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Diversity Program Advisory Committee (DPAC)

Illinois State Library

Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 309

June 9, 2016

10:00 a.m. – 10:25 am

Held by teleconference from ISL -- Springfield

PRESENT BY CONFERENCE PHONE

Hector Hernandez, Rudy Lozano Branch, Chicago Public Library

Vicki Kirksey – Indian Trail Public Library District

William Langston – Latin School-Chicago

Stephanie McKinley-Miller – Abingdon-Avon Middle Elementary School Library

Rita Ziemlo Perona – Elmhurst Public Library

Crystal Myers-Wilkins – Citizen Representative

STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Vandella Brown

Eric Edwards

Sharon Layne

Bella Belogorsky

Debra Aggertt

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Ms. Vandella Brown, Chair of the DPAC Committee. DPAC Committee members introduced themselves and provided a brief summary of diversity programs in their libraries and communities. Ms. Brown announced that Ms. Rita Perona would be ending her served time on the committee and thanked her for her years of support and service.

MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes from June 11, 2015 was made by Ms. Stephanie McKinley-Miller and seconded by Ms. Rita Perona. The motion passed.

DATE FOR NEXT MEETING: JUNE 8, 2017

The committee plans to meet by conference call for the next annual meeting on June 8, 2017. A meeting for the PNG grant reviewing will be announced later.

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Ms. Brown discussed the Open Meetings Act and the required forms for committee members. A brief discussion followed.

PROJECT NEXT GENERATION GRANT AND REVIEWS

Ms. Brown reported that the committee will have twenty (20) PNG grant proposals to review and to recommend for FY 2017. The committee was charged to review grants. A brief discussion followed.

OVERVIEW OF DIVERSITY PROGRAM EVENTS

Ms. Brown reported that 1,184 students and 92 mentors participated in Project Generation in 2015. 29 librarians completed the Synergy leadership training and the Legacy Wall Project (LGBT) Exhibition, reception, and Legacy Wall Talk were well received.

STAFFING, PROGRAMS, AND DIVERSITY EVENTS REVIEW

The Chair introduced Ms. Debra Aggertt, the new associate director for Diversity/LDG and Literacy and she informed the committee that Sharon Layne was transferred to the Talking Braille and Book Service in May. She informed the committee that the PNG and the Illinois Veterans' History Project Webinar on May 20, was attended by 12 or more people. The Diversity Program hosted nine programs in 2015 and 183 people attended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Rita Perona and seconded by Ms. Vicki Kirksey. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.