

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, September 18, 2006
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Mary Cummings, Leslie McDonough, Tovah Reis, Alice Barrows, Joan Ress Reeves and Ruth Sullivan

Members Absent: William Allen, Regina Connor, Donna Good, Peter Deekle, Jay Litman, and Joshua Teverow

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Beth Perry, Donna DiMichele, and Karen Mellor

Observers: Shirley Long

Reporting: Beth Perry

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft agenda
2. Proposed meeting schedule for 2006-2007
3. *Providence Journal* article on hazardous toys
4. 2006 LORI grant information
5. Information on OLIS continuing education survey
6. Proposed posting for Chief of Library Services position

The meeting was convened at 4:25 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of May 22, 2006 were unanimously approved with a minor change. In the section on National Legislative Day, the last sentence was changed to say, "Joan Reeves said that the trip was well worth it."

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mark McKenney welcomed all members back after the long summer hiatus. Ruth Sullivan, Dean of the CCRI Library was welcomed as the representative of the Commissioner of Higher Education, Jack Warner, to the Library Board.

III. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION

Beth Perry, Acting Chief of Library Services, reported on events following the passing of our dear friend and librarians' librarian, Frank Iacono. Karen Mellor has been temporarily upgraded to Beth's former position to help assess the changes that need to be made in providing reference services at Office of Library and Information Services as well as OLIS' state budget submission and new LSTA 5-year plan. A justification to fill Frank's position will be submitted to the Administration shortly.

Summer Reading Programs

The statewide Summer Reading Program (Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales) was quite successful this year. 13,559 children participated in the reading program with a 60% completion rate. There were 304 performances sponsored by OLIS which were attended by 24,139 people.

In addition, this year, for the first time, the Talking Books Program collaborated with Meeting Street School, the Lions Sight Foundation and Camp Mauchatea to promote reading to visually impaired and blind children. Hope Houston reported that last year there was only one Talking Books patron participating in the summer program. This year there were 163 who participated and completed the program and 266 attended the show sponsored by OLIS. Wendy Kirchner, Librarian, Meeting Street School says: "Summer Reading was outstanding! All the students participated. Being a school, the students were a very captive audience. I heard great things from all the teachers and the parents truly loved getting their child's chart at the end of the summer, proving that the children were exposed to age-appropriate literature!"

Other Office of Library and Information Services reports

The Annual Reports from public libraries were due on September 15, 2006. Ann Piascik is busy verifying the information to compile for reports, one of which determines the annual grant in aid and endowment grant in aid for each library.

The National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped sent a consultant to review the Talking Books Program this year. He was pleased with the hiring of Hope Houston as a readers' advisor, thus increasing service to patrons. He was also pleased to know that applications for service are increasing significantly.

LIBFUTURES

Beth reported that at the request of Rep. Elizabeth Dennigan, the One Catalog and the Database committees revised the estimates for those services. The One Catalog cost (if funded by the budget/legislature) is \$1,118,000. The cost of statewide databases would be \$1,225,000. The total would be \$2,343,500. A meeting is being arranged for Rep. Dennigan to meet with Tom Mullaney regarding the funding. If the funding is approved it would be a separate line item within the DOA budget similar to that for Construction and Grant-in-Aid funding. It would not go in the OLIS budget.

A meeting of the potential legislative Commission members was held in August. Rep. Dennigan reviewed the progress of senator and representative appointments to the Commission, which is slow due to the coming elections. If appointments are not made this fall, Rep. Dennigan will submit a bill to extend the life of the Commission and its report to a later date.

LSTA

Emily Sheketoff, director of the American Library Association Washington Office, contacted Beth Perry regarding the possibility of contacting Senator Chafee during his time in RI regarding support of the President's and House's appropriation figures for LSTA funding in the 2007 budget. Sheketoff mentioned that there would probably be a lame duck session after the elections, during which the LSTA appropriation would be decided. As a smaller state, RI needs the new formula of \$680,000 for small states to be implemented this year. (Next year, the big states want increases for population instead). If the House version is approved by both the House and Senate, Rhode Island

would receive \$1,165,361 as opposed to the Senate's proposal which would fund \$only \$1,048,188. That is a \$117, 173 difference and \$88,824 more than OLIS received for FY2006. If the Senate Committee's lower amount prevails, this discrepancy will continue year after year.

