

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
September 24, 2012,
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

Members Present: Tom Viall, Chair; Kristen Chin, Kenneth Findlay, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb and Carol Terry.

Members Absent: Regina Connor, Phyllis Lynch, Mark McKenney, Alison Peirce, Joan Retsinas, and Ruth Sullivan

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Howard Boksenbaum, Debbie Cullerton, Donna DiMichele and Karen Mellor

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Chair Tom Viall began the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for September 2012.
School Librarians of Rhode Island Invitation for Annual Dinner
ALA Reference Guide
Protecting the Past Emergency Kit Checklist
Proclamation from Governor Chafee – Declaring October Literacy Month

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed Library Board members and OLIS staff.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 21 MEETING

The minutes from the June 18, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with minor changes.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tom Viall

The year ahead should prove to be a busy one for the Library Board

- Tom reported on the Proclamation from Governor Chafee naming October as Information Literacy Month.
- He also announced to the Board a reception to honor Jack Reed sponsored by RILA and other library organizations in RI. Senator Reed was honored in Washington with Honorary Life membership, the American Library Association's highest honor, and a Crystal Apple Award from The American Association of School Librarians. The local reception will recognize those honors and Senator

Reed's enormous contribution to libraries across the nation on October 21 at the RISD Fleet Library from 4 – 6 p.m.

- The Library Board will be revising the Minimum Standards for Rhode Island Public Libraries.
- As the Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training has had to reduce staffing and even close one of the One-Stop offices because of reductions in federal funding, OLIS has been working with them to expand the role of public libraries in serving the public's need to connect to unemployment insurance and job hunting resources. Tom cited the press coverage to date and his hope that future PR efforts will include the library component.
- OLIS will be facing budget problems in 2014 and beyond. Consequently, there will again be no LORI grants this year.
- In the coming year, Bart Hollingsworth's committee will be working on an approach to 21st Century Skills.
- Tom encouraged Board Members to get involved between meetings on committees, sub-committees or just spreading the word about our efforts.
- Tom and Howard have invited two new Board Members. Louise Bright will replace Mark McKenney and Monica Dzialo will replace Regina Connor. OLIS is still looking for someone to replace the seat that Alison Peirce vacated.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT – Howard Boksenbaum

LSTA Plan – Donna DiMichele

IMLS has rejected OLIS' Five Year Plan for mostly technical reasons; the plan will have to be corrected and resubmitted. The primary requirement is that the goals be related in the plan to IMLS' LSTA Priorities. IMLS has also required that OLIS remove all mention of advocacy from the plan, as advocacy is not a legitimate expenditure of LSTA funds. Donna is making the necessary changes and OLIS will be resubmitting the plan by the end of the month.

OLIS Budget

The state budget office has not yet submitted the budget to the governor. Howard expressed optimism that OLIS will be able to continue all current services.

OLIS is on the move again

Department of Administration's Director Richard Licht is expanding the Director's Suite to include the Chief Digital Officer and administration of the new Office of Management and Budget. Consequently, OLIS is going to have to move. No decision has been made yet about where OLIS will move to. Donna, Karen and Howard have been drawing up diagrams of possibilities for the future. Discussion followed.

Rose Ellen Reynolds made a motion that the Board indicate in writing to the Director of Administration, Richard Licht, that the Library Board is concerned about the library move and the displacement of OLIS staff. The Board would draft a letter to Director Licht officially protesting the potential move and relocation of OLIS and keeping it intact.

Motion Made: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded: Joan Ress Reeves

It was unanimously approved by the Library Board.

Annual Report

The Annual Report cycle has just finished. OLIS is happy to announce that we only have 3 libraries with problems with Maintenance of Effort. That is South Kingstown, Providence, and New Shoreham. Howard is optimistic that a resolution will be found for all of them. Howard has had visits from the state commissioner who is taking over the budget in Woonsocket and from the commissioner in East Providence, both of whom are putting a lot of pressure on those communities, leaving the library budget threatened.

Directors' Meeting

OLIS convened its quarterly meeting of library directors last week. Renee Hobbs was invited to discuss her plans for the new Harrington School of Communication, which includes the Graduate School Of Library and Information Studies. Also on the agenda was Brian C. Jones of the Rhode Island Library Report, which is exploring "Public Journalism" through news of Rhode Island's libraries. Stuart Frieman from Economic Development was on hand with an update on BBRI and the Digital Literacy Project. Finally, staff of the new Statewide Reference Resource Center were invited to speak to their plans. Over 40 library directors attended from public, school and academic libraries. The discussion was lively and rich. Reports are on the web at www.rilibraryreport.org and www.olis.ri.gov.

Digital Literacy – Donna DiMichele

The ALA Office of Information Technology and Policy's Digital Literacy Task Force has released a draft of their report. A comment period is open from September 19th to October 19th. Renee Hobbs serves on this committee. Links to the report are on the OLIS website. Donna encouraged comments from Rhode Island.

Protecting the Past – RI – Donna DiMichele

Protecting the Past continues with collaboration with Rhode Island Emergency Management. Preserve Rhode Island one of the PtP partners, has hired a project assistant to work at the direction of the project manager collecting data about libraries, archives, and historical societies and entering them into RIEMA's Emergency Operations Center database.

PtP is planning whole community COSTEP meetings: one for the central region of the state at Johnson & Wales Culinary Arts Museum on October 10th (several members of the Board are included in that region including Mary Ann Slocomb, Ed Garcia, Carol Terry, and Ruth Sullivan) and another at Linden Place in Bristol on October 22 for the East Bay region.

Rhode Island Emergency Management has received a grant to create a customized personal emergency preparation checklist. The Executive Director of RI Emergency Management has asked OLIS to distribute them through libraries.

