

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT
OCTOBER 2, 2011
Room 104, The Penn Stater Conference Center
STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA

MINUTES-APPROVED

Present: Philip Albright
David Belanger
Dr. Robert Gallivan
Mary Garm, Vice Chair
Louis LaBar
David Mitchell
Dr. Larry Nesbit
Cynthia Richey, Chair
Raymond Sobina

Members Excused: Sara Jane Cate
Barbara May
Helen Miller

Ex-Officio: M. Clare Zales, Deputy Secretary & Commissioner for Libraries
Excused

Office of Commonwealth Libraries: Constance Cardillo, Supervisor, Bureau of Library Development
Sandra Edmunds, Chief, Division of Subsidies and Grants
James Hollinger, Chief, Division of Advisory and Outreach Services
Rita Jones, Executive Secretary, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Alice Lubrecht, Director, Bureau of State Library
Jeanne Metcalf, Administrative Officer, Office of Commonwealth Libraries
Susan Pannebaker, Director, Bureau of Library Development

Guests: Gail Frew, Tech Services/Cataloging Coordinator, Osterhout Free Library
Elaine Schall, Readers' Advisory Coordinator, Osterhout Free Library
Mary Ann Yonki, District Consultant, Wilkes-Barre Library District

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Richey called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM and welcomed all in attendance. Council members and staff of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries introduced themselves.

1. Approval of Minutes of the June 14, 2011 Meeting

MOTION: Approval of the minutes as submitted
MOVED BY: Dr. Robert Gallivan
SECONDED BY: Philip Albright
VOTE: Unanimous

Nesbit commented on the timing of the minutes as he was unable to attend the previous meeting and was not aware of expectations required for the current meeting until just a few days prior. Nesbit suggested, and Mitchell concurred, that a list of "action items" be sent within a few days following a meeting as to prepare for future meetings.

2. Chair's Report – Cynthia Richey

Richey began her report by thanking Deputy Zales, the staff of the Office of Commonwealth Libraries, and this Council for having a good year which included many positive changes for library services such as district realignment and composing a check-list to assist everyone moving forward. Legislative successes include the state funding for public libraries held level and also library partners such as the Governor's Advisory Council, Pennsylvania Library Association, and Pennsylvania Citizens for

Better Libraries were given credit for their advocacy efforts. The biggest news is the Joint State Government Commission's report on their review of the Library Code which became the Senate Bill 1225. Zales and Belanger testified at the public hearing and Council composed and sent a letter to Senator Pileggi articulating interest in the process.

The school library survey went out and results will be discussed along with the round-table sessions attended by several members of Council. There are currently two Council vacancies in the category of trustee and lay position to succeed outgoing members Philip Albright and Helen Miller who will not seek reappointment. Richey explained in seeking new members she is looking for balance on the Council both in terms of geographic location and library experience. Richey thanked Philip Albright for his many years of dedicated service and is pleased he will continue to serve until replaced as is outlined in the Library Code.

In response to Sobina's question on how a potential candidate would express their interest in being considered, Richey explained a letter of interest and a resume should be submitted to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries to the attention of the Deputy Secretary for Libraries. Mitchell offered his assistance in moving the appointment requests through the Governor's Office approval process.

3. Commissioner for Libraries Report – M. Clare Zales

Deputy Zales was absent due to illness. Her report was available in print (Attachment A). Richey summarized several items in the Commissioner's report such as the Education Committee Hearing which will be discussed in Belanger's report. Iren Snavely was appointed as the new Rare Books Librarian and has been busy getting acquainted with the library and introducing himself to those organizations associated with rare and historic collections. Some positions are also listed as "approved to fill" but are without funds including an Executive Assistant to the deputy, a librarian and a clerk typist both within the State Library Bureau.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

4. Legislative Committee-Mary Garm

Garm requested that this committee report be combined with the report by the Joint State Government Committee and the discussion item listed as: *Senate Education Committee Hearing on SB1225-Recodification of the Library Code.*

5. District Library Center Committee -Jim Hollinger

Hollinger updated Council on the status of the New Castle District Library Center which refused to sign the district negotiated agreement as of the last district level meeting. In June, the Butler County librarians and system board met to discuss their concerns related to the number of New Castle Public Library staff who are paid from district funds. In July, a new district budget was drafted by Hollinger and staff in which the New Castle Library would retain the amount of district aid based on the population of its direct service area. As part of this budget arrangement, the district agreed 50% of its district aid would be paid in August with the remaining 50% paid once progress was made in meeting subsequent objectives. In September, a meeting was held and benchmarks of progress were agreed upon.

In September 2011 Hollinger met with the local library directors in Lancaster County to assess the satisfaction with consultant services since they have been provided by the System rather than through the Lancaster District Library Center following the resignation of Joyce Sands. Comments were positive with no expression of interest in returning to a single consultant from the district center.