The Library Board requested that Beth send them the details in an email so that they may contact Senator Chafee with correct information. This will be done. Beth left a voice mail message for Chafee's aide on library issues, but has received no response as yet.

Donna DiMichele's Report

Donna reported on the handling of the lead-based prizes for the Summer Reading Program that were recalled this summer. Melody Allen took charge of the issue and as a result there was little impact on Rhode Island libraries. A Providence Journal article on the issue was handed out. The Board asked that a letter be written commending Melody for her excellent response to the situation. This will be done.

The LSTA LORI grant was announced. RILINK EASL: Expanding Access for Small Libraries was awarded the grant of \$75,000. The submissions were good this year which made the decision difficult, especially since the full amount was requested by others. (see webpage at <http://www.lori.ri.gov/grants/lsta/awards.php>)

The OLIS online Continuing Education Survey 2006 was a success with 154 responses which will help the Committee in deciding CE programs for the coming years.

Himmel and Wilson were awarded the contract for evaluation of the results of the 2003-2007 Five-Year LSTA plans for 6 states in the Northeast. Dr. Ethel Himmel visited OLIS staff in August. Staff were not told what to expect, but provided a vast amount of information regarding their activities in the plan. Focus Groups will be held this month with: Academic Librarians (with hospital librarians); School Librarians; Public Librarians; Childrens' and Youth Services' Librarians; and Literacy Program teachers and students. Some individuals will be contacted for comments by telephone.

Donna just returned from a national conference on Library Delivery Services held in Colorado. While there she delivered a paper on the service provided in Rhode Island which was well-accepted. She also had the opportunity to discuss improvements with vendors and other state representatives to enhance the RI system. Using the ILL Committee to advise on delivery issues as well as meeting monthly with RI's vendor were mentioned as quick results. When the RFP is written for the next contract, the information from this conference will be very helpful.

Karen Mellor's Report

Karen will be attending the next IRMB meeting at the Board's request. She will report any important items to the Board. She noted that the RI.gov (state portal) contract has not been awarded, but that NEI will continue until it is awarded.

The Statewide Reference Resource Center contract with the Providence Public Library has been approved. One major addition is the HeritageQuest database for statewide use through AskRI.org (<http://www.askri.org/>).

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Legislation Committee

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Board Appointments

Last year's requests for appointments were not submitted to the Senate prior to the end of the 2006 session. Beth has tried to contact the Governor's office regarding these appointments, but has met with silence. Mark McKenney offered to contact the office about the appointments. Since several slots haven't been filled for several years and some members are due to cycle off the Board, members were asked to consider suggesting names of individuals who could serve on the board in their place or in other positions. Contact with the individuals in advance by those nominating them would be appreciated. Beth will provide a current list of vacancies and expected vacancies in Board slots to Mark McKenney for review and action.

Budget

The Office of Library and Information Services is currently working on its budget justification and impact statements for the required 15% cut. Another scenario may be a 3% increase, but it is unlikely that it will prevail. The dependence on federal LSTA funds to support OLIS and its impact on grants was discussed.

Possible Memorial Scholarship

Gale Eaton, Dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Services, is proposing to all RI library groups that a scholarship in memory of Frank Iacono be established in the General Fund of the Library school to support future librarians. She is discussing this with his family as well. When all groups are aligned, a request for donations will be sent out to all. The Library Board requested that a letter of condolence be drafted to send to the family of Frank Iacono. This will be done.

Posting of the position of Chief of Library Services

Director Beverly Najarian approved the posting of the position of Chief of Library Services recently. Beth met with the Deputy for Human Resources, Steve Johnson, who referred her to Lisa Middleton as the HR contact. Beth provided Lisa with the position description and the previous posting for the position. That was updated with some clearer language and a copy of the draft was given to the Board. When approved by Melanie Marcoccio, the dates of the posting will be revised and Beth will be instructed to send it out to all appropriate library listservs and joblines, many of which have already been suggested. The two-week posting period should generate a number of good applicants. A search committee will be formed with the advice of the Board to

evaluate the applications and begin the interviews. Lisa Middleton will receive the applications, screen them for unqualified applicants and pass them on to the committee. The MLS and experience are required for the position.