Statewide Reference Resource Center – Karen Mellor

The transition from the Providence Public Library to the Providence Community Library took place on July 1st. OLIS is happy with the cooperation from the Providence Public Library to the Providence Community Library to make sure that the website moved seamlessly from one server to the other. There was no down time from the online services

for AskRI. The online features are up and running and we are excited about this new transition because it will actually be available on mobile devices.

Department of Labor and Training Update – Karen Mellor

The collaborative of OLIS, RILA and DLT has to date put 16 unemployment insurance computer workstations into 14 libraries across the state.

Summer Reading Program

Howard asked the Board to go to the OLIS website to see the great coverage of the Summer Reading Program at McCoy Stadium.

Lead the Change – Ed Garcia

Ed attended Library Journal's Lead the Change workshop in Darien, CT. The workshop focused on how to identify organizational strengths and weaknesses. In one session, it was asserted that you don't have to have a title to be a leader; others addressed how to empower library staff to become leaders in their organizations.

OLIS Monthly Report – Howard Boksenbaum

Howard distributed the September OLIS Monthly Report to the Board.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted

Moved by: Ed Garcia
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation Committee - Rose Ellen Reynolds

We are anxiously waiting the elections to see what develops and to see what the House of Representatives looks like.

21st Century Committee – Bart Hollingsworth

The survey will be going out this week. Bart hopes that when the Board meets next, he will have some things to say about what they have learned from the results.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Draft Standards: Standards Committee

Howard presented a draft of revised Minimum Standards for Rhode Island Public Libraries with the intention of having the Board pass it on to a Standards Revision Committee for review. At the May meeting, when the plan for revising the Standards had been accepted by the Board, Joan Riss Reeves and Ed Garcia had volunteered to be on the Standards Revision Committee. The Committee will have until January for the Board to solicit input, to hold meetings and amend the draft. Howard has asked Donna DiMichele to be the logistics manager for the committee. Discussion followed.

The Board asked for additional volunteers and asked the committee to return to the October Board meeting with a draft charge.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The schedule for Future Meetings for the 2012 - 2013 had been distributed by email.

There is a change for next month's meeting. Instead of October 15th the next Board meeting will be held on October 22, 2012, at the Department of Administration, Conference Room B. There was another change on the January meeting, from the 28th to the 14th.

X. ADJOURN - Motion made to adjourn.

Moved by: Mary Ann Slocomb
Seconded by: Kristen Chin

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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October 22, 2012,
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Members Present: Tom Viall, Chair; Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Carol Terry

Members Absent: Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Kenneth Findlay, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Lynch, Mark McKenney, Alison Peirce, Mary Ann Slocomb, and Ruth Sullivan

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Howard Boksenbaum, Debbie Cullerton, and Donna DiMichele

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for October 2012
Minutes from the September 24, 2012, meeting
Charge to the Ad-Hoc Standards Review Committee - Draft

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed attending Library Board members and OLIS staff.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING

The minutes from the September 24, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

Motion: Joan Ress Reeves

Second: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Tom Viall

Tom reported on the reception to honor Senator Jack Reed on October 21 at the RISD Fleet Library from 4 – 6 p.m. Because of flight problems the Senator was delayed at National Airport and consequently unable to attend. There was nonetheless a good turnout of approximately 150 people. Senator Reed was awarded a Life Membership in American Library Association (ALA), the Association's highest honor, and a Crystal Apple Award from the American Association of School Librarians.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT – Howard Boksenbaum

OLIS Budget

Howard remains cautiously optimistic about the 2014 state budget including OLIS, the resource sharing grants, and construction reimbursement. The federal situation, however, is looking dim. Emily Sheketoff, director of ALA's Washington Office, is very pessimistic, predicting significant cuts to IMLS' budget. Others are more optimistic, feeling that when the smoke clears after the election, things will look pretty much as they do now.

OLIS Move

Reconfiguration of the fourth floor of the Powers Building proceeds with priority being given to enlargement of the director's suite. OLIS has had to move 5 people, including the staff of Talking Books Plus, Donna DiMichele, and Jeremy Cutler, into temporary quarters in the west end of the fourth floor. The rest of OLIS staff will have to move as well. The OLIS library is likely to be moved into smaller quarters. Neither a timeline nor an ultimate destination has been determined.

COSLA

Howard reported on his trip to Lexington, Kentucky, for the meeting of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies.

Summer Reading Program

Howard praised Cheryl Space, who has streamlined the process of supporting local libraries in their participation in the statewide Summer Reading Program.

Talking Books Plus

Beauty of Humanity Movement by Camilla Gibb is this year's Reading Across Rhode Island selection. Absent from the National Library Service catalog, it would have been unavailable to Talking Books Plus patrons. OLIS has consequently contracted with Perkins School for the Blind to record it to NLS standards. TBP users will now have access to 25 copies and it will also be available for downloading.

Protecting the Past – RI – Donna DiMichele

Donna reported on the national Connecting to Collections Exchange sponsored by IMLS. OLIS' Protecting the Past project is part of the Connecting to Collections program. Donna gave a short presentation to the Exchange on what Rhode Island has done with dPlan to make it into RI.dplan.

OLIS Monthly Statistical Report – Howard Boksenbaum

Howard presented the monthly report, explaining that the AskRI utilization statistics are yet a work in progress.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted

Motion: Joan Retinas

Second: Rose Ellen Reynolds

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislation - Rose Ellen Reynolds

The Committee will spring into action after the elections.

21st Century Committee – Bart Hollingsworth

No report

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Standards Ad-Hoc Committee – Tom Viall

The Committee consists of:

- Aaron Coutu – Cumberland Public Library
 - Tom Viall – Library Board of Rhode Island Chair
 - Ken Findlay – Library Board of Rhode Island
 - Ed Garcia – Library Board of Rhode Island
 - Brigitte Hopkins – West Warwick Public Library, Chair of the Committee
 - Joan Ress Reeves – Library Board of Rhode Island
 - Howard Boksenbaum – Chief Library Officer of OLIS
- Donna DiMichele of OLIS will act as staff to the Committee.

