

**MINUTES
NCPLDA GENERAL MEETING
AUGUST 25, 2011 – 1 PM
MEADOWBROOK INN, BLOWING ROCK, NC**

Call to order: President Karen Foss called the meeting to order at 1 PM.

Welcome: Louise Humphrey, director of Appalachian Regional Library System, welcomed the group.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 17 and 18, 2011 general meeting were unanimously approved upon a motion from Carol Wilson and a second from Elizabeth House.

Treasurer's Report: Louise Humphrey reported that the informal audit committee that included herself, Karen Foss, Mary Sizemore, and Jane McCallister was activated. The biggest issue was reconciling the payments to Ancestry.com. Credits were given to libraries that paid too much, and she received a check from a library that had not paid enough. Next year's Ancestry payments will be due in December. The CPA she consulted recommended that the organization's fiscal year operate on a calendar year. The group has applied for the 501(C) 4 federal nonprofit status. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

New Directors and Interim Directors - Lorrie Russell, interim director of the High Point Public Library and David Singleton of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library were introduced and welcomed. The following new directors received their pins and made comments: Donna Phillips of Wayne County Public Library; Sharon Woodward of Haywood County Public Library; Laura Crooks of Alexander County Public Library; Cindy Nanney of Polk County Public Library and Jane McAllister of Davie County Public Library.

This portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM. Karen introduced James Keller who proceeded with his presentation, "Using Performance Metrics for Greater Success."

The meeting resumed at 3:30 PM with a discussion of the proposed new bylaws.

Karen presented print copies of the bylaws to the general membership. She told the group that the rewrite of the bylaws came about because the group applied for the 501 C(4) status. In 2001-2002 laws changed regarding nonprofits. Our group did not respond. Our bylaws do not reflect those changes in the law. She reviewed various aspects of the bylaws with the group. The executive board, at their meeting in the morning, voted unanimously to accept the new bylaws and present them to the general membership for a vote. It was opened to the group for discussion. Some highlights: Carol Wilson, "We either follow the law or pay taxes." We will be able to lobby and accept funds. The percentage needed for a quorum was clarified. The group will vote on the bylaws and the conflict of Interest statement electronically.

Carol Walters announced her advocacy workshop October 6, 9:30 to 11:30, at the Hickory Convention Center.

NC Cardinal – Carol Wilson, Ruth Ann Copley, and Sharon Stack reported that libraries have migrated to the new ILS consortium of Evergreen Libraries in North Carolina. They like the new system and the functionality is great. It has wonderful features, which one would have to pay extra for with other ILS's. The State Library said that the Equinox staff is great to work with. It has saved \$26,000 per year. The pilot ends in March of 2012. There will be an announcement in September for those interested in joining the second group.

State Library Report – They have lost 11 positions, 8 percent of the budget, shipped Braille text to other libraries, stopped video/DVD program, and disseminated these to other state officials; 10 positions eliminated and four filled. Laura O'Donoghue is in Anne Marie's old position; they would like to fill Timothy Owens' position. There was a 13 percent hit to State-Aid. Several libraries have not met MOE – 27 did not meet it last year, 19 did not meet it the year before. It's possible almost half of the State-Aid libraries will not make MOE this year. The importance of rewarding those libraries who do meet MOE was stressed. Some considerations are giving those libraries who make MOE the lion's share of State-Aid, and/or giving some back to those who don't make MOE. The State Library has never been in this position before. The laws were not written to deal with the economy we are in right now.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Orvedahl, Secretary