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TALKING BOOK AND BRAILLE SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Illinois State Library

Gwendolyn Brooks Building, Room 113

September 09, 2016

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Held by teleconference at this site:

ISL – Springfield

APPROVED MINUTES

2:00 p.m.

Meeting Convenes

Welcome and Call to order – Chair Tesfaye (2:32)

2:07 p.m.

Special informational program – Judith Dixon, NLS Consumer Relations Officer

What's New at NLS?

Commercial books have added 1000 titles per year to the collection.

Refreshable braille embossers will be available to circulate to braille readers.

All of the old analog books will be turned into digital files on BARD.

BARD Express, an easier version of BARD will be available soon.

ASCLA – Standards and Guidelines are being revised.

Role of Consumer Advisory Committee – job of committee is to ask questions, make suggestions, give advice and opinions to the ISL regarding talking book program

Questions/answers:

BARD Express simplifies the download procedure.

Will the commercial books take over from NLS produced books? Dixon doesn't think so because the books are a different type and would change the quality of the collection.

NLS accepts requests for books to be added to the collection.

Roll Call –

Members: Tesfaye, Martin, Whewell, Bartkowski, Janusauskas, Varney, Watson, Tarkowski, Dunnington, Bargiel

Staff: Ruda, Chenoweth

Public: Dixon

Minutes of Preceding Meeting – June 10, 2016

Recommended Motion: Advisory committee moves the adoption of the June 10, 2016 minutes with any corrections as noted.

Action Requested: Adoption without amendment of June 10, 2016 minutes

Bartkowski

Second Martin

Passed

President's report: Tesfaye

Appointment of nominating committee members for FY17
Margaret Varney will chair; Sean Martin, Matthew Janusauskas,

Appointment of guidelines review committee for FY17
Sean Martin will chair; Kim Tarkowski, Deborah Watson

Review of Whewell's charges to the committee: contact legislature, currency reader is still important, act as ambassador for recruitment to the program. Suggestions for promotion: eye doctors, public library, etc. Ruda will send brochures to committee members.

Reports from:
Ex-officio members – Bogdan and Dunnington – no reports
Chenoweth -
Ruda -

Public Comment - none

Adjournment 4:01– Motion: Watson
Second: Janusauskas

The next meeting will be held on December 9, 2016. The rest of the meetings for the fiscal year are March 10 and June 10, 2017