

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting

April 21, 2022

10:00 am Business Meeting via Zoom

**Minutes**

1. **Call to Order:** President Colleen Bailie called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes  
A motion to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was made by Doug Lord and seconded by Mary Etter. Motion passed. No abstentions.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **President's Report** – See attached
  - b. **Treasurer's Report** – See attached
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Bylaws Vote** – Lisa Karim: The bylaw amendment passed. We will be updating the membership today and John will be updating the bylaws on the website.

Committee/Section/Representatives Reports:

**ACLB: Denise Stankovics:** Absent. ACLB has sent out surveys asking suggestions for programs in the future. The deadline for returning the survey is June 1.

**ADA: Maria Bernier:** Maria reported they are sponsoring two programs in the annual conference.

**ACLPD: Karen Tatarka:** Absent

**ALA: Erin Shea Dummeyer:** No report

**Archivist: Gerald Seagrave:** No report

**Awards: Region Reps:** The winners have been notified and the reps are figuring out the presentation currently.

**BCALA: Robert Kinney:** Absent

**Bibliomation: Carl Demilia:** Absent

**Career Development: Janet Flewelling & Sunnie Scarpa:** Janet reported there are three scholarship winners. Their mentoring program is underway. They've matched 17 pairs. They updated the internship list so it focuses on fall internship opportunities. Leadership Institute will be 9/13 afternoon & 9/14 morning and it will be virtual. Registration should be up by around mid-July. Janet is stepping down as co-chair and Andy Forsyth will be no co-chair with Sunnie.

**CAS-L: Barbara Johnson & Mary-Ellen Minichiello:** Absent

**CLC: Ellen Paul:** They recently closed on the bid for digital resources. They have 40 bids representing almost 120 products. They have their annual meeting 6/2 at the Scranton Memorial Library. The event will be free. Congressman Joe Courtney is their keynote speaker. They will have a prize wheel at their table at CLA Conference. They are also presenting a program.

**Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Bailie:** No report

**CSL: Deborah Schander:** Absent

**Children's: Cathy Potter & Alex Kraus:** Absent

**College & University: Matthew Sheehan:** Absent

**CLASS:** Vacant

**Conference 2022: Kari Hamad & Shannon Angelone:** Everything is coming together for Conference, details on President's reception the night before, annual meeting at 9 am

**CT Center for the Book: Lisa Comstock:** Absent

**Customer Service:** Vacant

**Grants/Fundraising:** Alessandra Petrino: Pledge It fundraiser currently going on. At the Conference they will be doing final fundraisers for the year – after hours event, many great items in the silent auction and items for sale at Conference.

**FOCL: Debbie Misiaszek:** Annual conference June 11 in Avon.

**Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI): Kym Powe:** Five sessions at Conference and a poster session. Sam Connell will be stepping in as new chair and they will fill their vacant positions at their meeting next month.

**Intellectual Freedom: Sam Lee:** Their meetings are now the first Wednesday of the month starting in July. In the midst of Conference prep for their presentations. Sam is now getting a lot of reports on challenges throughout the state. Sam encourages you to support your colleagues who may be going through these challenges.

**LCI: Laura Horn:** Absent

**Legislative: Kate Byroade & Olivia Scully:** The eBook pricing Bill is still under review. The Legislative session ends on May 4. They are asking everyone to continue reaching out to their Legislators and you can check out the document for that:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1E1XjDBJ8jfYLd7xSCPElplfIZoXIBirH/edit#gid=1151544752>

Also check out the op-eds many are submitting:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q5ol83lfj6BhnP8oTKOkWKMUOPtpvNDUrGy56Q93HII/edit#gid=1142286384> If you have time to do that, you can support in that way. They are doing 3 programs at Conference.

Their upcoming meeting is May 10 and June 14.

**LGBTQ+ Section: Mary Richardson:** Submitted their budget request. They will be having a table at CLA and a presentation.

**LION: Joe Farara:** Absent

**Membership: Trish Tomlinson:** Trish will be sending out a sign-up sheet to sit at the Membership table at Conference. Trish is coming up with a raffle/prize idea for the table.

**NELA: Christy Billings:** Absent.

**PEG: Mary Etter:** Starting to form a description to honor Peter Ciparelli through PEG. Considering designating a PEG grant in honor of Peter. The rules for the grants are listed on the CLA website. Mary would like the committee to discuss stipulations to the grant in honor of Peter. They have not had any applications since COVID, but there is money.

**Publicity & Communications: John Casiello:** Awards are all set, hopes to send to the board soon. Working on the Conference stuff now.

**Procedures: Lisa Karim:** No report other than bylaw amendment passing.

**Public Library: Jennifer Sullivan:** Absent

**Reference & Adult Services: Christie Mitchell & Rachel Leff:** There will be a meet-up for Adult Services on Wednesday, 5/4 at the end of the Conference.

**Resource Sharing Matt Earls:** Absent

**SCSU: Arlene Bielefield:** Absent

**Technical Services: Steve Bernstein:** Absent

**Technology:** Vacant

**Young Adult: Jackie Bush and Stephanie Smith:** Jackie reported they will have a program at the Conference. They submitted their budget and they are thinking of idea for their fall meet-up.

**Region 1: Karin Thomas:** Absent

**Region 2: Sarah McCusker:** No report

**Region 3: Leslie McDonough:** Absent

**Region 4: Erin Shea Dummeyer:** See attached

**Region 5: Robbie Marshall:** See attached

**Region 6:** VACANT

5. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 10:44 am was made by and seconded by Doug Lord and seconded by Kate Byroade. Motion approved.