Tentative Schedule of Board meetings for 2006-2007

After reviewing the proposed schedule and conflicting dates, the Board approved the schedule as proposed. The schedule will now be posted on the website as well as with the Secretary of State.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Ress Reeves announced the opening of the new RISD Library (15 Westminster St.) scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 2006, at 4:30 pm. James Billington, Librarian of Congress will be the main speaker. The Board should be receiving invitations soon.

Alice Barrows requested information on the impact of the new fire code on libraries, specifically the William Hall Library, and the requirement to install sprinkler systems at great cost to libraries. Karen Mellor responded that this was a decision of the local fire marshals and that most libraries would not be impacted. Fire officials are mostly concerned about meeting rooms with a capacity for over 300 people and the requirement for multiple modes of egress. It was suggested that libraries can contact the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) for current recommendations on fire safety systems for libraries and museums. NEDCC can be contacted at NEDCC ~ 100 Brickstone Square ~ Andover, MA 01810-1494 ~ Telephone: 978-470-1010 ~ Fax: 978-475-6021 ~ Email: nedcc@nedcc.org ~ website: <http://www.nedcc.org>

IV. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday October 16, 2006 in Conference Room B in the DOA building

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, November 20, 2006
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Joan Ress Reeves, Jay Litman, Donna Good, Mary Cummings, Ruth Sullivan, Tovah Reis, and Peter Deekle.

Members Absent: William Allen, Debbie Barchi, Alice Barrows, Regina Connor, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Leslie McDonough, and Joshua Teverow.

Present from the Office of Library and Information Services (OLIS):
Beth Perry, Debbie Cullerton, and Karen Mellor

Observers: Tracy Williams, CIO, Department of Information Technology, State of Rhode Island, Howard Boksenbaum, Department of Information Technology, Shirley Long, Dale Thompson, Providence Public Library; Cindy Lunghofer, RILA, and Phyllis Humphrey

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft agenda
2. White Paper on Statewide Databases and One Catalog
3. OLIS Website Screenshot

The meeting was convened at 4:25 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of September 17, 2006 were accepted and approved as submitted.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mark McKenney welcomed Tracy Williams, the Chief Information Officer for the State of Rhode Island and Howard Boksenbaum, the incoming Chief of Library Services for the State of Rhode Island.

Mr. McKenney stated that he would like to get some movement on the appointments to the Library Board. If the Board doesn't get some appointments, reaching a quorum in the future could be a problem. Now that the election is over, the Governor's office and Deborah Smith said that they would be taking action on recommendations to the Library Board of Rhode Island. He asked members of the Board that if they have any more leads to pass them on to Beth Perry.

III. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION

Beth Perry, Acting Chief of Library Services, reported that the Office of Library and Information Services is currently working on the state budget and have provided impact statements to the Budget office. There has been no news as of yet but Louise Bright assured her that she would let Ms. Perry know what the Governor's final recommendation is.

Federal Budget

The board was sent an email by Ms. Perry on the LSTA appropriations. Senator Chafee has been contacted on the importance of it. OLIS is asking that the House version be the one that gets passed.

Legislative Commission to Study the Strengths and Weaknesses of Library Services

The commission met and discussed how the commission would proceed on issues such as: their influence on legislation, and in terms of themselves, and what could be done for libraries in the state. The meeting was led by Maureen Sullivan who acted as the facilitator. Ms. Perry said the meeting went very well. At the first official meeting of the Commission, a chair and vice-chair will be elected.

CLAN

Ms. Perry wanted to point out to the Board that CLAN is changing its name to Ocean State Libraries...Connecting Rhode Island. Members wanted to make a change for quite a while because of criticism and implications of the name CLAN.

LSTA Reports

Ms. Perry stated that Donna DiMichele couldn't be at the Library Board Meeting today, but reported that we would be getting our LSTA evaluation reports soon. OLIS has been working on the LSTA end of the year reports.

New OLIS Website

Karen Mellor gave a demonstration of the main features of the new OLIS Website which the OLIS Web Team had been working on diligently for the past year. She also gave a hand-out of the homepage screenshot with the new URL. Ms. Mellor pointed out that there are over 1000 pages of information that had to be streamlined and converted. The reason for doing this was to adopt the look and feel of other government web sites and make it easier to navigate and maintain. The new website will be launched by end of week.

Kudos were given by Mark McKenney and all the Board Members to the OLIS webteam.