On behalf of the Committee, Tom presented the following charge for the Board's approval:

Whereas, chapters 3.1-1 of RIGI. 29-6-3 include among the powers and duties of the Library Board, "...to adopt and require enforcement of standards and regulations for public library services.", and

Whereas, one of those standards: Minimum Standards for Rhode Island Public Libraries was last reviewed, revised and approved on September 18, 2000; and

Whereas, those revisions recommended frequent review and revision of the standards; and

Whereas, at the Library Board of Rhode Island's May 21, 2012, meeting the Board accepted a plan by OLIS to conduct a review and recommend revisions to the

Standards and at the September 24 meeting voted to form, an Ad-Hoc committee to review the Standards.

Now therefore, the Library Board of Rhode Island charges the Standards Review Committee with the following tasks:

- Review the extant Minimum Standards of Rhode Island Public Libraries and the 2013 Draft revision of the same prepared by OLIS staff
- Gather input from stakeholders, through meetings, online forums, surveys or other means.
- Prepare a final draft for review by the Library Board of Rhode Island.
- Offer a report of the standing of that draft at the January 2013 meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island

The charge to the Minimum Standards Review Committee was unanimously approved.

Motion: Shirley Long
Second: Rose Ellen Reynolds

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Board meeting will be held on November 19, 2012, at the Department of Administration Powers Building, Conference Room B.

Tom Viall noted that in the OLIS Monthly Report it is reported that Debbie Cullerton is retiring, and that the Board was going to miss her a great deal. The Board acknowledged all the support that she has given over the years.

X. ADJOURNMENT.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds
Seconded by: Kristen Chin

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Mark McKenney, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Ruth Sullivan, Carol Terry, Joan Retsinas, Tom Viall

Members absent: Ken Findlay, Mary Ann Slocomb, Phyllis Lynch

Attending for OLIS: Howard Boksenbaum, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Reporting: Donna DiMichele

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for November 2012

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2012, MEETING

Postponed until the December meeting.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Board membership

Tom Viall reported that Ruth Sullivan has submitted a letter of resignation from the Board. Ruth serves as designee of the Commissioner for Higher Education, who is an Ex Officio member. Tom read the letter in which Ruth explained that the state's dissolution of the Board of Higher Education rendered her role null effective December 2012. Tom thanked Ruth for her six years of service. Howard Boksenbaum will approach the chair of the new state education board about representation of Higher Education on the LiBRI.

Tom and Howard met with Monica Dzialo and found her willing to be nominated to join the Board representing "Users of the Regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped." Monica would replace Regina Connor.

Standards review

Tom participated in the second meeting of the Standards Review Committee.

Honoring Debbie Cullerton

Tom suggested and the Board, by consensus, directed that he and Howard prepare a letter from the LiBRI to recently retired OLIS staff and secretary to the Board, Debbie Cullerton, and send it to Debbie, framed, on behalf of the entire Board.

Chief Library Officer's pending absence

Howard will be absent on medical leave from December 17, 2012, to February 4, 2013. During this time, Board members who call OLIS should use the 574-9300 phone line to leave messages.

Legislative action

In the last piece of the Chair's report, Tom noted that now that the election is concluded the Board should begin to discuss budget and legislation with legislators so that when the General Assembly begins its session in January, the legislators are aware of issues important to RI libraries.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Public Library annual reports

Howard Boksenbaum, Chief Library Officer, reported that grant-in-aid applications from all but four municipalities are complete. New Shoreham, West Greenwich, Jamestown, and Central Falls remain outstanding. East Providence is also on hold as a result of the city's non-standard fiscal year of the city (November to October).

Budget

There was nothing to report on the status of FY2013 and 2014 budgets for OLIS, state resource sharing grants or public library construction.

OLIS move

OLIS space continues to be reconfigured in DoA. All but three OLIS staff have been relocated to temporary quarters on west side of the 4th floor. Howard, Kelley Lima and Alicia Waters have yet to be moved. The Frank Iacono Library is likely to be reduced to the space of Howard's current office. Because that is so much smaller a space for the library, OLIS has begun a discussion with the University of Rhode Island Libraries regarding relocating the bulk of the collection to the Carothers Library on the Kingston Campus with OLIS retaining a small satellite collection in the DoA.

Cornucopia of RI

Howard and Alicia Waters attended the Cornucopia of Rhode Island annual Conference program, where Howard gave the welcoming remarks. Senator Reed also attended.

OSL news

Champlin Foundations awarded a grant of \$914,401 to Ocean State Libraries (OSL) for OSL projects and equipment as well as technology items for the member libraries.

\$300,000 of the grant is earmarked for downloadable materials in the OSL E-Zone from Overdrive Corp. OSL is planning to run a trial of “Buy It Now” from Overdrive, which offers library users the option of buying an ebook located in the E-Zone but not readily available. OSL will receive 6% of each sale.

Protecting the Past

Donna DiMichele reported on Protecting the Past – RI: The New England Archivists accepted a session proposal from the project. The session will demonstrate the collaboration between RI Emergency Management and OLIS in creating a vigorous plan for emergency response. Training continues with a tabletop exercise planned for January and additional programs TBA. West Warwick Public Library was identified as an outstanding model of a library that received training and created a viable action plan for disaster response and recovery.

