

DRAFT
STATE LIBRARY COUNCIL
MINUTES
December 13, 2010 – Conference Call

Present:

Council Members:

Steven Benetz, Chair
Cherry Alexander
Bonnie Brinson
Gloria Colvin
Melinda Crowley
Sharon Hartman
Carolyn McClendon
Carla Summers

Staff:

Judith A. Ring, Secretary
Jennifer Womble
Loretta L. Flowers
Cathy Moloney
Gerard Clark
Jim Berberich
Mark Flynn

Introductions

The regular meeting of the State Library Council was called to order at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13, 2010, via conference call. Chairman Steven Benetz and Council Secretary Judith A. Ring were present. Introductions were made and a quorum was announced.

Adoption of the Agenda

A motion to adopt the December 13, 2010 agenda was made by Sharon Hartman. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Business Items

Election of Chair

A motion to appoint Cherry Alexander as Council Chair was made by Carolyn McClendon. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Election of Vice-Chair

A motion to appoint Gloria Colvin as Council Vice-Chair was made by Cherry Alexander. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 22, 2010 meeting was made by Cherry Alexander. The motion was seconded and they were approved unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in conjunction with the Florida Heritage Month Awards Ceremony on March 23, 2011. This meeting will provide members a tour of the Division's service areas as well as serve as a forum for Council development activities.

Orientation

An overview of the programs and services of the Division of Library and Information Services was provided to members by section managers.

Division Update

SFY10-11 Budget

State Aid to Public Libraries was funded at the \$21.2 million level. This funding will enable the full amount of federal Library Services and Technology Act funds to continue to be allotted to Florida in the future.

The public library community, library users, library professionals, and the citizens of Florida advocated in support of funding and were highly successful in their efforts to get the message out that cutting funding for public libraries affects everyone in the state.

SFY11-12 Budget

The Department's SFY11-12 legislative budget request included funding for State Aid to Public Libraries: \$21.2 million in recurring General Revenue, the maintenance of effort needed to receive federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

Funds were also requested to procure a Web Developer position, utilizing federal dollars to oversee ongoing website and application development for the Florida Memory Project.

As part of the SFY11-12 legislative budget request, the Department was directed to submit a 5% budget reduction priority listing for current SFY10-11 which included:

- The consolidation and relocation of the Capitol Branch located on the seventh floor of the Capitol with the State Library in the R.A. Gray Building – eliminating one position.
- The elimination of Multitype Library Cooperative funding.
- The elimination of Computer Output Microfilming in the Records Management Program – eliminating three and one-half positions.
- The reduction of funding for the conservation and preservation of archival materials by \$50,000 – eliminating one half-time position.

The Department also submitted a 15% budget reduction priority listing for SFY11-12 which included:

- The consolidation and relocation of the Capitol Branch located on the seventh floor of the Capitol with the State Library in the R.A. Gray Building – eliminating one position.
- The elimination of Computer Output Microfilming in the Records Management Program – eliminating three and one-half positions.
- The reduction of funding for the conservation and preservation of archival materials by \$50,000.
- A fund shift from General Revenue to Federal Grants Trust Fund in the amount of \$47,901 for four database resources relating to history, genealogy, and American culture.
- The reduction of funding in the amount of \$75,000 for commercial databases that the State Library offers to state employees throughout the state to conduct work-related research.

- The consolidation of the State Library of Florida with the State Archives of Florida – eliminating seven and one-half positions.
- The elimination of the Flag Collection and Audio Visual Collection Programs – eliminating one position.

Legislation

No significant legislation related to the Division has been filed. Interim Legislative committee and subcommittee meetings began the week of December 6, 2010, and will continue until the 2011 Legislative Session begins on March 8, 2011. The last day of Session is May 6, 2011.

Old Business

Return on Investment Study

For every tax dollar received, Florida public libraries provide \$8.32 in value. The statewide return on investment increased from \$6.54 in 2004 to \$8.32 in 2008. The current study also examines the social value of public libraries and provides a return on investment calculation for each county.

Key findings show that:

- A job is created for every \$3,491 of public support to Florida libraries.
- Income (wages) increases by \$22.97 for every dollar of public support to libraries.
- The value of all goods and services produced in the state of Florida increases by \$10.57 for every dollar of public support to libraries.

Materials, including brochures, bookmarks, and posters to highlight the findings of the study are available from the Division upon request.

New Business

Legislative Subcommittee

Melinda Crowley brought forward a motion to appoint a State Library Council legislative subcommittee whose purpose would be to provide a forum for the discussion of legislative issues, and to review, consider, investigate, and take action on matters and issues which have an effect or impact on the Division of Library and Information Services and its programs and activities. Upon approval of the Chair, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Melinda Crowley brought forward a motion to adopt a Special Rule of Order to allow the scope of responsibility of the State Library Council Subcommittee, created by the previously adopted motion, to include the authority to take final action with respect to any matter, and to have the power to decide or deliberate policy on behalf of the State Library Council. Upon approval of the Chair, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Melinda Crowley, Gloria Colvin, and Sharon Hartman were appointed to the State Library Council Subcommittee by approval of the Chair. Cherry Alexander, as Chair, will serve as set forth in the Council's ByLaws.

Members recapped what is happening in libraries, archives, or records centers in their areas.

The meeting adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

Cherry Alexander, Chair

Judith A. Ring, Secretary

Date Approved