Hollinger reported that the Berks County Public Library System has been without a system administrator for nearly eight months. The interim administration has been unsuccessful in attracting a candidate because of the low salary offered. The Office of Commonwealth Libraries conveyed the consequence of not having a system director in terms of a lack of communication with the system and required reports are not received on time. Hollinger concluded that a letter written by Commissioner Zales is to be sent in the near future. The letter will inform the library system that their state aid will be placed in jeopardy if a system administrator is not hired.

Albright requested a status update on the new Monessen District. Hollinger has an upcoming contact with the district and will report to Council on that communication.

6. State Library/Preservation Committee-Larry Nesbit

Nesbit brought to Council's attention the need to appoint two new members to the State Library/Preservation Committee in addition to current members Gallivan and Sobina. Nesbit referenced an article from the *Library Journal* which discusses inventory control systems currently being used by Colgate University. Nesbit feels this would be an excellent project to pursue as an entirely new model for the State Library for housing its collections. Nesbit would like to initiate the support of several influential legislators to generate the funds for his idea. Mitchell volunteered to join the committee. Richey recommended this idea be considered by the State Library/Preservation Committee.

ADHOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

7. Joint State Government Committee Report on Library Code – Mary Garm, David Belanger

This committee report will be addressed under the discussion item: *Senate Education Committee Hearing on SB1225 – Recodification of the Library Code.*

8. Marcellus Shale Impact on Libraries – Dr. Larry Nesbit

Nesbit began this report by explaining this committee was formed last year at the meeting held during the Pennsylvania Library Association (PaLA) 2010 Annual Conference. He had hoped to report on progress but is disappointed not to have had any meetings with the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. The amount of revenue generated by the Marcellus Shale oil industry has resulted in a billionaire residing in Mansfield, a doubling of the number of traffic lights in the area, and Williamsport now listed as the eighth fastest growing city in the U.S. Nesbit re-distributed a hand-out that was used as a basis for his idea to identify ways for libraries to benefit from this growing industry which he originally distributed in January (Attachment B).

Richey reiterated her request that Nesbit articulate his idea within a plan of action to move forward with. Nesbit requested a group effort between the Council, the Office of Commonwealth Libraries and the District Library Centers and would like to have a meeting in order to brainstorm how to bring this idea to the state-level. Nesbit questioned whether this is a priority and would like to also bring constituent groups into the discussion.

Mitchell suggested identifying the gas company in the area and requesting if they are interested in community outreach as such they may be willing to be thought of as providing good will for libraries. Mitchell also suggested enlisting the expertise of area librarians, state-planning attorneys and bankers.

A discussion continued with caution expressed by LaBar regarding "gold miners" in the drilling area emphasizing the competition for these funds. Pannebaker commented some libraries do not want to be associated with the drilling industry because of the prevailing [unpopular] local attitude. Belanger agreed there are funds and opportunities on this subject and suggested a list of actionable items be developed which could be acted upon at the regional level.

Mitchell commented that Governor Corbett is scheduled to kick-off the Marcellus Shale debate on severance fee versus impact fee on Monday, October 3, 2011 which will generate considerable debate.

Richey concluded by cautioning against painting libraries with broad strokes of inactivity in fund raising based on the Marcellus Shale situation as many libraries are very successful in raising funds locally. Following the break, Richey continued this discussion by explaining the Commissioner for Libraries cannot formally involve herself in a subject that would contradict Governor Corbett's position on Marcellus Shale taxing. This discussion should take place at the committee level.

ACTION ITEM

9. Discussion Items

School Library Study – Roundtable Sessions

Richey explained that several Council members attended these sessions which were held at local schools in three locations: Harrisburg, Erie, and Allentown. Council members Gallivan and Mitchell attended the Erie session and

reported on the event. Gallivan noted there is no cost involved in the Division of School Libraries moving back under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education and this move would provide a multitude of benefits. Mitchell commented on the discussion during the roundtable sessions which consisted of superintendents explaining they are making cuts in the areas of art, music and sports so why not also cut school libraries. Mitchell reiterated the importance of the move on the organization chart of school libraries be included in the agency-wide reorganization. He explained the support of the community in the form of letters and emails will be persuasive. Richey will pass on the need of community support to Deb Kachel as she has been successful in generating awareness within the school library community.

Nesbit reported on the attendance of Larry Widdich from the Department of Education at the Harrisburg roundtable. He mentioned the grant of over \$400,000 just awarded to HSLC to launch a study to determine the long term results of student performance without access to a school library. He hopes this study will verify the contribution of school libraries to student performance.

Senate Education Committee Hearing on SB1225 – Recodification of the Library Code

Belanger referenced a letter from Council to Senator Pileggi expressing Council's support of Senate Bill 1225 which initiates the re-codification of the 1961 Library Code. The Senate Education Committee held a hearing on September 21, 2011 in which the library community was well represented with verbal and written testimony. Those testifying included: Senator Pileggi, M. Clare Zales, Glenn Miller, Executive Director of PaLA, Nan Cavanaugh and Dennis Leeper from PCBL, and a panel of David Belanger, Director of Delaware County Library System and GAC member, Kate Geiger, Director of Indiana Free Library, Bill Hudson, Acting Administrator of Lancaster Library System, Molly Rogers, Director of Wayne County Public Library, and Rob Leshner, Director of Adams County Library System. All testimonies will be posted to the Office of Commonwealth's WebJunction site.