AskRI

Karen Mellor reported on AskRI.org: Statistics on the database usage drives decision making and shows that the program is well used. Karen is refining data collection so that a cogent set of statistics, constant and measurable, is produced. The AskRI website is experiencing a huge increase in website visits. Howard noted that the statistics represent a nexus of movement from reference in person to phone reference to online information seeking.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted

Motion: Joan Retsinas
Second: Rose Ellen Reynolds

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Standards Review Committee

Tom reported on behalf of Brigitte Hopkins, chair of the Standards Review Committee. The second meeting of the Standards Committee was held on November 1 at the West Warwick Public Library. The Committee has begun the development of a work plan and a schedule for completing the work of the Committee. Its next meeting will convene on Wednesday, November 28, at 2:00 at the Cranston Public Library.

B. Legislative Committee

Committee Chair Rose Ellen Reynolds reported that Representative Deborah Ruggiero has expressed interest in working with the LiBRI on comprehensive library legislation, perhaps in cooperation with the Karla Harry Commission on Libraries.

C. 21st Century Committee

Committee Chair Bart Hollingsworth reported that the committee’s survey to collect information about the state of 21st century skills in RI library community was sent to

almost 500 people and had a return rate of 25%. A draft report based on results from the survey was distributed prior to the meeting.

“21st century skills” is a somewhat abstract concept and the responses reflect the abstraction. Preliminary analysis indicates that 40% of respondents are comfortable saying they are “digitally literate” but that there is not much available training for digital literacy in the field. Renee Hobbs, director of the Harrington School and acting head of the URIS-GSLIS, has written to Bart about some grant opportunities to increase training in the state. This is an example of the way the survey is leading to opportunities.

Mark McKenney commented that OLIS has the opportunity to be a catalyst and model best practices statewide. Ruth Sullivan said that she sees opportunities for Ocean State Libraries and HELIN to collaborate to promote the 21 Century Skills training.

Howard noted that the Committee’s findings will help OLIS define the scope of 21st Century Skills needs in the state. Bart said 112 of the respondents want to “continue the conversation,” which will help OLIS shape the agenda for 21st Century Skills.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Other business

Cranston Public Library did not receive the grant they had applied for under the IMLS Learning Lab for Teens program; however, Ed Garcia reported that he will continue to seek a space and funds to develop a branch that will concentrate on fulfilling the objectives outlined in the grant application.

The DLT computer installations in public libraries continue and were highlighted in the Providence Business news.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2012

X. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45.

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Members absent: Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, Phyllis Lynch, Mark McKenney

Attending for OLIS: Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Reporting: Donna DiMichele

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for November 2012

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2012, MEETING

The minutes from the October 15, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE November 19, 2012, MEETING

The minutes from the November 19, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with minor corrections.

Moved by: Rose Ellen Reynolds
Seconded by: Shirley Long

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Tom Viall reported that he participated in a meeting with Linda Kushner, member of the Board of Directors of the Providence Community Library (PCL), and Steve Kumins, PCL

Development Office, about legislation for library fundraising. He also met with State Representative Deborah Ruggiero about the library legislation in the upcoming session of the RI General Assembly.

Tom thanked Ruth Sullivan for her years of service as representative for the Commissioner of Higher Education. Since the Board of Governors of Higher Education has been dissolved, Ruth will no longer attend LBRI meetings.

Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA)

The annual COLA Annual Meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2013, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the State House.

National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

The 2013 NLLD is scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The Chair encourages members of the Board to participate.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Karen Mellor presented the Chief Library Officer's report on behalf of Howard Boksenbaum. Howard will be on medical leave until February 4, recovering from the hip replacement surgery he had on December 17. Matters usually brought to Howard's attention should be brought to Karen during that time. Telephone calls should be made to 401-574-9300.

Grant in Aid

Grant in Aid to municipalities is complete except for Central Falls. East Providence Public Library did not meet Maintenance of Effort and a waiver was granted by the Chief Library Officer. A review of the waiver process ensued and no action on the part of the Board is required at present.

OLIS is processing Grant in Aid to the Adult Correctional Institution and the School for the Deaf.

OLIS move

In the last two weeks Howard, Kelley Lima and Alicia Waters moved to new spots on the fourth floor.

Iacono Library – Donna DiMichele

The University of Rhode Island Library has agreed to take a large portion of the Iacono Library Collection. The catalog records for the materials will include a note field that states that the item is part of the Frank Iacono Library collection. Any RI resident can get a URI card and borrow materials from the URI Libraries, so the Iacono professional materials are still available for borrowing.

A small Iacono Library will be situated in Howard's former office.

For the present OLIS continues to be an Ocean State Libraries member and will process collection holds and receive delivery.

Protecting the Past - Donna DiMichele

A tabletop exercise is scheduled for January. A tabletop exercise is led by a trainer who takes participants through various scenarios in a disaster. The objective is to see how well an institution's disaster plan will work.

OLIS Staff

The position vacated by Debbie Cullerton (retired) has been upgraded from an Information Services Technician II to an Assistant Administrative Officer.

AskRI

The Statewide Reference Resource Center staff at Providence Community Library is working on an advertising campaign for the AskRI services and databases. PCL has engaged a marketing firm to create materials, including updating the program logo. The advertising campaign will include outreach to the Spanish-language community. Social media is currently being widely used to promote AskRI.

RILA Liaison

RILA is planning its annual legislative day at the State House for the first half of February. No date has been set.

Budget

There was nothing to report on the status of FY 2014 budget.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Committee

A. Standards Review Committee

The Committee met twice since the November Board meeting. The Committee is giving the revision great consideration. It is in the process of mapping the current standards to proposed standards. There is emphasis on eliminating redundancy and creating measurable standards.

B. Legislative Committee

Tom Viall reported that Linda Kushner, member of the PCL Board of Directors and Steve Kumins, PCL Development Office, met with the Committee to discuss R.I.G.L.

29.6.2, specifically endowment-based Grant in Aid. The Committee clarified that changes in legislation should benefit all libraries.