Ms. Mellor mentioned that besides herself the other webteam members, which consist of Debbie Cullerton, Chaichin Chen, Sheila Carlson, and Alicia Waters have worked feverishly to make this happen.

IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Legislation Committee

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

White Paper on Statewide Databases and One Catalog

At the request of Representative Betsy Dennigan a memorandum was sent to Thomas Mullaney of the Budget Office. She was hopeful that if we could make overtures to the governor's office to put this into the budget ahead of time, there would be much less fighting later on. We all know that there are dire economic straits, but if you don't talk about it, they don't know about it. If it doesn't get into the governor's budget, they will go to the legislature.

The first two pages of the document are a summary. A statement of value added was to give a better idea of the value of information that could be realized. Thomas Mullaney sent it over to the Governor's office. At this point the statewide database purchases would be more important than "one catalog", if only one could be accomplished.

Ms. Perry presented the memo for the board's information. She is not expecting the Governor's office to adopt it in the budget with the looming deficit the state is facing. Discussion followed.

Letters to Elected Officials

Joan Ress Reeves suggested that on behalf of the Board, letters of congratulations be sent out to our newly elected officials. It was the consensus of the Board that this should be done.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Joan Ress Reeves announced that William Allen has become a grandfather. Ms. Reeves asked that a note of congratulations be sent to him on behalf of the Board. It was voted on by the Board and unanimously approved. It will be done.

Karen Mellor stated that the primary topic at the IRMB meeting that took place in September 2006, was that 18 months prior the IRMB voted to dissolve itself. Because of snafus it didn't make it through legislation. So the IRMB by law still exists.

| Joan Ress Reeves mentioned that Anne Parent, former Chief of Library Services, has been selected as COLA's Sweetheart of the Year. The ceremony will take place at the State House on February 13th. Ms. Reeves thinks the Board should send out a letter of congratulations to Ms. Parent. It will be done.

IV. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2006 in Conference Room C in the DOA building.

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

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, February 26, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Cristina Martins Amedeo, Alice Barrows, Regina Connor, Mary Cummings, Donna Good, Jay Litman, Joan Ress Reeves, and Tovah Reis

Members Absent: William Allen, Deborah Barchi, Peter Deekle, Leslie McDonough, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Joshua Teverow, and Ruth Sullivan.

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

Observers: Shirley Long and Phyllis Humphrey

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft agenda
2. FY 2008 Governor's Budget for OLIS
3. Proposed Public Library Grants-in-Aid Breakdown by Town

The meeting convened at 4:25 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The revised minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting were approved by acclamation. The revision had deleted the words "working on new delivery contracts" from the LSTA Report Section of the minutes.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mark McKenney stated that the Board was continuing its efforts to build the Board. A number of Library Board Members terms have already expired and more are looming. Mr. McKenney has contacted the Governor's office a number of times and he had put in a call to Deb Smith to see if we could get some action on at least the recommendations pending, in particular Shirley Long's & Phyllis Humphrey's appointments. The concern is the Board's ability to reach a quorum in the future.

Mr. McKenney reported that he went to the COLA Annual Meeting and brought greetings from the Library Board. He acknowledged the great work that they do.

Mr. McKenney stated that he knows that any number of people have questions on the Providence Public Library situation and he noted that from his perspective as representative of the state on the board of the Providence Public Library OLIS is monitoring the situation. At this point, the state has chosen not to inject themselves into

it. Should there be a request for information or any assistance, they have made it known that they stand ready and willing to help out in any way.

III. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Howard Boksenbaum stated that this was an extremely exciting time for libraries despite all the budget constraints we are facing.

Mr. Boksenbaum reported that he has been meeting with OLIS staff and hearing their views and comments on what they think ought to be happening. He has also been visiting with the various library organizations to hear their points of interest and make known his open door policy. He wants us all to work together.

LSTA Reports

OLIS is in the process of developing a new LSTA 5-year plan. We are gearing up to do some general planning for OLIS and also for libraries statewide. The board will be seeing the draft of the new 5 year LSTA plan in May and voting on it in June in order to get it in on time.

Fiscal Fitness

The fiscal fitness team has approached Mr. Boksenbaum to start talking again about where OLIS falls in the structure of government. He received a much more friendly response than the Office had previously

Public Library Construction

Karen Mellor gave an update on construction activity.