**Present:** Colleen Bailie, Danielle Valenzano, Alessandra Petrino, Tom Piezzo, Jerry Seagrave, Kari Hamad, Mary Etter, Erin Dummeyer, Shannon Angelone, Debbie Misiasek, Sarah McCusker, Margaret Khan, Ellen Paul, Jackie Bush, Lisa Karim, Doug Lord, John Casiello, Kristina Edwards, Janet Flewelling, Alessandra Petrino, Olivia Scully, Christie Mitchell, Rachel Leff, Sam Lee, Trish Tomlinson, Mary Richardson, Bob Scheier, Kym Powe, Maria Bernier, Kate Byroade, Sam Lee

CLA President, April 2022

Not much to report this month, with preparations for conference underway.

501c3 paperwork is the hands of our accountant to look over for any issues/concerns and should then go to the IRS soon.

Please remember to reach out to CLA with any concerns or issues that arise such as for book challenges, or any other issues/concerns.

And we are looking for a Region 6 representatives as Vicky coffin has stepped down

## Treasurer's Report, April 2022

Kristina briefly discussed the monthly budget reports. She highlighted that the income from the annual conference is coming in and that everyone can see that some of the expenses are coming out of the budget now. She monitors the bank account 2 or 3 times a week to make sure everything is on track. Currently we have about 90K in the account so we continue to stay on target for the expenses for CLA Annual. Kristina has started working with Margaret and Doug to answer questions and get them set up for the next year so that in June/July we will have little interruption in paying bills during the transition. Kristina thanks all those that reach out with their budget proposals for next year. She will follow up with those she hasn't heard from the week of April 25<sup>th</sup> to those she hasn't heard from. She will start putting the draft budget together next week and setting a meeting in May to review and finalize a draft budget to be presented at the June meeting.

Region 4 Report: April 2022, Erin Shea Dummeyer

The Greater Danbury Area Libraries in celebration of National Library Week present: Check Us All Out Challenge! happening now through May 3, 2022.

Collect clues in person or online to complete the puzzle and earn a chance to win a special prize. One winner per library. Find a map marker at one of the participating libraries or on their library websites to find your first clue!

Participating area libraries: Bethel Public Library, C.H. Booth Library, Danbury Public Library, Mark Twain Library, New Fairfield Public Library, New Milford Public Library (only online), Ridgefield Library, Sherman Library.

Wilton Reads is taking place at Wilton Library during April and May. The book is "Wilton, Connecticut: Three Centuries of People, Places, and Progress by Robert (Bob) H. Russell"

History was made on the evening of April 9 at the Westport Library — for the first time, an independent music label run as part of a public library launched a record.

Verso is the new record label run by the library that makes use of its collection of recording and editing equipment. The launch party for the new album, "Verso Records: Volume One," was part of the larger three-day Verso Fest which the Westport Library billed as a celebration of music and media inspired by multimedia events such as SXSW in Austin, Texas.

## Region 5 Report: April 2022

**Request Follow-up:** One of the libraries noted that the CLA minutes were not posted as of 4/13/22.

### Programs and Announcements:

- **Branford:** Blackstone Library is looking for a director. They are holding a Mini Golf fundraiser on April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup> throughout all 3 floors of the library with an after-hours party on the 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **East Hampton:** began the "Kindness Extravaganza" in March, sponsored by the Peach Pit Foundation. Kits include the opportunity to win a self-care gift basket.
- **East Haven:** The bidding process will begin this month with a pre-bid meeting for the replacement of the library's 3 flat roofing systems (2 on the 1975 wing addition and 1 on the 1928 library building, all of which are in bad condition) and scope repairs on the sloping slate roofs to the 1928 library building. The deadline for bids is the end of April. Soon after, a public bid opening will be held, followed by the Library/Town's evaluation and decision to award a contract. The roof work may begin fairly soon after the bid award. The repairs are being done under a State Library construction grant.
- **Essex:** is offering "Intro to Illustration for Kids" Saturdays at 1 with a local illustrator. For teens they started "De-Stress Saturdays" which includes a nature walk and craft. 2 adult gardening programs include "Rooms with a View - Wethersfield Sublime Formal Gardens" April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 and "Rock Gardening" on May 10<sup>th</sup> at 7pm; both on Zoom.
- **Madison:** The Ubuntu Storytellers are back this Spring with 2 incredible performances at Scranton Library in Madison, Henry Carter Hull in Clinton, and Westbrook! Join them for these outdoor story concerts.
  - o "To Be Young, Black & Gifted" - check each library's May calendar. Storytellers commemorate Lorraine Hansberry, sharing true stories of the journey of black and brown people in America; imparting struggles, victories & the spaces in between.
  - o "Ase - Our Ancestors, Ourselves" - check each library's June calendar. Open your eyes to new experiences! In Yoruba, the word "Ase" means "so it shall be." Storytellers will engage you in a slice of their life, warm your heart and expand your imagination.

This Shoreline Storytelling Series is sponsored by the American Rescue Plan: Humanities Grants for Libraries, an ALA initiative with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.

- **North Haven:** The library is welcoming their first Town Poet Laureate with a reception on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm. They are also presenting a program on Gullah sweetgrass basket weaving on Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Corey Alston is a direct ancestor of a Gullah Geechee family that has been weaving for 5 generations. The art is more than 300 years old and traces its origins back to Africa.
- **Shelton:** They are hiring a fulltime library assistant and LTA at the Huntington Branch - these positions have been vacant for a long time. At the Plumb Memorial branch, they have begun Phase 4 of their renovation. They are completely remodeling the area that houses Circ and Reference, and all the books and media collections. It is hoped that this will be completed by the beginning of the summer.
- **Westbrook:** is in the process of searching for a new director and is accepting applications until April 30. Westbrook was awarded the CSL Summer Enrichment grant and will be doing a collaborative program series with the Parks and Recreation and Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robbie Marshall*