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ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY
Gwendolyn Brooks Building
300 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62701
Room 207 (in-person)

Thursday, January 14, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Also held by videoconference at these locations:

CPL-Chicago
IHLS-Champaign
IHLS-DuQuoin
IHLS-Edwardsville
RAILS-Burr Ridge

RAILS-Coal Valley
RAILS-East Peoria
RAILS-Rockford
Marion Carnegie Library

PRESENT

Betsy Adamowski, Ex Officio
Marian Albers, Chairperson
April Becker
Leslie Bednar
Karen Bersche
Greta Bever (attending for Brian
Bannon, Ex Officio)
Karen Bounds

Dee Brennan, Ex Officio
Jamie Bukovac
Mary Case
Anne Craig, Secretary
Karen Danczak-Lyons
Leslie Forsman
Kathryn Harris
Anne Hughes

Ellen Popit
Tammy Potts
Keith Sculle
Susan Singleton
George Trammell
Susan Tulis
Debra Vines
Dane Ward

NOT PRESENT

Tom Jones and Valerie Green

ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY STAFF PRESENT

Marcus Birch, Kathleen Bloomberg, Vandella Brown, Kathy Dauksza, Karen Egan, Gwen Harrison, Jill Heffernan, Tom Huber, Debbie Hurley, Bonnie Matheis, Greg McCormick, Jamie Mott, Sharon Ruda, Mark Shaffer, Lawren Tucker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Carolyn Colter; Alex Holmes, Secretary of State Office of Budget and Fiscal Management; Kip Kolkmeier; Jim Kregor; Jane Plass; Andrea Telli; Amanda Trimmer, Chief Deputy Director, Secretary of State Office of Budget and Fiscal Management; Mary Witt.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Albers called the meeting to order at 10:15 am. Roll call was taken, and the meeting began after addressing some technical difficulties.

Ms. Hughes made a motion to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2015 meeting as presented. Ms. Vines seconded and Ms. Bukovac abstained from voting because she was not in attendance at that meeting. The motion passed.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

SECRETARY OF STATE (SOS) BUDGET

Director Craig introduced Deputy Director Amanda Trimmer of the SOS Budget Office. Ms. Trimmer reported that a partial budget was passed in December. Special operations funds have been received to fund some grants, but only \$10 million was appropriated from the General Revenue Fund (GRF). ISL did not receive any grant funding from GRF. The Library received roughly 50% of the grant funding that was requested. There is very little talk about what is going to happen with the FY16 budget. The difficulty is that the state is spending as if a budget was in place. The Office is waiting to fill vacancies, cutting postage, and trying to live within its means, while proceeding very carefully. There was no capital spending bill so ISL has no authority to spend the remaining dollars in the bond construction program.

Director Craig added that many state agencies received nothing, and we need to remember that we are lucky to have what we have received.

Mr. McCormick, ISL Fiscal Officer, reported that it is important to keep the big picture in mind because many of our grants are funded from different pools of money. Our budget picture is complex. When GRF appropriations are lacking, there are some large gaping holes. The recent appropriation provided a large amount of state funding but only 55% of our request. The following is the overview of the funding:

- BPH program received 29%
- Equalization Aid/Public Library Per Capita/System Area and Per Capita received 56%
- Literacy received 36%
- School Library Per Capita received 84%. Grants were awarded at 61 cents per student
- Technology grants received 99%
- Veterans grants received 100%
- Live and Learn Construction received 100%

He also mentioned the slow transfer of Live & Learn funds, which further complicates grant initiatives.

Tomorrow is the deadline for Public Library Per Capita applications. We anticipate the funding will be at 77 cents per capita.

Federal funding – \$4.2 million will be redistributed in order to keep delivery and automation programs going. \$3.9 million of our federal funding has been redistributed for items that state funding has paid for in the past.

The Illinois State Library has ended Continuing Education programs for FY2016. No travel is allowed. ISL may have to cancel subscriptions.

The next meeting for ISLAC will be held April 14, 2016 by videoconference and in-person at the ISL. ISL welcomes members to attend in person, but, until a state budget passes, ISL can't reimburse any expenses for travel, lodging or meals.

One bright spot was the announcement that an ISL staff member, Marcus Birch has published an award-winning book entitled *Imaginary Boy*.

Mr. Kolkmeier spoke on behalf of ILA. He offered a review of the budget impasse in Springfield. He said that there is a bill coming that has a blend of sources available; but there is no comprehensive budget deal as of today. He sees a patchwork, but he is encouraged that the patchwork has evolved. Funding has been provided through court orders, through legislation which allows the pass through of federal funds, and most recently, through the Live & Learn funds. He asked that everyone continue to advocate for a reasonable budget to be passed with level funding as the goal. He asked that everyone keep the pressure on to get general revenue funding approved so the parts of the grant funding programs that rely on GRF can receive the needed money. He assumes that a final agreement including cuts and additional revenue streams would face a tough vote.

