

Connecticut Library Association Board Meeting
April 4th, 2019
Wallingford Public Library, Wallingford
9:30am Coffee/10:00am Business Meeting

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** President Kate Byroade called the meeting to order at 10:08AM.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. **March 7th, 2019 meeting minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes of March 7th, 2019 was made by Lisa Karim and seconded by Glenn Grube with the following corrections:
 - Colleen Baille's name should be removed from the list of members present
 - CAS-L Chair is Mary Ellen Minichiello (not Michelle)Item 3.a. Old Business: Carl Antonucci has resigned as co-chair of the Legislative Committee.
3. **Old Business**
 - a. **President's Report-Kate Byroade:** Kate announced that Carl Antonucci is the new chair of the Grants Committee and Lisa Thornell is the new CULS chair. Wednesday, April 10th was Lobbying Day at the State Capitol. On Tuesday, April 1st Kate attending the viewing of "The Public" which is opening nationally this weekend. She encouraged everyone to go see the movie.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report-Kristina Edwards (not present):** Kate reported that income for the conference is beginning to come in. She reminded committee or section chairs that they should be thinking about their budget for next year and to call or email Kristina for details. Kate encouraged chairs to put something realistic together based on recent history and that Kristina can be emailed to answer questions. The goal is to pass a budget at the June meeting.
4. **New Business:**

Committee/Section/Roundtable/Regional Representatives Reports:

ACLB: Denise Stankovics: Absent

ADA: Maria Bernier: Absent

ACLPD: Ramona Burkey: No report

ALA: Erin Shea: Erin announced that the ALA Election polls closed last night at midnight. The winners have not been announced but she is expecting to hear either today or early next week. The number of voters as of April 1st were down slightly over last year- 17.14% vs 18.82%.

Archivist: Gerald Seagrave: No report

Awards: Region Reps: On track to honor awardees at Conference

BCALA: Vivian Bordeaux & Robert Kinney: Absent

Career Development: Richard Conroy & Laura Horn: Richard reported that three people have been selected for scholarships and the committee is getting ready for the Leadership Institute on August 8th at the University of Hartford.

CAS-L: Barbara Johnson & Michelle Minichiello: Correction-it is Mary Ellen Minichiello. Mary Ellen announced that they have 4 projectors for use during the CLA conference. On March 30th, an "Unconference" was held at Scholastic in Danbury and in Colchester at Barbara Johnson's school which was focused around the new ASL standards. CAS-L will be

holding their Spring Fling event at the end of April at the Library Bar in Wallingford. The State conference is being held in the fall and the theme is “Bridges & Connections”.

CLA Lobbyist: Gallo & Robinson: Absent

CLC: Jennifer Keohane: No report other than Jennifer announced that they’ve hired another person named “Jennifer”.

Commission on Ed Tech: Colleen Bailie: Colleen announced that the CEN Conference is May 10th.

CSL: Ken Wiggin: Ken stated that the bond commission had a meeting last week but he is not sure about grants and that he is pushing to get projects on the agenda. A meeting will be held on April 22nd of the search committee for the State Library Board. Ken announced that Tom Newman is retiring May 1st and that he is trying to expedite the search to replace him. Gayle & Dawn will be at the Space Expo at the New England Air Museum to kick-off the NASA at My Library program. Ken stated that Borrow-It checks are in the mail. The Futures Program still has a few seats available. Linda Williams is back on a temporary basis for summer reading lists and literacy programs on May 9th and 10th.

Children’s: Alison Murphy & Kari Hamad): No report. Michelle Kaminski is the new chair starting in July.

College & University: Lisa Thornell: Absent

CLASS: Carolann Slayton & Samantha Partney: Carolann stated that the committee met to wrap up last year’s conference and to kick start next year’s conference. Samantha Partney is stepping down from being co-chair so Carolann is looking for a new co-chair. The next meeting will be held in June and the conference theme is “Count Me In” with a focus on the 2020 Census and safety.

Conference 2019: Amanda Brouwer & Jennifer Rummel: Amanda and Jennifer announced that they might have room for 2 more exhibitors. Kym and Alessandra are staying on next year as Exhibit Co-Chairs. The speaker registration is going well and currently there are 431 people that registered as early bird with a total of 612 registered so far, including vendors. \$120,900 has been collected so far. If anyone has questions, please contact Jen or Amanda. Kate announced that she will be hosting the President’s Reception in her suite and invited everyone to attend.

CT Center for the Book: Lisa Comstock: Absent

Customer Service: Ellen Janpol & Shelly Holley: No report

Development & Planning: vacant

FOCL: Frank Ridley: Frank announced that Jim Smith is the planned speaker at the conference on June 8th at Middlesex Community College. There is one week left before the awards deadline. Frank shared that the synagogue in Meriden closed and gave their Holocaust collection to the Meriden Library. They will be setting up an endowment. A dedication of the collection will be held on the evening of May 1st.

Grants: Carl Antonucci: Carl announced that he is working on a reception at the conference for CLA Past Presidents. He will talk with the ALA Legacy Society to base things on some of what they do. He will also try to find a time at the conference to connect with the Past Presidents. Carl stated that he is open to ideas and is looking to get some academic librarians back into participating in CLA. Carl thanked Kate for the opportunity to serve in this new role.

Intellectual Freedom: Sam Lee: Sam announced that the next committee meeting is scheduled for April 15th and they are looking at updating and revising the handbook. Sam is also looking forward to the annual conference and the CEN conference.

Legislative: Beth Crowley & Mary Etter: Next Wednesday, April 10th is Lobby Day at the State Capitol and reminded members to call their legislators to make an appointment before or after the 2pm session in Room 310 at the Capitol.