The Chair and Chief Library Officer also met also met with Rep. Deborah Ruggiero about library legislation in the upcoming session of the RI General Assembly. Rep. Ruggiero proposed that public libraries would undoubtedly play an important role in assisting the public in using the proposed new online Healthcare Exchange. We agreed that it was important to educate the General Assembly to this added burden and the importance of funding libraries.

C. 21st Century Committee

No report.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

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X. Adjournment

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ken Findlay

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Members absent: Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Mark McKenney, Mary Ann Slocomb

Attending for OLIS: Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: Eileen Dyer, President, Rhode Island Library Association (RILA)

Reporting: Donna DiMichele

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:17 p.m.

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for December 2012, AskRI statistics

I. WELCOME

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE December 17, 2012, MEETING

The minutes from the December 17, 2012, meeting were unanimously approved with corrections.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Howard Boksenbaum, Chief Library Officer, is on schedule to return from medical leave to work on Monday, February 4, 2013. The LBRI sent a fruit basket to Howard's home; Rose Ellen Reynolds facilitated.

The RILA Library Legislative Awareness Day is scheduled for Wednesday, February 6, from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the State House. OLIS will be represented with a tabletop exhibit, information and staff.

Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA)

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IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

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OLIS.ri.gov

Using a template from RI.gov, OLIS released its updated website on Wednesday, January 6. OLIS staff worked on the project for several months, updating website content and customizing the template for OLIS' needs. The website is more accessible to all users and is compatible with mobile devices.

Grant in Aid

New Shoreham (Island Free Library) is resolving its maintenance of effort problem. No budget reduction to the Grants is expected when the Governor releases his budget.

OLIS move

OLIS does not have a timeline for when phase two of its move will take place. It hinges on the movement of other units in the Department of Administration (DOA) building. All the Iacono Library books that URI agreed to accept were transferred to the Carothers Library on the Kingston campus in early January. A small Iacono Library is now in a room on the fourth floor of the DOA.

Upcoming Conferences

The HELIN Conference is scheduled for January 16. Karen Mellor, Donna DiMichele, and Chaichin Chen will attend. Karen will attend "Convergence and Community Conference: Preparing future Workers for a New Knowledge Network of Libraries, Newsrooms, Studios and Agencies" at the Harrington School of Communication and Media on January 17. The meeting is a summit bringing together practitioners from the various disciplines that are now under the umbrella of the Harrington School (Library and Information Studies, Communication Studies, Film Media, Journalism, Public Relations, and Writing and Rhetoric).

National Library Legislative Day, May 7-8, 2013

Information about registration for the program and the program hotel were distributed. Those planning to participate were asked to make their own program and hotel reservations. Donna DiMichele offered to assist anyone that would like help with registration.

OLIS Staffing

The Human Resources Personnel Action Request Form is in the system; once approved, OLIS can move forward with hiring an Assistant Administrative Officer.

AskRI

Statistics on AskRI use were distributed and a sample new bookmark for promoting AskRI was presented. Shirley Long commented that the new EBSCO product interface on AskRI looked good and was an improvement from the previous interface. AskRI is working on a bus sign advertising campaign, an updated website, and other marketing.

RILA Liaison

RILA is planning its annual legislative day at the State House on February 6, 2013. OLIS will have an information table and staff to share information with legislators.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ken Findlay

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Committee

A. Standards Review Committee

Tom Viall reported for the Committee. Work continues on a draft of the new Minimum Standards for RI Public Libraries. Once the Committee is satisfied with the draft, the Board will review them, and there will be opportunities for the library community to comment.

B. Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Chair, reported. Linda Kushner, member of the Providence Community Library Board of Directors, and Ellen Schwartz, PCL Board Treasurer, met with Karen Mellor to gather data on grant-in-aid per R.I.G.L. 29.6.2 as a follow up to the December meeting. Ms. Kushner is working to introduce legislation that amends how grant-in-aid is distributed. Ms. Kushner later provided a table of possible grant-in-aid distribution eliminating endowment based grant-in-aid. All but four libraries would benefit from this proposed distribution.

From the ensuing discussion, emerged the explanation that libraries began receiving endowment based grant-in-aid (GIA) in 2004. In 2013, endowment based GIA totals \$732,268.00. It was the opinion of the assembled that any changes in the law that would eliminate endowment based GIA should be implemented over time so as to allow libraries to adjust to changes in funding and clarified that GIA was initially intended to support public (tax based) funding, not private funding such as would come from endowments.

C. 21st Century Committee
No report.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Eileen Dyer reported that the Rhode Island Library Association will watch RI library related legislation and take positions as warranted.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2013.

X. Adjournment

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Ken Findlay

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
February 25, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Tom Viall

Members absent: Mark McKenney, Kristen Chin, Ken Findlay, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Carol Terry

Attending for OLIS: Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: Eileen Dyer, President, Rhode Island Library Association (RILA); Kathryn Taylor, Director, Westerly Public Library; Richard Constantine, Westerly Public Library, Board of Trustees; and Dale Thompson, Director, Providence Public Library

Reporting: Donna DiMichele

Materials Distributed:

OLIS Monthly Report for December 2012, AskRI statistics, Report from the Chair of the Standards Committee

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE January 14, 2013, MEETING

The minutes from the January 14, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved with one correction.

Moved by: Bart Hollingsworth
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Howard Boksenbaum, Chief Library Officer, is on schedule to return from a second medical leave (unrelated to the previous medical leave) to work on Monday, April 1. Howard has announced his plan to retire at the end of the state fiscal year. Board members were invited to volunteer to participate on a search committee that would make recommendations to the Department of Administration about candidates for the position.

RILA Library Legislative Awareness Day

The Chair attended RILA Library Legislative Awareness Day on February 6 at the State House. OLIS staff participated with a tabletop exhibit and flyers. Brian Jones, Rhode Island Library Report, attended and interviewed many of the librarians who staffed exhibits. Mr. Jones also interviewed some legislators.

