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CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
132nd ANNUAL MEETING
Mystic Marriot, Groton
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 9:15 am

I. Call to Order, President Douglas Lord

Called meeting to order at 9:15, Olivia Scully & Colleen Bailie approved

II. Minutes 2022 Annual Meeting

Olivia Scully & Colleen Bailie approved Minutes from 2022

III. CLA Annual Review, President Douglas Lord

IV. Treasurer's Report, Treasurer Margaret Khan

VI. New Business

- i. State Librarian Update, State Librarian Deborah Schander
- ii. 2023/24 Slate of Officers/Elections, Colleen Bailie
Approved Kate Byroade & Lisa Karim

VII. Adjourn

Olivia Scully & Bina Williams

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CLA conference received unanimous positive feedback as one of the best events in recent CLA history. The Conference committee recruited Andy Forsyth (Ridgefield Public Library) and Scott Brill (Derby Public Library) to serve alongside long-timers Kym Powe (DLD), Alessandra Casiello (Danbury Public Library), and Sam Lee (Enfield Public Library).

The new slate of officers was passed by the Association's membership as we prepare for a turnover of officers at the end of June.

So many members enabled progress and accomplishments for the Association in 22-23, a year in which members proved the adage that librarians work better together. Specific work was completed on all six of key intentions: Fiscal health for the Association; positive steps towards incorporating principles of JEDI work; filling multiple key vacancies on the Executive Board; | advocacy around the rampant price gouging related to e-materials; funding for libraries of all kinds; and more deeply incorporating precepts of intellectual freedom to the landscape and expressing that to the public.

There are currently thirty-five odd materials challenges in various stages at school and public libraries. Needless to say this is a disturbing trend that has deep consequences for the profession, the librarians in those communities, and for the long term. The erosion of trust in educational agencies is a misplaced reaction by a vocal few that the profession needs to strongly counter.

And while the excitement surrounding the possibility of recovering long-dormant state aid is palpable for members, the Association remains committed to the process of reasonable administration of any resultant funds.

The April meeting of the Association saw the Publicity and Membership committees joining to create a new, stronger single committee to continue the work of both. The Association also plans to present two educational programs at the CT Conference of Municipalities conference in November, 2023.

Beginning in July of 2023, the CLA report will be delivered Sarah McCusker (Canton Public Library) and you will get the chance to meet her and president-elect Scott Jarzombek (Fairfield Public Library) more deeply.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas Lord
President, Connecticut Library Association

Connecticut Library Association
Annual Treasurer's Report
May 2, 2023

When adopting the current year's budget, it was a goal of the Association to create and execute a realistic and sustainable budget that would meet the fiscal needs of our sections and committees. As the end of the fiscal year approaches we are pleased to report that we had a successful budget year. The groundwork from this budget will be used going forward, with a special emphasis on implementing future budgets that are both realistic and sustainable.

1. Average membership is 671 per month. As of 3/31/23 membership revenue exceeded the \$30,000 budgeted.
2. Thanks to concentrated and dedicated work by Alessandra Casiello, fundraising efforts have expanded. Particular success was had with Giving Tuesday.
3. CLA's Public Charity application was submitted and approved.
4. Reestablished business filing with the State of Connecticut, and have established a procedure to assure that it is renewed annually.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Khan
Treasurer