The Town of Bristol has signed a construction agreement. The project is now out to bid. They have much better plans than they did before, and will have about 4 times the size of the existing library. Burrillville's library construction project is progressing very quickly. Every stage is being carefully documented.

RI.GOV

A tentative award has been made to National Information Consortium, parent company of New England Interactive, who currently holds the contract; hence, the same folks that have been doing it all along. The state has now entered into contract negotiations and it will probably come to fruition by the end of the fiscal year. The new contract will cover another 5 years with the (2) 1 year extensions. The portal has its own IT facility and under the new contract will probably move the hardware there, Virginia seems to be the locale. Offices including designers and programmers will continue to be located in RI.

Senate Bill S390

The Harry Commission has submitted legislation to realign the law that creates OLIS' library network. It renames OLIS (OLIS instead of State Department of Library Services) It also names the network: Library of Rhode Island and updates reference to the statewide one catalog. Beyond the name changes, it also adds the provision of statewide databases to list of the state's library responsibilities. This enables OLIS to fund the statewide library catalog and to fund statewide databases. This is step 1 from the commission. Step 2 is a roll out on March 6 of a trial access to databases, for free, for all Rhode Islanders. There will be a lot of publicity on this. Announcements can be found on <http://www.olis.ri.gov>.

Discussion followed on the meaning of the word “databases” to the average person and how terminology is very important. Public relations should be concentrating on down to earth, plain language for the average person.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Legislation Committee

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Governor’s Budget Proposal for FY 2008

Mr. Boksenbaum made a PowerPoint presentation of the Governor’s proposed FY2008 budget. He noted that the entire budget is available on line at <http://www.ri.gov>.

FY2007; the current year

Because of a number of issues, including the disbanding of the original OLIS into three individual offices (Statewide Planning, Division of Information Technology and Library Programs) in FY2006, the changing of account numbers and implementation of a new chart of accounts government-wide, the new electronic financial system that is still being rolled out, the numbers were skewed in the current year’s budget and were not allocated correctly. OLIS is consequently in financial difficulty. OLIS is using federal funds to fill in gaps in state funding. With funding staff, ILL including delivery and Talking Books+ as top priorities, however, there have had to be severe cuts in programming. By The cuts will affect the Summer Reading Program as well as Continuing Education through the end of the federal fiscal year, September 30, 2007. By being frugal, OLIS should end the state fiscal year June 30, 2007 balanced. However the budget amounts for the next fiscal year are not encouraging.

Staff

All State agencies were initially were asked to cut the budget for FY2008 (coming year) by 15%, The Budget Office heeded Beth Perry & Donna DiMichele who presented strong impact statements as to how that would affect programs as well as services to the community. The outcome was favorable and OLIS was able to maintain the current staffing level of 17 FTE.

Talking Books Plus

What we have is enough to continue providing the services that we do now. There is not a lot of expansion in the budget. The National Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped believes OLIS should have 2 more employees in that unit to handle the increased volume; however that will have to wait.

Equipment

Dramatically cut. Bare bones. Represents computers, printers, etc. We will be living with the same stuff for awhile.

LORI Grants

Given the contracts that we're operating in this year, it actually looks a little better than we expected.

Construction Reimbursements

Those are obligations. We have assurance from the Budget Office that those monies will come from somewhere and not from OLIS's Budget.

Municipal Grants-in-aid

Mr. Boksenbaum went over the handout of the Proposed Public Library Grants-in-Aid – with municipality breakdowns. The backside showed the changes in formula aid. Municipal grants-in-aid were level funded by amending the law to set the reference year back one year to third preceding year for FY2008 only. Consequently future budgets will revert to the second previous year as originally in the law. All state grants to municipalities were level funded in FY2008

Discussion followed with many concerns being brought forward.

Mark McKenney noted that because of time and the importance of the discussions on the budget, that the Presentation on 211 by Cristina Martins Amedeo should be held at the next Library Board meeting. Everyone was in agreement

Institutional Libraries

The grants to State-operated Residential Institutions and the School for the Deaf were not included in the budget, and OLIS is fighting to put them back in. Seems that it was just a failure to communicate how funds were distributed. OLIS is working along with representatives from the various Institutional Libraries.

Discussion on Institutional Libraries uses of the monies that are received followed.

Tovah Reis stated that the money is used for books and computers, based on what the law states.

