure.

Louise handed out the Treasurer's Report, which showed an ending balance of \$46,976 as of 3/27/12. She reported that the CPA is working on our tax return. She also mentioned that some Friends groups have sent donations, but that sending another letter might bring in additional funds.

Carol Wilson returned to the request of the Legislative Day committee. Becky Callison moved to allow them to spend up to \$2000. Harry Tuchmayer seconded. The vote was unanimous to approve.

Bill Snyder asked Louise if she could give him a list of which Friends groups have made donations in the last couple of years, along with the amounts, as his Friends president has questioned the legality of such a donation. She agreed to supply that.

Carol Wilson offered copies of the By Laws outlining the new Board structure, and reminded us that Ruth Ann Copley has posted these on the NCPLDA website.

Carol Wilson asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous board meeting. Hearing none, she asked if there was a motion to accept the minutes. Jackie Beach moved to accept them, seconded by Becky Callison.

Carol Wilson went over the committee assignments:

Archives: Martha Schatz, Becky Callison, Daphne Childres, Margaret Marshall and Cindy Nanney.

Awards: Melanie Holles, MJ Wilkerson, Becky Callison, Philip Cherry, Jane Blackburn

Hospitality: Ed Sheary, MJ Wilkerson, Jody Risacher, Margaret Marshall, Dan Barron

Legislative: Jody Risacher, Ross Holt, Mike Taylor, Jackie Beach, Harry Tuchmayer, Louise Humphrey and Cal Shepard

Legislative Day: Carol Walters

Membership: Jody Risacher, Lynn Thompson, Mike Taylor, Jeff Watson, Margaret Marshall, Dana Eure, Agnes Ho

**Nominating Committee: Margaret Marshall, Lynn Thompson, Cindy Moose, Mike Taylor**

Website: Ruth Ann Copley, Carol Walters and Karen Wallace

Green Task Force: Dan Barron, Jody Risacher

Broadband: Dan Barron, Sharon Woodrow, Kim Garmon, Catie Roche

Programs: Ruth Ann Copley, Jody Risacher, Philip Cherry, Jane McAllister, Jay Stephens

At this time Ed Sheary asked for the board to consider the new organizational structure of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library. He handed out copies of a letter from David Singleton explaining the structure, citing applicable local and state statutes. He expressed concern that Charlotte seems to have now made this structure permanent, including new bylaws, which sets a dangerous precedent. Cal Shepard reassured the board that the State Library has the right to revisit the situation at any time. Bill Snyder asked if there could be some deadline set by which they would have to return to the structure outlined in the State Statutes. Ed suggested that the board request all correspondence on this issue, and appoint a committee to investigate the issue and if necessary consult an attorney. The discussion included concerns that long term acceptance of this deviation from the structure specified in the state statutes could pose a threat to other libraries in the state or even in other states, but in no way was intended to undermine David Singleton, who is obviously highly qualified and fully capable of serving as Public Library of Charlotte's library director. Dan Barron moved that the board request any and all correspondence from the Charlotte Library, the State Library of NC and Secretary Linda Carlisle regarding the decision to allow Charlotte to appoint a CEO over the library director, and that the board appoint a committee to be comprised of the three State Library Commission representatives and the Board President Carol Wilson to investigate the legality of this structure. Becky Callison seconded the motion. It was pointed out that the voting members of the board are the municipal, regional and county representatives and the president. The vote passed unopposed.

Treasurer Louise Humphrey brought up a concern about a library that is taking advantage of the NCPLDA's consortium to obtain a discount on the Ancestry database, but they are not paying NCPLDA dues. She has sent an invoice via email but the library

has not responded. Harry Tuchmayer moved that we limit discounts, services and privileges of NCPLDA membership to dues paying members. Dan seconded. The vote passed without dissent.

As there was no additional old or new business before the board, Carol asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Jackie Beach moved to adjourn at 10:18 am.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Elizabeth House.