Coalition of Library Advocates (COLA)

The COLA Annual Meeting on February 12 at the State House included a speech by a vibrant Renee Hobbs, Director of the Harrington School of Communication and interim Director of the URI GSLIS. COLA awarded its Sweetheart of the Year award to State Representative Joy Hearn and State Senator David Bates, Co-Chairs of the Karla Harry Commission on Libraries in Rhode Island.

National Library Legislative Day (NLLD)

The 2013 NLLD is scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2013, in Washington, D.C. The Chair encourages members of the Board to participate. Register for the program online. Contact Donna DiMichele by the end of April if you are planning to attend.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Karen Mellor presented the Chief Library Officer's report on behalf of Howard Boksenbaum. Howard is recovering from surgery. He will be retiring at the end of the 2013 fiscal year. A celebration in his honor will be planned. Volunteers to assist in planning are welcome.

OLIS move

No changes since the last report.

OLIS Staffing

More than 100 applications were submitted for the position of Assistant Administrative Officer. After the Human Resources Division has completed processing the applications, OLIS will receive them and can schedule interviews with selected candidates.

Grant in Aid

Central Falls grant in aid application is incomplete.

OLIS Budget

The Supplemental Budget gives OLIS a small increase. The funds will be used to purchase covered OLIS-LORI Delivery bins in keeping with recommendations from the LBRI Committee on Delivery.

Federal sequestration will have an impact on OLIS. Members of the Board urged OLIS to not cut Delivery services if the reduction in federal funds requires cuts in OLIS services.

Library Conferences

Since the January meeting, Karen Mellor, Donna DiMichele, and Chaichin Chen attended the HELIN Conference on January 16. Karen attended “Convergence and Community Conference: Preparing future Workers for a New Knowledge Network of Libraries, Newsrooms, Studios and Agencies” at the Harrington School of Communication and Media on January 17. Karen and Chaichin participated in the Gates Foundation’s and COSLA¹ and Global Libraries Midwinter Meeting in Seattle.

Upcoming Meetings

OLIS is hosting a Library Directors’ Meeting on February 28 at Warwick Public Library. A Web Makers Meeting on March 6 will feature a presentation by Tom Guertin, Chief Digital Officer.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve: Regina Connor
Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Committee

A. Standards Review Committee

Tom Viall reported on behalf of the Committee. Tom distributed a written report by Brigitte Hopkins, Chair, for the Committee. Work continues on a draft of the new Minimum Standards for RI Public Libraries.

B. Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Chair, reported on H5550, *AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- STATE AID TO LIBRARIES (would alter the funding formula for state aid to local libraries)*, in which retraction of endowment based grant in aid over a two year period is proposed. Senator Donna M. Nesselbush is expected to submit a Senate companion to the House bill.

In addition, Rose Ellen reported that Representative Joy Hearn introduced H5552 *AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES (would provide for library assistance grants to assist in funding library operations, enhancing library collections and aiding interlibrary cooperation)*, which seeks to reimburse public library net lenders in the LORI network. Senator Louis P. DiPalma introduced S137, the Senate companion bill.

C. 21st Century Committee

Bart Hollingsworth, Committee Chair, reported no further action from the Committee. He noted that the report previously distributed to the Board showed no trends in Rhode Island libraries. The Committee has no future activity planned.

¹ Chief Officers of State Library Agencies

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The chair reported that there was nothing new to report about filling Board vacancies.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Tom Viall opened discussion about forming an LBRI Search Committee to support the Department of Administration in hiring a Chief Library Officer to replace Howard Boksenbaum after Howard's retirement. Board members were asked to contact Tom if they were interested in participating in such a committee.

Phyllis Humphrey announced that the School Librarians of Rhode Island Conference is scheduled for Friday, March 8, 2013, and Renee Hobbs, founding director of the URI Harrington School of Communications, will be the keynote speaker.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Several individuals made statements about H5550. Kathryn Taylor gave a statement about how the grant benefits Westerly Public Library and what would be lost if the funds were no longer available. Dale Thompson made a statement about how a loss of the grant would affect the ability of Providence Public Library to operate and the fact that although it serves as a public library, the grant is its only public source of funding. Eileen Dyer said that RILA is closely following all library legislation and has engaged a lobbyist. She said that anyone is welcome to attend RILA meetings or to otherwise communicate with RILA about legislative issues.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, March 18, 2013.

X. Adjournment

Moved by: Ed Garcia

Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
April 22, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Tom Viall

Members absent: Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Mark McKenney, Ken Findlay, Shirley Long, Joan Retsinas, Carol Terry

Attending for OLIS: Howard Boksenbaum, Donna DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: Brigitte Hopkins, West Warwick Public Library; Louise Bright

Reporting: Donna DiMichele

Materials Distributed:

None

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:19 pm.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE February 25, 2013, MEETING

The minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved with one clarification.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves
Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

The 2013 NLLD is scheduled for May 7 and 8, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

The Chair welcomed Louise Bright, a prospective member of the Board. Ms. Bright has been nominated to the Board by the governor and is awaiting a Senate confirmation hearing, which is not yet scheduled.

The Chair reminded Board members that they need to file their ethics reports.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Grant-in-Aid

Central Falls grant-in-aid application is complete.

OLIS Budget

The Supplemental Budget gives OLIS a small increase. The funds will be used to purchase covered OLIS-LORI Delivery bins in keeping with recommendations from the LBRI Committee on Delivery.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Bart Hollingsworth

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Committee

A. Standards Review Committee

Tom Viall reported on behalf of the Committee. Tom distributed a written report by Brigitte Hopkins, Chair, for the Committee. Work continues on a draft of the new Minimum Standards for RI Public Libraries.

B. Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Chair, reported. *H5550, AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES - STATE AID TO LIBRARIES*, which would have removed endowment funding from the state aid formula, was withdrawn.