A discussion followed regarding the main points the Council would like to have addressed in the recodification which are primarily flexibility and technology. Richey and Garm pointed out that regionalization is a main focus as well as a need to improve funding structures as the current structure is not helpful. Richey concluded that this is a "work in progress" and is pleased Council has been identified as a key player in the discussion.

BUREAU REPORTS

10. Bureau of State Library – Alice Lubrecht

Lubrecht announced the appointment of Iren Snavelly as the new Rare Books Librarian as of August 29, 2011. He was previously employed with the State Library but left in 2009 to accept a position with the American Philosophical Society's library in Philadelphia. He has been actively involved in getting to know the Rare Collections Library and has already given two tours with another scheduled for next week. Snavelly also has an intern, Zachary Laurence, a student at Syracuse University who will work with him from September until mid-November.

Lubrecht reported on the progress of the World War I Centennial Commemoration activities by reporting that she has had assistance by Snavelly and Laurence in working on the materials needed. Before his appointment as Rare Books Librarian, Snavelly worked under contract as the grant writer hired for an NEH Grant which, if awarded, will fund this joint project between the State Library and the State Archives. Lubrecht reported on a meeting she attended at the Army Heritage Education Center in Carlisle, hosted by the Military History Institute faculty. Attendees included staff from the University of Virginia, National Archives and the various branches of the armed forces. She was proud to report this project is being recognized at the national level.

Lubrecht reported PA Info Lit, a group of academic and school librarians, met in July 2011 to discuss projects which academic and school libraries could work on cooperatively. Belanger commented that it is important these projects demonstrate the value of libraries working cooperatively as some elected officials see the work of different types of libraries as overlapping or duplicative. Belanger expressed concern that the idea of combining facilities such as school and public libraries was brought up at the SB 1225 hearing as a desirable status. Mitchell used the analogy of apples and pears when discussing different types of libraries (academic, school, and public) as although they are both fruits they are each different. LaBar cautioned that the separation in the roles of libraries be included in the discussion surrounding the reorganization and returning school libraries to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries to differentiate that not all libraries are the same.

11. Bureau of Library Development – Susan Pannebaker

Pannebaker introduced Ms. Sandra Edmunds, Chief of the Division of Subsidies and Grants in the Bureau of Library Development. Pannebaker explained that as Division Chief, Edmunds is responsible for the Keystone Building grant program, federal grants and state aid. Edmunds previously worked for the Department of Education as a Deputy Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary and Higher Education.

Pannebaker reported on the Integrated Library System (ILS) and its move to an open source ILS. The Board of nine members, with Bill Schell as president, began meeting in June and the first library went online in September. Additional libraries are expected to go online in the next several months.

Pannebaker reported the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) requested clarifying information on the waiver request submitted resulting from the Office of Commonwealth Libraries not fulfilling the maintenance of effort (MOE) standard along. If successful, Pennsylvania will remain eligible for full 2012-2013 LSTA funding. At risk is \$3 million of the approximately \$6 million Pennsylvania receives each year. An answer is anticipated soon.

12. School Library Services Report – Susan Pannebaker

Pannebaker distributed the DRAFT of the Pennsylvania School Library Study report of findings and recommendations (Attachment C). Garm requested information on the process involved in order to move the School Library Division back under the Office of Commonwealth Libraries. Pannebaker reported it would involve the Department of Education making the organization chart change in designation of responsibility for school library services from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Office of Commonwealth Libraries.

This year's professional development workshop for School Librarians is entitled *Digital Collection Development: "Curating" Contents & Tools for K-12 Students*. It was written by Dr. Joyce Valenza and Deb Kachel. The authors presented a train-the-trainer session on August 5, 2011 for 19 school librarians and 11 public librarians. Many of the trainers have set up sessions around the state that will be presented in October and November with more to follow in the spring of 2012.

Pannebaker directed Councils attention to the recommendations from the State Board of Education's School Library Survey that is on Pages 29, 30 and 31.

13. 2011/2012 Schedule of Meetings

January 10, 2012	Forum Building Room 317, Harrisburg
March 13, 2012	Longwood Gardens Library, Kennett Square
April 13, 2012	Open Forum, PSLA Annual Conference, Hershey
June 12, 2012	Forum Building Room 317, Harrisburg
September 30, 2012	Open Forum, PaLA Annual Conference, Gettysburg

14. Adjourn

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting at 2:45 P.M.
MOVED BY: Robert Gallivan
SECONDED BY: Louis LaBar
VOTE: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Jones, Executive Secretary
Office of Commonwealth Libraries