

## MINUTES

### STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARIES

AUGUST 11, 2006

The State Advisory Council on Libraries convened in a regularly scheduled meeting at the Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, on Friday, August 11, 2006.

Present were:

Council  
Arne Almquist  
Linda Begley  
Karl Benson  
Bonnie Dunahoo  
William Hansen  
Kimberly Hartz  
Kathy Huff  
Carolyn Ingram  
Linda Kompanik  
Karen Porter  
Janice Wren

KDLA  
Richard Belding  
Charlene Davis  
Judith Gibbons  
Lori Harlan  
Laura Negron  
Jim Nelson  
Christie Robinson

Education Cabinet  
Sally Hamilton

LRC  
Greg Rush

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Jim Nelson welcomed everyone to the meeting and Ms. Kimberly Hartz, Chair called the meeting to order.

### APPROVAL OF MAY 19, 2006 MEETING MINUTES

No changes were made to the May 19, 2006 meeting minutes of the State Advisory Council on Libraries; minutes were approved as distributed.

### EDUCATION CABINET REPORT

Sally Hamilton reported that the Cabinet Office is working with the Governor's Office on the hiring process of seeking a new state librarian. Ms. Hamilton stated that a national search is currently being conducted and a team consisting of herself, and others from the Governor's Office, along with Jim Nelson will be reviewing applications in the near future. Ms. Hamilton also reported that no timeline has been placed on filling this important position, but stated that they would take as much time as was needed to complete the process without being rushed. The Cabinet wants to ensure that all interested candidates have been given ample time to apply and be considered for this position.

### KLA REPORT

Dr. Christine McIntosh, President of the Kentucky Library Association, was unable to attend today's meeting but she submitted a KLA Report. Dr. McIntosh reported that the key speaker for the KLA Awards Luncheon at this year's fall conference will be Dr. Tom Owen, who is a Louisville historian and professor at the University of Louisville. This year's theme is ***KLA Celebrates A Century of Change from Carnegie to Gates*** and will be held September 27-30, 2006 at the Louisville Marriott Downtown.

Several librarians from across the Commonwealth also attended the American Library Association's Annual Conference held in New Orleans, June 23-27, 2006. These librarians were very moved by the devastation

they saw in that city. The American Library Association also had teams of volunteers that went to assist some of the libraries that have been ruined in that area. The city of New Orleans expressed their thanks to ALA as being one of the first major groups to hold a convention there since Katrina hit their city last year.

### **LSTA UPDATE**

Christie Robinson introduced our new Grants & Contracts Administrator, Ms. Laura Negron, who came to KDLA from Tourism and has experience working with grants.

Christie stated that the Council members who agreed to review the RFP's for the consultant to assist with our LSTA Evaluation Plan will need to meet soon to review those applications. The deadline to submit the RFP's will close on August 15<sup>th</sup>. Once that deadline has passed, Christie will be contacting the following Council members for their availability to meet: Kimberly Hartz, Bill Hansen, Etolia White, and Janice Wren.

Christie then reviewed a timeline with the Council showing them how the Annual Report will be due the end of this calendar year, and the 5-Year Evaluation will be due March 2007, and the 5-Year Plan will be due June 2007.

### **REVISION OF CONSTRUCTION REGULATION**

At the last meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries changes were made to the statutory language governing the administration of the Public Library Facilities Construction Fund. This regulation relates to public library construction or renovation projects across the state.

A copy of the revised construction regulations were distributed to Council members.

The next step will be for the Legislative Research Commission Administrative Regulation Review Committee to review these changes and see if there are any problems or concerns with making the recommended changes.

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND REGULATION DISCUSSION**

Jim Nelson explained to the Council that KDLA would like to recommend a change in the statutes which relate to fees collected for public library certificates. Currently the fees collected for the certification fund have built up to approximately \$20,000. These funds basically support the cost of the certification process including expenses of board members, printing, and distributing the certification manual, etc. These expenses are minimal and KDLA is recommending that we create language for this regulation which would allow some of these funds to be moved into the library scholarship fund. This will allow library staff to take related library courses which will help them become certified.

KDLA would like to move most of this funding into the scholarship fund to provide assistance in this area and to demonstrate the need to try to get some additional funding into this scholarship fund during the next legislative budget session. This change will have to be approved by the Legislature, but the State Advisory Council on Libraries agreed with the recommendation that KDLA can proceed with working on the legislative language change that will need to be made. Jim stated that an Advisory Committee will also eventually need to be formed to assist with the scholarship funds.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jim Nelson announced that the Arbuthnot Lecture, which honors children's authors, will be held in Lexington in March 2007, in connection with the McConnell Youth Literature Conference. More information about this event will be sent to the Council as it becomes available.
- Judith Gibbons reported that the Children's Widening Circle Conference will be held September 20-22, 2006 at General Butler State Resort Park.

- The latest issue of the Friends of Kentucky Public Archives Newsletter was distributed to Council members.
- Kim Hartz reminded Council members that we need to continue to make contact with our Legislators about the critical need for the archives addition here at KDLA.
- Linda Kompanik read a statement from KLA which will be naming their mentoring program after the late Carol Paris. Ms. Paris was the State Law Librarian and recently passed away from a battle with cancer.
- Kim Hartz, serving as Chair, and all the State Advisory Council on Libraries members recognized and thanked Jim Nelson for all that he has done for KDLA over the last 26 years. The Council wanted Jim to know how much he has been truly appreciated and how much he will be missed. We wish Jim the best in his retirement and best wishes in his new career as a writer.

### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the State Advisory Council on Libraries will be on Friday, December 1, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. in the KDLA Board Room.

### **ADJOURNMENT**