

STATE LIBRARY COUNCIL
MINUTES
March 29, 2007

Present:	<u>Council Members:</u> Lannie L. Corbin James F. Donnelly Sharon Hartman Carolyn McClendon R. Allen Miller Jo Ann Mixon Charlie Parker	<u>Staff:</u> Judi Ring Loretta Flowers Jennifer Womble
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Introductions

Introductions were made and a quorum was announced.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2006 meeting was made, and they were approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in July in Tallahassee. Another meeting will be scheduled during the Library Directors' Conference, which will be held October 10 - 12 in Clearwater.

Vote - Council Chair

A motion to re-nominate Lannie Corbin as Council Chair was made, and was approved unanimously.

Division Update

Legislation

SB 2560 and HB 391 Early Voting Sites; provides for the supervisor of elections to file a request with the Division of Elections to designate additional early voting sites and revises the time when early voting sites are required to be open. This bill would benefit public libraries by expanding the areas of early voting sites.

SB 1760 and HB 541 Custodian of Public Records; designates that each agency appoint an officer to permit inspection and copying of public records; requires that the officer be identified; requires said custodians and their officer to acknowledge requests to inspect and copy public records promptly and in good faith.

SB 2088 and HB 747 Real Property Electronic Recording; creates the "Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act." Currently, there is no set policy in Florida to file property transactions and authenticate signatures with Clerk of Courts electronically. This bill will create the Electronic Recording Advisory Committee to create a policy and to propose rules to the Department of State to

enable the Clerk of Courts to start this process in Florida. This bill affects the Division by mandating our Records Management and Codes and Rules sections to promulgate rules.

SB 1736 and HB801 State Aid to Public Libraries; revises grant eligibility criteria for the multitype library cooperatives, including the removal of their \$400,000 funding cap; revises determination for and amount of base grants; and revises grant eligibility criteria, calculation (formula), and determination for equalization grants.

SB1804 Sexual Offenders/Public Libraries; prohibits certain specified sexual offenders whose victim was under age of 18 from entering a public library without immediately notifying employee of the public library of their presence and intent to use the resources of the library; prohibits a sex offender from entering the library until an employee acknowledges his/her presence. There are liability questions from the library community on this bill, and the Florida Library association has contacted the sponsor of this bill to discuss concerns.

SFY07-08 Budget Appropriations

Senate

- Salaries and Benefits: The Senate recommended 100.50 FTE. This number is reduced from the current year level by 5.0 FTE due to the shifting of Support Services from our Division to the Secretary of State's Office.
- Aid to local governments – Historical Records: The Senate recommended \$25,000 in federal funds from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission to support the management of the State Historical Records Advisory Board.
- Aid to local governments – Library Cooperatives: The Senate recommended \$2,400,000 in funding for the Multitype Library Cooperatives. This recommendation is the same as their current year level of funding.
- Aid to Local Government – Library Grants: The Senate recommended \$31,999,233 for State Aid to Public Libraries. This recommendation is the same as the current year level of funding.
- Aid to Local Governments – Community Libraries in Caring: The Senate recommended \$100,000 to support Rural Economic Development Initiative counties.
- Fixed Capitol Outlay – Library Construction Grants: The Senate recommended \$10,500,000 to fund the top 19 library construction projects on the division's SFY07-08 Public Library Construction Ranking List and Manatee County, which was number 27. Projects which were not funded are multiple projects submitted by counties.

House Differences

- Salaries and Benefits: The House recommended 105.50 FTE. This number does not include the shifting of Support Services from our Division to the Secretary of State's Office.
- Aid to local governments – Library Cooperatives: The House recommended \$1,200,000 in funding for the Multitype Library Cooperatives. This is half of their current year funding.
- Aid to Local Government – Library Grants: The House recommended \$30,670,289 in funding for State Aid to Public Libraries. This is a decrease of about \$1,600,000 from

current year funding. This decrease is based on the Department's D3 schedule, which is a recommendation of what programs could take a funding cut within the Department if there is a state funding shortfall; this was not a direct recommendation from the Secretary.

Old Business

Long Range Program Planning Process

The Division's long range planning process report, which represents stakeholder feedback obtained through working sessions, surveys, and phone interviews, was distributed to a 20-member planning committee who met for the first of two planning meetings on February 26 and 27, 2007.

The committee's input and insight will be compiled into a draft document by the Division's consultant, which will be then be presented to the planning committee during an April 19, 2007 meeting. The consultant will then meet with Division staff for responses to enable him to prepare a final document.

E-Government Study

The Division is working to help Florida public libraries address the needs associated with providing E-Government services, and is making the issue a priority for 2007 by supporting the resolution adopted by the American Library Association on January 24, 2007. This resolution urges all government agencies to acknowledge and support the role local libraries play in providing E-Government services.

Increasing numbers of patrons are using the computers at their public libraries to access vital federal and state services such as federal disaster assistance, Medicare prescription drug coverage plans, Immigration and Naturalization applications, and Department of Children and Families programs. However, when patrons lack technology skills, public librarians are the bridge between a citizen and a government agency. Many librarians are questioning this emerging role, wondering about issues such as legal constraints, confidentiality, and resource availability.

In December, Judi Ring and Loretta Flowers attended a conference in Atlanta, Georgia, to learn about recent E-Government research and conceptual best practices for libraries. As a step towards an E-Government strategy, the Division agreed to partner with the Information Use Management and Policy Institute at Florida State University to apply for a federal Institute of Museum and Library Services grant to further study librarians' role in E-Government.

As a second step, the Division met with a representative of ACCESS Florida and a district director from the Department of Children and Families to begin addressing public library needs. The Department agreed to develop statewide training for librarians, which will assist them with the important service of helping patrons locate or complete social service forms.

R.A. Gray Building HVAC Update

The Department has seen little progress in updating the HVAC system. The Department of Management Services has been replacing bits and pieces of the system to maintain a steady atmosphere. This has helped to sustain the temperature and humidity readings in the stack areas, but is not a permanent solution.

New Business

National Library Legislative Day

National Library Legislative Day is an opportunity for Florida's library supporters and advocates to meet with representatives about the needs of Florida's libraries in the areas of funding, telecommunications, copyright, and government information. The Division would like to sponsor two Council members' participation in National Library Day on May 1 and 2, 2007.

JoAnn Mixon and Lannie Corbin volunteered to attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.