



Alliance Library System

Board of Directors Meeting May 22, 2008 Minutes

This meeting of the Alliance Library System Board of Directors was held at ALS, 600 High Point Lane, East Peoria, Illinois and called to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call

Members Present: Barbara Galik, President, Steve Alvin, Kevin Eckhoff, Yvonne Frey, Molly Horio, Chad McCoy, Stephanie McKinley-Miller, John Richmond, Jeff Taylor, Wed Turner, Pam Van Kirk

Members Absent: Susan Busenbark

Staff Present: Kitty Pope, Geri Kegley, Lori Bell

Guests Present: Karen and Jerry Bersche

2. **Introductions** – B. Galik requested that introductions be made by those present.

3. **Approval of Agenda and Requested Changes to Consent Agenda** – B. Galik called for approval of the agenda.

MOTION BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER AND SECONDED BY J. RICHMOND THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. **MOTION APPROVED**

4. Consent Agenda

B. Galik called for approval of the consent agenda.

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MOTION BY P. VAN KIRK AND SECONDED BY W. TURNER THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. **MOTION APPROVED.**

4.1 Approval of minutes of the meeting of April 24, 2008

4.2 Approval of the payment of payroll and bills for April, 2008, three payrolls in the amount of \$81,967.61 and bills in the amount of \$163,760.43

4.3 Financial Report – Pam Van Kirk

5. Correspondence

G. Kegley shared the following:

- An article on Second Life from the May, 2008 edition of *Searcher*, The Magazine for Database Professionals, written by Lori Bell, Kitty Pope and Tom Peters
- A listing of the 130 member libraries who are participating in the *We the People* “Created Equal” bookshelf grant. The libraries received 17 classic hardcover books for young readers, all conveying the “Created Equal” theme as well as bookplates, bookmarks and posters

S. Alvin thanked the Board for allowing him the time off he requested and for the wedding congratulations card.

6. President's Report

B. Galik shared the following:

- She will be chairing the United Way campaign for Bradley for the coming year
- She will be attending ALA in Anaheim in June
- Announced that Joanne Glasser, President of Bradley University will be the keynote speaker at ALS Annual meeting in October. The meeting date will be changed to October 30th to accommodate Ms. Glasser

7. Illinois State Library Report

Vandella Brown shared the following:

- Reviewed the status of the LSTA grants
- The State Library will be offering a required workshop on per capita grant information for public librarians to attend
- Bill 4527, to increase funds for school and public libraries was passed by the House and Senate and sent on to Governor Blagojevich
- 2008 per capita checks have been sent out
- Encouraged the Board to visit the Illinois Web Junction website at ilwebjunction.org; it can also be reached from the ALS website
- IL blue books will be sent out to libraries around the state
- ISLAC meeting; approval for boundaries change of Sherrard PL from ALS to PALS
- ALS will be at the State Library to defend the FY2009 budget on July 23rd
- As this was Vandella's last meeting, she thanked the ALS Board and staff for their work and support and announced that Neil Kelley will be the new state library liaison for ALS

8. Executive Director's Report

K. Pope's report included the following:

- ALS sent only 1 delegate to 2008 Legislative Days in Washington, D.C. in May due to budget constraints
- The primary messages taken to legislators were:
 - Fund the LSTA's at \$214 million plus
 - Fund the Improving Literacy through School Libraries program at \$100 million
 - Amend Fair Use Act
 - Second Life is designed for adults only
 - Preserve E-rate
 - Amendments to Freedom of Information Act
- Kitty shared the cost of Legislative Days over the last five years
- RSA Day had 72 participants; Director's Station software was very popular
- RSA system was down for 4 days due to server issues; Kendal will be recommending to the RSA that an alternate server be purchased to avoid this in the future
- Gave an update on ALS Delivery Service which will begin on July 2nd
- Update on changes to the ISBE rules; proposed language included sending students to public libraries or to systems for library services; explained that systems do not have collections or staff to serve the public
- The Per Capita Grant application was presented and made available for the Board to review; K. Pope thanked Geri Kegley and MTeam for their efforts.

MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY Y. FREY THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE PER CAPITA GRANT

APPLICATION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE STATE LIBRARY AS PRESENTED
MOTION APPROVED

9. Unfinished Business

None reported

10. New Business

10.1 Innovation Department Annual Review

L. Bell reviewed the annual report of the Innovation Department. A discussion followed. The Board then took a brief field trip to view the Smart Investing at Your Library display and presentation.

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MOTION BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER AND SECONDED BY M. HORIO THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPT THE INNOVATION DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REVIEW AS PRESENTED **MOTION APPROVED**

11. Public/Audience Comments

Karen Bersche announced her retirement as Director of the Mid-Illinois Talking Book Center as of June 30, 2008. President B. Galik, on behalf of the Board, and K. Pope congratulated Karen and thanked her.

12. Other Business

None reported

13. Closed Session

The ALS Board moved into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY J. TAYLOR THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION TO REVIEW THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2008. ROLL CALL VOTE BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER:

S. ALVIN	YES	C. MCCOY	YES
S. BUSENBARK	ABSENT	S. MCKINLEY-MILLER	YES
K. ECKHOFF	YES	J. RICHMOND	YES
Y. FREY	YES	J. TAYLOR	YES
B. GALIK	YES	W. TURNER	YES
M. HORIO	YES	P. VAN KIRK	YES

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION BY S. ALVIN AND SECONDED BY P. VAN KIRK THAT THE ALS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MOVE OUT OF CLOSED SESSION AT 6:57 P.M.

ROLL CALL VOTE BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER:

S. ALVIN	YES	C. MCCOY	YES
S. BUSENBARK	ABSENT	S. MCKINLEY-MILLER	YES
K. ECKHOFF	YES	J. RICHMOND	YES
Y. FREY	YES	J. TAYLOR	YES
B. GALIK	YES	W. TURNER	YES
M. HORIO	YES	P. VAN KIRK	YES

MOTION APPROVED

MOTION BY P. VAN KIRK AND SECONDED BY K. ECKHOFF THAT THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2008 MEETING.

MOTION APPROVED - S. ALVIN ABSTAINED

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Alliance Library System Board of Directors will be on June 26, 2008 at the Brown County Public Library, Mt. Sterling, IL.

14. Adjournment

MOTION BY S. MCKINLEY-MILLER AND SECONDED BY P. VAN KIRK THAT THE MEETING OF THE ALLIANCE LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS BE ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M.

MOTION APPROVED

Secretary

Prepared by:
Geri Kegley
Executive Manager