Shortfalls

The most disappointing cuts are to the current year's Summer Reading Program and Continuing Education Workshops. Other areas are the Out-of-State Travel reimbursement, In-state Travel reimbursement, Delivery supplies, Library materials and Office supplies.

The ramifications of no Out-of-State Travel are that Rhode Island will probably not be represented at places that we ought to be.

The Library Board Members were extremely supportive of the Summer Reading Program. Several ideas were discussed as to how the Summer Reading Program can seek outside help for funding. The Board is more than willing to present a letter of support. Donna DiMichele will relay their message to Melody Allen.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Beth Perry handed out copies of a notice of the URI GSLIS Annual Meeting that will be held on March 30, 2007. URI GSLIS will be awarding the first annual Frank Iacono scholarship, and OLIS would like people to be there for Frank.

Joan Ress Reeves mentioned that Anne Parent, former Chief of Library Services was terrific as the COLA's Sweetheart of the Year at the annual COLA Meeting. She also announced that COLA was sending out a survey via e-mail and encouraged all members to participate.

Mark McKenney noted that with respect to committees, the board will be taking a look at the makeup of committees and trying to get back on track with that.

VIII. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 in Conference Room C in the DOA building. On the agenda, will be the presentation on 211 by Cristina Martins Amedeo.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, March 19, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Mary Cummings, Peter Deekle, Donna Good, and Ruth Sullivan,

Members Absent: William Allen, Cristina Martins Amedeo, Deborah Barchi, Alice Barrows, Regina Connor, Jay Litman, Leslie McDonough, Joan Ress Reeves, Tovah Reis, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Joshua Teverow,.

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

Observers: Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, and David Macksam

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Surf RI Bookmarks
3. Legislative Status Report

The meeting convened at 4:25 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the February 26, 2007 meeting were approved by acclamation.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. McKenney noted that he is continuing in our efforts to seeking the approval of new board members from the Governor's office. It is his understanding that the Library Board is not the only board having issues with appointing new members, however, he has yet to determine a reason why. The Chair intends to write a letter to the governor once again.

Mr. McKenney noted that we are all aware of the Providence situation, and at this point there is an effort undergoing to try to reach some agreement with the city. There will come a time when the Library Board should weigh in, however at this point it is best for us to see how things continue with the working group and see how things play out. Mr. McKenney said that on behalf of the Board he has made every effort to provide whatever information that he could to keep the Board involved in these discussions.

III. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Howard Boksenbaum stated that this is Sunshine Week.

The url is <http://www.openthegovernment.org>. This is the umbrella organization that is sponsoring sunshine week. Sunshine week celebrates the fact that our government is open with us and makes government information available to us.

Olis Budget **SRP**

There is some good news. At last meeting when Mr. Boksenbaum spoke of the budget it was all negative and one of the things that people responded to most was the Summer Reading Program. Melody Allen (an OLIS Staff Member) never lets any grass grow under her feet and she has found some solutions to some of it. RIPIN (Rhode Island Parent Information Network) has agreed to fund the calendar. This is the transition to kindergarten calendar. One calendar will go out to every child that can be identified in Rhode Island. It will start out as a pilot.

Here again, is an instance where the shame is that with all this state agency involvement and the tiny little numbers that it requires to take this huge step in literacy, that we have to go out and look for money. Mr. Boksenbaum passed around the new calendar.

The other good news is that McDonald's will once again be a sponsor of the Summer Reading Program. They will donate 9,000 ice cream coupons, fund the cost of newspaper supplements that will go to all the schools. Monies have been set aside for paper back books as prizes and the cost of posters.

Unfortunately, we are still unable to participate in subsidizing the performers for the programs at the libraries.

Internally

We had previously cut out travel reimbursement for staff which looked like we weren't going to be able to make many field services visits. We have been able to relax that policy through some discoveries of accounting practices. We believe we have recovered enough into the budget by unencumbering funds that shouldn't have been encumbered in the first place, to free up enough to subsidize staff travel until the end of the year. Also we might have enough to purchase some much needed office supplies. We are in a little better shape than we were before.

Finally, in our budget one of the most disconcerting items was the elimination of institution grants. OLIS has been supplying the Budget Office with information and justifications and we are now on the top of their list for putting things back into the budget. Depending on the fate of the supplemental to the budget, it is looking better.

