

**GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
MARCH 31, 2017
Pennsylvania School Librarians Association Conference
HERSHEY, PENNSYLVANIA**

MINUTES - APPROVED

Present: David Belanger
Marsha Everton
Robert Gallivan
Mary Garm
Louis LaBar
Robert Lambert
Allison Mackley
Larry Nesbit

Excused: Sharon McRae
David Mitchell

Office of
Commonwealth
Libraries:

Jonelle Darr, Executive Assistant, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Rita Jones, Administrative Officer, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Alice Lubrecht, Bureau Director, Bureau of State Library
Glenn Miller, Deputy Secretary, Office of Commonwealth Libraries

Guests: Melissa Foltz, Director, Manheim Community Library
Donna Murray, Director, Ridley Township Library
Maryam Phillips, Executive Director, HSLC
Scott Thomas, Executive Director, PA Integrated Library System Consortium (PaILS)
Karla Trout, Executive Director, Adams County Library Systems

1. Welcome & Introductions

Garm called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM and Council and staff in attendance gave introductions.

2. Chair's Report – Mary Garm

Attachment A

3. Deputy Secretary Update – Glenn Miller

Report in print (Attachment B) also Miller stated he would send his monthly report out via email to Council.

Comments:

- Garm commented on the 35 versus 45 hour standard and wondered if the waiver issued for fiscal year 2015 will be reenacted for FY16.
- Miller is considering an option to offer an extended blanket waiver although the current waiver has caused confusion. An example is attempting to decipher which year it applies to and if it can be done retroactively.
- LaBar commented that the waivers of standards are especially important for the small rural libraries.

4. Commonwealth Libraries Bureau Reports

a. Bureau of State Library Report – Alice Lubrecht

Report in print (Attachment C).

b. Bureau of Library Development Report – Miller on behalf of Brian Dawson

- Miller requested that everyone keep Brian in our thoughts and prayers as he is facing medical issues.
- Announced Linda Rohm, State aid administrator, will be retiring the end of April. Ed Lupico, current library development advisor for the keystone grants program, is being trained to temporarily fill in once Linda retires.
- This year's one book launch for the current selection "Daniel Finds a Poem" will take place at the Wildwood Sanctuary.
- District library consultant trainings will be held in State College and bureau of library development advisors are currently on the road engaged in the negotiation process.
- 1st session for this year's ILEAD will be held in July and consist of 18 librarians: 16 public and 2 school.

5. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

No comments.

6. Status of Appointments and Vacancies – Glenn Miller

Miller welcomed and congratulated Robert Lambert as a new appointee to the Council. Miller explained that the process for appointing people to fill the current vacancies and to reappoint those that wish to be reappointed was on track and moving forward but is now at a standstill. With the appointment of Lambert, two openings exist and reappointment letters have not been received.

7. DLC Negotiated Agreements – David Belanger

Belanger reported that the guidelines were approved at the January meeting and the negotiations are just beginning. So far they are going very smooth and no negative feedback has been received. Garm commented on Belanger's good work and thanked Glenn Miller for his support in the process.

8. Statewide Library Card Guidelines – David Belanger

Miller reported that when the Library Code was updated in 2012, there were changes that caused a hardship for smaller libraries. The 45-hours-open-per-week standard was enacted without any reductions for libraries serving a smaller population. A message was sent to the community on November 26, 2016, regarding the status. Larger libraries were not impacted by the change but many smaller libraries have expressed concern. New regulations will be developed during 2017 related to the 2012 changes to the Library Code.

9. Rare Books Fund Update – Larry Nesbit

Nesbit reported that a combination of persistence and money is needed to get stuff done. Now that there is an established pattern of spending for the funds allocated at Mansfield University, the balance is down to \$389,665.

10. Pennsylvania School Librarian's Association (PSLA) Update – Allison Burrell

Handout provided by Burrell (Attachment D).

11. Committee Reports

- a. Bylaws – Robert Gallivan – no report

- b. Legislative – Mary Garm - the PaLA Legislative Committee met on Monday and has been working on strategy for 2017. The American Library Association is holding its annual legislative day on May 2nd and registration is open. Garm encouraged all to attend.
- c. Policies – David Belanger – the next steps for this committee in the coming year are to review other G.A.C. guidelines including those associated with the Keystone program.
- d. Communication – Lou LaBar and Allison Mackley – no report

12. Public Comment

Scott Thomas commented the currently 140 libraries are participating in the SPARK program and advocacy is the top priority. Garm commented that federal funds are critical as they are integral to so many programs including SPARK. Thomas reiterated that statement by commenting that 77% of the budget is LSTA funded.

Karla Trout mentioned a brochure which can be used as a hand out at National Library Legislative Day, she will share it with libraries through the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA).

13. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 12:07 PM.
MOVED BY: Robert Gallivan
SECONDED BY: Marsha Everton
VOTE: Unanimous vote in the affirmative

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Jones, Administrative Officer
Office of Commonwealth Libraries