Digital Public Library of America

Director Craig reported that we are still waiting for signatures on the master agreement, but it is moving along. We have funding for the Metadata Specialist that will be working on this project. As soon as all of the legal issues are concluded, we should be ready to get the subcommittee organized and the project operating.

Targeting Autism: A Comprehensive Training and Education Program for Libraries Grant

We received approval from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to submit a full proposal for grant funding as a follow-up to last year's planning grant.

Library Certification

The annual library certification web site is available for libraries to complete by March 31.

Maker Kits

Ms. Bloomberg reported that the ISL is making Maker Kits available for libraries through interlibrary loan. There are 3D printers, robots, Makey Makey kits, as well as several other types of technology packaged into 19 circulating kits available through ISL to the Illinois library community for a borrowing period of 4 weeks. These kits provide opportunities for libraries to try new technologies without having to purchase the items. The kits resulted from a Knight Foundation grant to an ILEAD U team.

Administrative Rule Changes

Mr. Tucker and Mr. Natale confirmed changes in the administrative rules for library construction grants and public library per capita grants that were approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules this week. As a result of the changes, Public Library Per Capita grants may now be used for capital improvements. Other changes include but are not limited to standardized grant reporting requirements and dropping the requirement for an Americans with Disabilities Act self-evaluation since the project architect is already addressing accessibility.

IPLAR Subcommittee on the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR)

Ms. Mott reported that ISL would like to solicit the opinions from the library community concerning the appropriate data to be submitted on the Illinois Public Library Annual Report (IPLAR). ISL would like to convene an ISLAC subcommittee to advise ISL staff in this area. Ms. Mott will be the ISL staff liaison to this committee.

A motion was made by Ms. Harris to convene an IPLAR Subcommittee. Motion was seconded by Ms. Becker. The motion passed with all in favor.

CAPITAL NEEDS ASSESSMENT SURVEY 2015

Mr. Shaffer described the biennial Capital Needs Survey 2015. Responses to the Survey were submitted by 493 public libraries with a 77.1% response rate. The Survey documented capital needs surpassing \$500.4 million for general repair work, building additions and new building construction over the next two years.

THE OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY

Ms. Case reported that a site will be finalized soon in Chicago, either Washington Park or Jackson Park, for the Presidential Library. The Obama Foundation will be working with the University of Chicago to develop the library. Selection of the architectural firm is underway. The firms have been asked to provide creative ideas in response to the foundation's vision. Office space is provided by the University of Chicago for the Foundation during construction. This library will also have a presence at Columbia University and in Honolulu.

MASCOUTAH PUBLIC LIBRARY: AN EDGE SUCCESS STORY

Ms. Albers reported that the Edge Survey is a useful tool that is easy to use. She said that she would be happy to help anyone who has any questions.

LIBRARY SYSTEM UPDATES

CPL Report

Ms. Bever reported that she is retiring Jan. 31, 2015, and that Andrea Telli will be taking over her responsibilities.

RAILS Report

Ms. Brennan reported that they are waiting to hear about the budget also. RAILS has been facilitating some positive discussions between three Local Library System Automation Programs (LINC, MAGIC and SWAN) about possibly merging into one entity. The library system has outsourced delivery and sorting in Wheeling and has collaborated with IHLS in a bid for ILDS.

IHLS Report

Ms. Bednar reported that IHLS is ~~spending time~~ considering where they could reduce their budget and expenditures. Some of the IHLS staff will be meeting with their members on a regular basis in regional meetings. The Dream grant, which has increased the number of participants in the SHARE Local Library System Automation Program, will conclude in nearly five months.

Reports from Associations

ISLMA

Ms. Forsman talked about the loss of school librarians. She reminded the Board that the Reader's Choice Awards voting will be open Feb 15 and ends on March 15. An announcement will be made on March 18 to reveal the winners of the Bluestem, Monarch and Lincoln awards.

ILA

Ms. Adamowski gave a report on behalf of ILA. There are multiple events taking place such as legislative meet-ups in five different locations. It is challenging for ILA to schedule legislative events in rural areas. The Youth Services Institute and National Library Day are coming up in April. The IACRL conference will be held in March. Derrick Layda has been added to the Advocacy team.

CARLI

Ms. Singleton said that the biggest news is the lack of news. Higher education has not been covered by any of the court orders or special legislation; IHBE has not received any funding. There are a significant number of students that depend on receiving the unfunded MAP grants, so lack of funding for that grant is going to have a negative effect on enrollment. There is a RFP out for the statewide delivery service, ILDS. A selection will be made by mid March, which will leave enough time for planning and scheduling to begin in July.

SLA

Ms. Becker mentioned that there is a meet and greet coming up for the Special Library Association in late January.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Harris announced that she is going to be the President of the Abraham Lincoln Association. She is the first woman, and the first African-American to receive this honor. At the ceremony, Dr. King's daughter will be receiving a "Spirit of Lincoln" Award. Information regarding the banquet and symposium is listed on the website:

www.abrahamlincolnassociation.org

Ms. Forsman extended an invitation for the Illinois READS launch in Mt. Sterling on April 2nd at Brown County Schools.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Vines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m. Ms. Harris seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.