

Minutes

South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators

January 19, 2018
Florence Main Library

Attending: Faith Line, Anna Zacherl, Jessica Knuckles, Melanie Huggins, Yolanda McCormick, Jimmie Epling, Gene Brunson, Cindy Thornley, Michael Kaltwang, Alan Smith, Diann Smothers, Rieta Drinkwine, Kristen Simensen, Kathy Sheppard, Leesa Aiken, Benjamin Hall, Jason Hyatt

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

SCAC funding presentation: James Knox, from the South Carolina Association of Counties, presented an overview of the funding mechanisms available to counties, including capital project sales taxes, local county budgets, and state funding. James suggested that contact with legislators means more coming from us and constituents than from professional lobbyists. Discussion ensued on several topics, including Act 388's millage cap for county governments, S.C. 6-1-330 which allows county councils to enact local user and service fees, hospitality and accommodation taxes, and impact fees.

Leadership institute: Kristen Simensen discussed the goals of the continuing education committee, the need for in-house leadership development, and the ways in which each APLA member's professional development affects the entire group. Melanie Huggins presented Richland Library's own internal leadership development program, with supporting resources from Nexus Labs and Educopia. Members worked together in groups to identify the qualities that we look for in leaders.

Following their requests, Rieta appointed Amber Conger and Jimmie Epling to the continuing education committee.

State Library update: Leesa Aiken summarized the State Library's well-received presentation to its House subcommittee. A major request this year is to shift Talking Book Services from federal to state funding. The last time state funds went to TBS was 2005, and now federal funding is less stable. Leesa also asked for increased DISCUS funding and \$2 per capita in state aid. The committee was positively disposed to these requests but would benefit from contact with local library directors. SCSL is also migrating to a new email server, which should alleviate their email and listserv problems.

Committee/liason reports:

- **Legislative committee:** Rieta reported that Jim Johnson indicated his report consisted of the most recent weekly legislative update.
- **Continuing education committee:** Kristen will send a survey about leadership development topics, following up on her comments in the earlier session.
- **By-laws committee:** Faith Line introduced several elements of the bylaws for group discussion, resulting in the following actions:
Jimmie Epling made a motion to recommend that a quorum be defined as 15 members. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion was passed.
Jimmie Epling also made a motion to recommend that a director's designee be allowed to vote at an APLA business meeting. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken, and the motion was approved.
The group also discussed the process of amending the bylaws, reaching general consensus that the bylaw amendment should not require a differently-defined quorum, and should be able to take place at any time/location that voting is permitted.
- **Public relations committee:** Attendees agreed that members of the public relations committee had not yet been named.
- **SCLA update:** Jimmie Epling presented information about the SCLA annual conference in Greenville, October 31-November 2. Also, SCLA's annual leadership retreat is upcoming. They plan to examine the structure, duties, and activities of roundtables, committees, and interest groups.

Website: Alan Smith distributed a list of resources available on North Carolina's library administrator website, and asked for ideas about information that would be helpful on APLA's site. The group agreed that Alan would begin adding this information and adjust the content as needed.

Alan also discussed APLA's listserv membership guidelines, and the possibility of adding SCSL's Kathy Sheppard to the list for informational purposes. A motion to add Kathy to the email list was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the motion was approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm.

Submitted by Alan Smith, Secretary