

## Minutes

South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators

September 15, 2017  
Lexington Main Library

**Attending:** Gene Brunson, Laurel Sharp, Rita Vogel, Ann Szypulski, Jim Johnson, Ray McBride, Faith Line, Diann Smothers, Rieta Drinkwine, Anna Zacherl, Leesa Aiken, Amber Conger, Carl Coffin, Alan Smith, Mary Elizabeth Land, Jimmie Epling, Sam Ziady, Ben Loftis, Robert Antill, Blair Hinson, Kelly Poole, Kathy Sheppard, Yolanda McCormick, Eric Robinson

**Approval of July meeting minutes:** A motion to approve the July meeting minutes was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**Treasurer's report:** Mary Elizabeth Land presented the treasurer's report and mentioned that dues will be sent out in December. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the report was approved.

Mary Elizabeth also presented a suggested budget, to include some funding for re-established committees, a contingency fund, and a scholarship for National Library Legislative Day. Jimmie Epling elaborated on SCLA's request for conference support. Mary Elizabeth suggested giving SCLA \$1000 from their line on APLA's budget, and \$500 from contingency. A motion to accept the suggested budget with SCLA support was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

**State Library update:** Leesa Aiken described the State Library's budget request. In addition to requesting an increase in State Aid, they will request state funding for Talking Books Services, in order to move it away from unstable federal funds. The State Library is also beginning the DISCUS evaluation process it undergoes every 3-5 years. Leesa also reported on IMS's rate increase, from \$0.60 to \$0.85 per pound. Directors requested that SCSL inform them when their shelves are full so they can arrange pickup.

Kathy Sheppard reported that the annual Public Library Data Survey is under way. She will send reminders as the deadline approaches. Kathy also mentioned some of the upcoming trainings provided by the State Library.

**Legislative committee report:** Jim Johnson reported on the recent meeting of the legislative committee. State Aid is currently at \$1.75 per capita with a \$75,000 minimum grant. Our request next year is for \$2.00 per capita, with a long-term goal of \$2.00 per capita and a \$100,000 minimum grant. We will also request \$2MM in lottery funds later in the legislative process. Our Ways & Means subcommittee is still made up of

educators who understand libraries' value. As the legislative session is short again this year, visits may be scheduled earlier in the year than usual.

**Continuing education committee report:** Rieta Drinkwine and Kristen Simensen met and developed a list of suggested topics for upcoming meetings, including disaster preparedness, funding, succession planning and leadership, and HR and labor laws.

**By-laws committee report:** Faith Line presented a few changes to the by-laws. Members debated several questions, including:

- Starting the APLA year in January instead of July
- Having two-year officer terms
- Whether vice-chair should automatically be nominated chair at next term
- Whether nominating committee should be separate from executive committee

The group agreed to discuss further at a later date.

**Public relations committee report:** No report was given as Charlotte was absent. The group did discuss refreshing APLA's website, and compared to North Carolina's library director association.

**SCLA update:** Jimmie provided a final update about the upcoming SCLA conference. Amber Conger discussed SCLA's legislative activities and will be setting up regional meetings for groups to talk to their national legislators.

**Bond referendum presentation:** Heyward Bannister, President of BANCO Bannister Company, and Tina Gills, Development Director at Richland Library, were introduced. Tina gave a presentation about the history of Richland's bond campaign, which took years of preparation. Heyward discussed the political aspects of the campaign, stressing that each campaign is different and must consider the political landscape at the time. APLA members and other attendees discussed the distinction between providing information to the public about a bond and advocating for votes.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30pm.

Submitted by Alan Smith, Secretary