H5552 (S 137) AN ACT RELATING TO LIBRARIES -- OFFICE OF STATE LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES had no activity.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brigitte Hopkins reported on the work of the ad hoc Standards Review Committee that resulted in the draft of new standards that was distributed to the Board with the April meeting announcement. Hard copies were available at the meeting as well.

The Committee first met November 1, 2012, when it was presented with a draft of new standards by OLIS. The Committee reviewed both the draft and the previous (2000) Standards to make sure nothing was missing. The Committee was especially careful to ensure that the new standards would cover everything and that the new standards would all be measurable.

The Philosophical Statement and the Principles set out in the previous standards needed only minor revision.

The number of standards was reduced from 56 to 24.

The Committee devised and administered a survey, which was distributed February 27, 2013, via Survey Monkey to the OLIS, RILA, and SLRI mailing lists and noted on the OLIS website. The Committee also held 2 stakeholder meetings – one in Cranston in the evening of March 21, 2013, and one in Jamestown on March 25, 2013, in the morning. The survey received 79 responses, and the meetings attracted 20 attendees. The Committee reviewed and considered input from the survey and the meetings in preparation of the final draft.

Donna DiMichele has been meeting with Peter Dennehy of the Department of Administration legal office to determine the procedure for adopting the new standards if the draft is approved.

Motion to approve the new standards: Joan Ress Reeves

Second: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Following discussion, which included questions about how libraries will know when they comply, whether the new standards are more difficult than the prior standards, and whether OLIS plans to offer education and training about the new standards, **the motion was unanimously approved.**

Following the vote, the members present were consulted about a date and time for the hearing and May 29, 2013 at 9:30 am was selected. The final date will be set in consultation with Department of Administration Legal Office and announced widely as soon as it is determined.

VII. New Business

There was no new business.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting of the Library Board is scheduled for Monday, May 20, 2013.

X. Adjournment

Moved by: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Phyllis Humphrey

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
May 20, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Kristen Chin, Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry, Tom Viall

Members absent: Regina Connor, Ed Garcia, Bart Hollingsworth, Mark McKenney, Ken Findlay, Phyllis Lynch, Joan Retsinas

Attending for OLIS: Howard Boksenbaum, Karen Mellor

Guests: Monica Dzialo, Nominated for the Board; Catherine McMahon, Dept. of Administration, Central Business Office; Walter Dzialo

Reporting: Karen Mellor, Rose Ellen Reynolds

Materials Distributed:

None.

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE April 22, 2013, MEETING

The minutes from the April 22, 2013, meeting were incomplete; Chair Viall proposed postponing approval until the next meeting.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

The Chair attended National Library Legislative Day in Washington on May 7-8 and felt it was a successful mission. The RI delegation included Board Members Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Ed Garcia, Phyllis Humphrey, and Mark McKenney, OLIS staff member Donna DiMichele, and RI Library Association President Eileen Dyer.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Library Officer Howard Boksenbaum reported on OLIS projects and activities. The Chief will be retiring on June 30, 2013. In preparation for his retirement, he met with Department of Administration Director Richard Licht on May 14 for an exit

interview. During the meeting, the Director indicated support for the state aid grant programs to libraries that OLIS administers and the work the agency does.

OLIS Staffing

The interview team has submitted its recommendation to Human Resources for the Assistant Administrative Officer position at OLIS. 165 applications were received, 10 candidates were interviewed. The projected start date for the new staff member is early to mid-June.

OLIS Federal Funding

OLIS has met its federal match and maintenance of effort for the federal IMLS grant and has met the requirements for the 2013 federal grant. It is currently unknown what the grant for 2014 will be.

OLIS and Social Media

In the recent 2013 State of America's Libraries Report by American Library Association, OLIS ranked Number 33 on the list of the Most Social Media Friendly State Libraries for 2013. The State Library of Virginia ranked as Number 1.

Kids Reading Across RI

The Summer Reading program will kick off on June 1 from 1-4 pm at the State House with the fourth annual Kids Reading Across RI celebration. This year's book is *Inside Out and Back Again* by Thanhha Li. The author will conduct a writing workshop in the morning at the Dept. of Administration, and then will speak during the afternoon program at 2:30. The Chief encouraged board members to attend this popular event.

Summer Reading Program

OLIS staff member Cheryl Space has been working with the RI Department of Education on a collaborative summer reading program with RI schools. RIDE Commissioner Deborah Gist is interested in developing a methodology to measure how well schools do in reaching summer reading goals. OLIS and RIDE are working to include participation in OLIS's Summer Reading Program as part of that measure. The Commissioner is inviting representatives of the winning schools to participate in a skydiving event with her.

RELAIS

A new version of RELAIS, the software that enables borrowing between library consortia, was launched on May 13. Thanks to the extensive testing conducted by OLIS staff member Chaichin Chen and the LORI committee, the launch was seamless.

Talking Books Plus

OLIS staff member Karen Mellor reported that the National Library Service is shifting magazine service over from analog cassettes to digital cartridges. Previously members did not have to return the magazines on cassettes, but now will have to

return magazines on cartridges because of the expense of the cartridges. This represents a change in user behavior and will increase TBP work during the transition as TBP staff will need to call patrons to remind them to return the magazine cartridges.

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

Motion to approve: Rose Ellen Reynolds
Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Standards Committee

A. Standards Review Committee

Tom Viall reported on behalf of the Committee. There will be a hearing on the new Minimum Standards for RI Public Libraries on Thursday, May 30, at 9:30 am. Members of the Board were encouraged to attend. Depending on the outcome of the hearing, the standards, which were accepted by the Library Board at the April Meeting, will go into effect in July 2013; public libraries will need to comply with the standards on July 1, 2014.

B. Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Chair, reported that there were no substantive developments this past month on library legislation in the 2013 General Assembly. Howard Boksenbaum reported that he had testified at the hearing for S137 and that that legislation had been held for further study. S137 would provide for new library grants to assist in funding library operations, enhancing library collections, and aiding interlibrary cooperation (particularly to offset the costs of lending library materials to other libraries) but the bill does not include additional funding.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. National Library Legislative Day.

Joan Reeves reported that the delegation visited representatives of Congressmen Cicilline and Langevin. The delegation met in person with Senators Reed and Whitehouse. Joan reported that Chair Viall did an especially excellent job of representing the board and the role of libraries in a meeting with Senator Reed. OLIS staff member Donna DiMichele attended a White House briefing on library issues on behalf of the Chief Library Officer.

B. Hiring a new Chief Library Officer

Tom Viall reported progress in the selection process for a new Chief Library Officer. Department of Administration director Richard Licht has met with Howard. Tom received an answer to his letter to Mr. Licht. The Library Board will participate in the hiring process and there will be a committee of members. Details will be forthcoming.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is scheduled for June 17. This is an important meeting to discuss public comment and there will be a vote on the Standards.

X. Adjournment

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Rhode Island was held on
June 17, 2013
at the Department of Administration,
Conference Room B - Second Floor,
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908

Members Attending: Louise Herrington-Bright, Kristen Chin, Regina Connor, Monica Dzialo, Ken Findlay, Bart Hollingsworth, Phyllis Humphrey, Joan Ress Reeves, Joan Retsinas, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Ann Slocomb, Carol Terry, Tom Viall

Members absent: Ed Garcia, Shirley Long, Phyllis Lynch, Alison Pierce

Attending for OLIS: Howard Boksenbaum, Donna Longo DiMichele, Karen Mellor

Guests: John McDermott, Trustee, Willett Free Library

Reporting: Donna Longo DiMichele

Materials Distributed:

I. WELCOME

Chair Tom Viall called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the April 22, 2013, meeting

The minutes of meeting were unanimously approved.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Rose Ellen Reynolds

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES from the May 20, 2013, meeting

The minutes of meeting were unanimously approved.

Moved by: Joan Ress Reeves

Seconded by: Joan Retsinas

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR:

Tom Viall welcomed new LBRI members Louise Herrington-Bright and Monica Dzialo. They assumed seats previously held by Mark McKenney and Regina Connor respectively.

On behalf of the LBRI, a letter was written to Brigitte Hopkins, West Warwick Public Library, to thank her for chairing the Board Committee on Public Library Standards.

In an effort to help connect more job seekers with employment, U.S. Senators Jack Reed (D-RI) and Thad Cochran (R-MS) have introduced the Workforce Investments through Local Libraries Act (WILL) Act. On June 14, Senator Reed's held an event at the Cranston Public Library to discuss efforts to bolster support for public libraries with additional resources, technology, and funding. The Chair and Howard Boksenbaum attended the event where the Chief also made remarks. The WILL legislation would provide support to workforce development through public libraries, much the way OLIS and the RI DLT have collaborated with and through RI public libraries.

The RI Library Association awarded Howard Boksenbaum a Lifetime Achievement award at its annual conference on June 3, OLIS sponsored two RILA Conference sessions (one on advocacy and another on ereader technology for people with disabilities) and Cheryl Space, OLIS Youth Services Coordinator, co-presented a conference session with the RI After School Plus Alliance.

On behalf of the Board, Tom Viall presented the Chief Library Officer with a proclamation from the Governor heralding Howard's 34 years of service to the library community.

IV. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Chief Library Officer Howard Boksenbaum reported on OLIS projects and activities, and announced that this was his last meeting as Chief Library Officer.

OLIS Staffing

Karen Andrews was hired as OLIS' Assistant Administrative Officer and June 17 was her first day.

Legislature

The House introduced A JOINT RESOLUTION CREATING A SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO BE KNOWN AS THE "BROADBAND POLICY ADVISORY BOARD". The Resolution calls for the executive director of RILA to be a member. The Board needs to address the fact that 1) RILA does not have an executive director and 2) OLIS should have a seat on the Commission if it is established.

The grant-funded project, Protecting the Past RI, was granted an extension by IMLS, which will allow the work of the project to continue through early winter of 2014.

OLIS renewed the contract for the Statewide Reference Resource Center (known as AskRI.org) with Providence Community Library. Plans for the next year include a comprehensive advertising campaign to raise awareness of AskRI and its services.

Motion to approve: Rose Ellen Reynolds

Seconded by: Mary Ann Slocomb

The report of the Chief Library Officer was unanimously accepted.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Legislative Committee

Rose Ellen Reynolds, Chair, reported that there were no substantive developments this past month on library legislation in the 2013 General Assembly. We are waiting for the Legislature's budget to be released to see if there are any items that need to be addressed.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Filling position of Chief of Library Services

A personnel action form was started but there is no posting for the position.

B. Proposed Minimum Standards and Regulations for Rhode Island Public Libraries (the Standards)

A Public Hearing was held on May 30, 2013, and presided over by Peter Dennehy, Department of Administration Legal Services. Two comments were received and noted during the hearing. DiMichele described the substance of the comments for the Board. Nothing in the comments was cited as necessary to create a change in the draft Standards approved by the LBRI in April. The Board voted to adopt the Standards as drafted. The Board voted to repeal the Standards adopted in 2000, contained in ERLID #462

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT and ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joan Ress Reeves announced that the ALA Committee on Legislation is seeking representatives from each state to support library legislation nationwide.

Carol Terry announced that the RI School of Design hosted "Materials, Education and Research in Art and Design: A New Role for Libraries", a national forum that is the first of its kind. This forum was funded by IMLS.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

Next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2013.

X. Adjournment

Moved by: Mary Ann Slocomb

Seconded by: Tom Viall

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.