

**Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting**  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**  
**Middletown Library Service Center, Middletown**  
**9:30am Coffee/10:00am Business Meeting**

**MINUTES**

1. **Call to Order:** President Kate Byroade called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
  - a. July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting minutes: A **motion** to approve the minutes from July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 was made by Mary Etter and **seconded** by Lisa Karim and was **approved by majority. Motion passed.** Jennifer Keohane, Jackie Toce and Steve Cauffman abstain.
3. **Old Business**
  - a. **President's Report-Kate Byroade:** Kate discussed the LS&S presentation made before the town of Ledyard. Gale Bradbury reported that LS&S has had no further contact with the library and the town of Ledyard is not pursuing them. Representatives from the State's consortia and CLC met with members of CLA to come up with coordinated reply to LS&S's claims of the work they do. Discussions are moving forward in preparation for other towns that may consider privatization. Tom Piezzo is on a LION task force and will be keeping in touch with Joe Grabarz to ensure that CCM follows proper procedures. Jennifer Keohane mention that the State Library Board is aware of the issue. Kate shared that Ken Wiggins presented some background and crafted a resolution for the State Library Board to adopt in his role in advising libraries. The resolution includes information about outsourcing and privatization and the difference between the two. Ken's presentation resulted in a lively discussion and the State Library Board supported the statement. Jen K. shared that the State Library Board supported the principal that public libraries exist for certain reasons and serve local communities and that privatization is not supported by the State Statutes. She was impressed with how the CT library community came together and emphasized that it is especially important to communicate the value of libraries in an effective manner.
  - b. **Treasurer's Report-Kristina Edwards:** Kristina stated that the financial statements included in the agenda packet were for year end. She has started having conversations with Jen K. to make sure reports are understandable by the Board. The new bookkeeper offers some flexibility to create reports, such as creating reports for sections. Kristina stressed the importance in having quotes for venues and speakers and information on the method/type of reimbursement required. Some situations might require that payments are made prior to an event. The new expense form is on the website, and if anything is missing let Kristina know. She informed everyone that everything relating to finances will be reviewed to be sure that the association is in the best position now and in the future. Jen K. created a report that is easier to see income and expense, not by section. Kristina is still working on the more finite details of the section reports.

Kate stated that there is a greater need to be better at estimating to ensure a solvent organization. Money in the checking account is due to the transfer from the investment accounts which hadn't occurred in the past. Carl announced that for the Leadership Conference, they were able to obtain sponsors for breakfast and lunch. Carl will be working with the past presidents' council to engage, increase involvement and donate to the CLA.

Kristina stated that if anyone doesn't understand the budget, or has questions, don't hesitate to reach out and ask.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **ALA's Bill of Rights re: Meeting Room policy language:** Erin Shea explained that the discussion about meeting rooms at the end of the annual conference added statements which includes language that allows groups that use hate speech will be allowed to use meeting rooms. Erin needs to vote next week on how CT stand. Sam Lee explained that the intention of the changes was to highlight the need for libraries to look closely at their meeting room policies. The policies should be assessed to make sure

they address dealing with hate groups and that the interpretation and revision was a wake-up call to both look at the policies and talk with lawyers to make sure that libraries are protected. Jen K. reminded the board that a precedent was set in 2003 in Wallingford. Mathew Hale wanted to book a meeting room and library director upheld the view that their rooms were open to everyone. It was a managed situation and was a non-event in the end. The director won a CLA award as a result. Erin shared that white supremacist groups don't consider themselves hate-groups, but that it is up to libraries to determine what hate speech or hate groups are. Mary Etter stated that it is important that all opinions are recognized and that perhaps making a reference to 'extreme positions' rather than hate groups/speech would be better since all other documents provided by ALA are intended to be guidelines but this document is an interpretation. Kate asked the board if they felt ready to give Erin some direction and if they'd like to take a vote. It was the board's consensus that they would like Erin to vote to rescind then wait for new terminology to be determined.

### **Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:**

**ACLB:** Denise Stankovics: None

**ADA:** Maria Bernier: Maria circulated accommodation request guidelines which are also available [here](#) on the CLA website.

**ACLPD:** Ramona Burkey: Absent

**ALA:** Erin Shea: None

**Archivist:** Gerald Seagrave: None

**Awards:** Region Reps: None

**BCALA:** Vivian Bordeaux & Robert Kinney: Absent

**Career Development:** Richard Conroy & Laura Horn: Absent

**CLA Lobbyist:** Gallo & Robinson: Absent

**CLC: Jennifer Keohane:** Jennifer announced that there are some new faces at CLC. The staff is currently working on a special roundtable chair and appreciation event and sending out product renewal notices. Princh is now offering credit card payment via their wireless printing app. CLC is also gearing up for fall and other programs.

**Commission on Ed Tech:** Colleen Bailie: None

**CSL:** Ken Wiggin: Absent

**Children's:** Kari Hamad & Alison Murphy: Kari stated that she is swamped with summer reading and that the Joint Roundtable meeting will be on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. The morning program is booked, and more information will be available in September.

**College & University:** Julie Styles: Absent

**CLASS:** Carolann Slayton & Samantha Partney: Carolann confirmed that the conference will be at MCC and there will be no fee. The committee is toying with pricing and differentials. The keynote is free, but they may give an honorarium. The other speakers are also free. Money is being spent on the caterer 'Brown Sugar'. Planning is ahead of their timeline. They are budgeting for 100 attendees but are hoping for 120. They are also inviting vendors and charging \$25-50 per vendor. The conference is Friday, October 26 and the theme is "Tell Your Story".