Please remind legislators of library issues and that we are trying to hold on to the funding we currently have. The committee is actively seeking members, especially those from other types of libraries besides public.

Membership: Thomas Piezzo: Tom announced that the committee met recently and were introduced to Trish Tomlinson, the new chair. Stylus pens and pads will be handed out and a coffee alarm clock is being donated for a drawing at the conference. Entries can be submitted at the membership table. Leah Farrell finalizing the brochure and video before Conference. Tom asked that if anyone is interested in manning the membership table at Conference, to let him know. The table will be located across from the vendor/exhibition room. Beth Crowley, a Membership Committee member, also stated that Region Reps from the Legislative committee will be available to sit at the table. She will send out an email to recruit Region Reps to sit at the table.

NELA: Christy Billings: Absent Mary Etter shared that there is a NELA meeting tomorrow, on April 5th in Mystic.

Newsletter/Website Editor: Jen Datum: Jen announced that the April 15th newsletter will include CLA candidate statements. Jen stated that members are still experiencing email issues so if you aren't getting Board emails, please let Jen D. know.

Publicity & Communications: Leah Farrell & Francie Berger: Francie stated that the exhibit is going up in the Legislative Office Building on Monday morning. Please contact Leah if you are interested in representing CLA at the exhibit.

PEG: Peter Ciparelli: Absent

Procedures: Danielle Valenzano: No report

Public Library: Maria Zervos: No report

Reference & Adult Services: Matt Earls: No report

Resource Sharing: Steve Cauffman: No report

SCSU: Arlene Bielefield: Arlene shared that they are in the final portion of their application for accreditation and that it's been just over a year since the first visitation from the committee. Staff is doing a self-study and are writing reports to ALA. Their application is the basis for the self-study.

Technical Services: Jackie Toce & Dana Hanford: Dana shared that they met last month and that they are developing a program for the fall on the changes to RDA and possibly BIBFRAME.

Technology: Genevieve Francis: Genevieve shared that the CEN conference is on Friday, May 10 8am-6pm. She also announced that if you are moving from Windows 7 to Windows 10, Intel has a slight shortage, and shipments are taking a long time so think about ordering now if you are planning any mass upgrades.

Young Adult: Brittany Pearson & Alyssa Skorski: Brittany announced that Alyssa is out on medical leave and to please email Brittany if you need any help.

Region 1: Matt Yanarella: Matt reported that the next meeting for the Reference Roundtable to be held on May 16th in Branford.

Region 2: Susan C. Ray: Present: Susan reported that the Bristol Public Library will be hosting an evening with Georg Papp, Sr. author of *Outhouse Americana! All About Outhouses from a Fella' 'at Knows 'Bout 'em!* On Saturday, April 27th, the Cora J. Belden Library in Rocky Hill is sponsoring the program Super Sleep: Tips for Better Sleep on Tuesday, April 16th and the Prosser Library in Bloomfield is hosting a community conversation on Autonomous Vehicles on April 29th.

Region 3: Leslie McDonough: Absent

Region 4: Geri Diorio: Present: Geri reported that Ferguson Library in Stamford will hold the keynote presentation for their NEA funded Big Read program on April 7th. Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, and author Kevin Young will speak. His *Book of Hours* is the Big Read title that Stamford's been working with. New Canaan has a Virtual Reality Station and an Oculus Rift headset for patrons to try. Their newest technology is the Oculus Go standalone VR headset. There are no wires and no computer necessary. An Oculus app can be downloaded to a smartphone. In addition to offering patrons a chance to try out this technology, they are also holding an "Emerging Tech Meet Up" on April 22, where they will discuss whether VR can teach empathy. (They have semi-monthly tech meetups that include informal, guided discussions focused on an emerging technology found in libraries, an innovate technology on the horizon, or tech featured in a TV show or film.) Stratford Library has just begun using Princh for wireless printing. We signed up through CLC. It went live a little more than 3 weeks ago (we stopped using PrinterOn) and already our usage is increasing.

Region 5: Chris Hemingway: Absent

Region 6: Gale Bradbury: Gale announced that Groton Public Library will host an edible book festival on April 7th, the East Lyme and Salem Libraries will host a performance of West African Kora music, the Waterford Public Library will have the British nanny, Mary Poppins and Bert in costume to sing songs with children, the Otis Library plans an evening with author Pam Jenoff (*The Lost Girls*) Friday, April 12th as a fundraiser, the Mystic and Noank Libraries are holding a Shakespearean Film Festival, and the Ledyard Library is starting a seed library, with resources, programs, and seeds. The Ledyard Garden Club has been very helpful in this initiative.

5. **Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn at 10:49am was made by Carl Antonucci and seconded by Geri Diorio and was unanimously approved. Motion passed.

The next meeting after Conference is on June 6th in Simsbury at the Simsbury Public Library

Attendance:

Kate Byroade, Lisa Karim, Glenn Grube, Erin Shea, Matthew Yanarella, Susan Ray, Geri Diorio, Gale Bradbury, Kari Hamad, Carolann Slayton, Maria Zervos, Matt Earls, Steve Cauffman, Dana Hanford, Genevieve Francis, Brittany Pearson, Richard Conroy, Amanda Brouwer, Jennifer Rummel, Shelley Holley, Jen Datum, Carl Antonucci, Sam Lee, Mary Etter, Beth Crowley, Danielle Valenzano, Francie Berger, Ramona Burkey, Gerald Seagrave, Mary Ellen Minichiello, Colleen Bailie, Ken Wiggin, Frank Ridley, Arlene Bielefield