**Conference 2019:** Amanda Brouwer & Jennifer Rummel: Jennifer is working on securing a keynote speaker, the webpage and sending out a "Save the Date".

**Customer Service:** Ellen Janpol & Shelly Holley: Shelly announced that the conference will be Friday, October 19 in Wallingford.

**Development & Planning:** vacant

**FOCL:** none

**Intellectual Freedom:** Sam is attending a meeting about a yearly update and legislative action. A Mexican-American studies case was thrown out, is social media public forum and is someone allowed to ban followers, student press rights and more legislation to support it, materials on reparative therapy laws and conversion therapies and those related to consumer fraud should not be in collections.

**Legislative:** Carl Antonucci & Mary Etter: Mary stated that she has a list of legislators that are not running or changing roles.

**Membership:** Thomas Piezzo: Tom reported that membership is flat and that he will be meeting with Francie and Leah to develop a consistent tone. He is looking for membership renewals to increase.

**NELA:** Christy Billings: Mary Etter announced that Susan Ray and Sherry Szymanski will be attending NELLS2 next week.

**Newsletter/Website Editor:** Jen Datum: Jen D. announced that the newsletter is coming out in 2 weeks and asked members to send her their people news. She will be doing a full StarChapter training after the board meeting. She also handed out folders to keep CLC information, the list of board meetings, and the names of everyone on the executive board. She has made changes to the website. Jen K. recommended making a call CLC before making a change you're unsure of because it is difficult to fix. Jen K. asked everyone to send invoices to CLC ASAP and that a list of attendees is available for paid programs to make sure payment is received. If completed expense forms are submitted by Wednesday mornings, payment will be mailed on Friday. Hand delivery is limited to special circumstances so please try to avoid doing this, and let speakers know that their checks will come in the mail. Jen D. reminded everyone that CLC staff answers the phones for CLA, so make sure to include your name for programs/events created through StarChapter to allow CLC to better communicate information. Jen D. asked for questions/answers for the newsletter column 'Movin' On Up'.

**PEG:** Peter Ciparelli: Peter has applications for PEG and needs 5 minutes of the committee's time to address them.

**Publicity & Communications:** Leah Farrell & Francie Berger: Leah met with Jen D. about the website and presence. They are planning a fall program, starting to recruit publicity programs and hopes that award recipients will volunteer so that they have something to add to their resume.

**Procedures:** Danielle Valenzano: None

**Public Library:** Maria Zervos: Maria announced that a fall program will tentatively be held on Thursday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and will focus on opioid and mental health training. An announcement will be made at the end of August.

**Reference & Adult Services:** vacant

**Resource Sharing:** Steve Cauffman: None

**SCSU:** Arlene Bielefield: Arlene shared that applicants are younger than in the past and are applying right after earning a bachelor's degree. She is seeing an increase in the number of males that are applying. An ALF/CIO factsheet was just released and the occupational outlook handbook projects a 9% increase in the occupation.

**Technical Services:** Jackie Toce: Jackie announced that they are working on a fall program for Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> in Farmington on customization of discovery layers and more.

**Technology:** Genevieve Francis: Genevieve announced that a technology tour will be held on Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 11am. They are working with the Intellection Freedom committee on a privacy and technology program on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am at MLSC.

**Young Adult:** Brittany Pearson & Alyssa Skorski: None

**Region 1:** Matt Yanarella: Absent

**Region 2:** Susan C. Ray: Susan reported that libraries are still busy with summer reading. Windsor is collecting pennies for penguins and if the goal is met, Mystic Aquarium will send an African penguin to the library. Prosser Library in Bloomfield installed a multi-bin recycler for e-waste and Avon and Simsbury libraries are hosting authors.

**Region 3:** Amanda Brouwer: Amanda reported that Ashford will be hosting a wine, beer and spirit tasting. Booth and Dimock library in Coventry has hired a director.

**Region 4:** Geri Diorio: Absent Kate read Geri's report she submitted via email. Westport Library and Public schools will be hosting the Saugatuck Storyfest on October 12-14. Ridgefield Library hired Andy Forsyth as their new assistant director. Brookfield's director, Yvonne Cech, is concerned about the availability of plans for printing guns on 3D printers.

**Region 5:** Chris Hemmingway: Absent

**Region 6:** Gale Bradbury: Gale reported that Waterford and New London libraries used a "rock" theme for summer reading. Waterford focused on the history of rock and roll and hosted a program on the impact of music on your mood. New London offered free ½ hour violin lessons during the summer. East Lyme is offering programs around York Correctional Institute's 100 year anniversary. Lisa Munro has been welcomed by the Bill Library. Gale also reported that nothing has happened with LS&S and she's hoping it remains that way.

5. Adjournment: A motion to adjourn at 10:57a.m. was made by Peter Ciparelli and seconded by Carl Antonucci and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Present: Kate Byroade, Lisa Karim, Kristina Edwards, Catherine Potter, Erin Shea, Susan Ray, Amanda Brouwer, Gale Bradbury, Kari Hamad, Carolann Slayton, Maria Zervos, Steve Cauffman, Jackie Toce, Genevieve Francis, Maria Bernier, Jennifer Rummel, Ellen Cartledge-Janpol, Sam Lee, Mary Etter, Carl Antonucci, Tom Piezzo, Danielle Valenzano, Peter Ciparelli, Leah Farrell, Francie Berger, Gerald Seagrave, Jennifer Keohane, Colleen Bailie, Frank Ridley, Jennifer Datum, Arlene Bielefield