The Library Commission

Has been working primarily promoting SurfRI. Mr. Boksenbaum stated that we should tell everyone about it and check it out ourselves. A link from the OLIS website is provided on our homepage. You will be able to try out the many databases available and we are hoping to get back a lot of good feedback.

Beth Perry reported on the kickoff for SurfRI. She stated that it was well represented. Everyone was encouraged to contact their local representatives to get support of SurfRI.

Mark McKenney stated that one of the most effective ways in reaching legislators in efforts such as this is to have individuals contact their local representatives. For a legislator to receive telephone calls from people in their district is the best way for them to take notice.

David Macksam noted that Karen Quinn is chairing the database group and we had a meeting on Friday. In the works are the distribution of 6000 postcards publicizing SurfRI.

Peter Deekle stated that 74 databases are being offered on trial now. Depending on what we could afford, we would be able to acquire 25 to 45 databases.

Discussion followed on the benefits of the databases and the cost.

5 Year Plan

The 5 Year Plan is due in June. A draft will be available to the Board in May. The Board will have a month to give Donna DiMichele corrections. The Board will vote on it at its June meeting. In preparation for that, LSTA also requires that we have an evaluation of our LSTA programming. For that evaluation we hired Kimberly Wilson a consultant to do that for us. We are in the throws right now of collecting the staff comments and making corrections so the consultant will have time to make those corrections.

Mr. Boksenbaum read a little outtake from the evaluation report. It was very favorable. He commended the staff for a fantastic job and gave thanks to staff for giving such great lengths to get the job done. A round of applause was given by the Board.

Donna DiMichele provided the Board with a schedule.

Donna DiMichele noted the time frame is very compressed. We knew it was due June 30th however our Chief resigned, Beth Perry was acting Chief, which meant we were downstaffing even further, we lost some staff through passage, and then Howard just started in January. The planning process with someone who has only been on the job a week didn't make sense. The other problem was that the draft was 6 weeks late. We were really relying on that draft for something to go by.

In January, we had focus groups, school librarians, academic librarians, public librarians, literacy program participants as well as teachers.

Bear in mind under goals, we have federal guidelines and that is what we will use to shape our plan and use our federal money.

Library Legislation

Beth Perry gave an overview of the Legislative Status Report. (See handout) This information was given on any bills and/or laws relating to libraries.

Ms. Perry noted that the information is updated fairly regularly on the Legislative Website.

The board will be notified of any hearings where their testimony is needed.

National Library Legislation Day

Howard Boksenbaum reminded the Board that on May 1 & 2 is National Library Legislation Day. An invitation has gone out to those that would like to attend the 3 day event sponsored by ALA in Washington, D.C. Those interested should contact OLIS as soon as possible.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Legislation Committee

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Peter Deekle would like the next Library Board Agenda to reflect the Shareholders input in regards to the 5 year-plan.

VIII. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 in Conference Room C in the DOA building. On the agenda, will be the presentation on 211 by Cristina Martins Amedeo.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2007 in Conference Room C in the DOA building.

Legislation Committee

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 21, 2007 in Conference Room C in the DOA building.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

In many cases, people end up going without necessary services because they do not know where to start. 2-1-1 helps people find and give help.

On February 11, the telephone line 2-1-1 became operational.

2-1-1 provides callers with information about and referrals to human services.

A few examples that were stated:

- Basic Human Needs Resources
- Physical and Mental Health Resources
- Employment Support
- Support for Older Americans and Persons with Disabilities
- Support for Children, Youth and Families
- Volunteer Opportunities and Donations

2-1-1 provides help and is available 24 hours a day. One call gives you access to your community. Calls are confidential.

2-1-1 benefits users, benefits the community, benefits as crisis tool, and there are cost savings benefits.

Ms. Amedeo passed out fliers, looking for volunteers for 2-1-1. She also passed around an agency profile where you can go and see the information listed on the web. She asked for members to check their agency information to see if it is listed with the correct information.

Mark McKenney asked Ms. Amedeo where it will be physically located, i.e.; staffed. Cristina Amedeo stated that 2-1-1 will be staffed at 15 Valley Street, Olneyville, RI.

Ms. Amedeo invited the Library Board to come to support the public announcement on June 1st.

Mark McKenney stated that he thought it was wonderful that OLIS was working on this 2-1-1 project with Ms. Amedeo. Beth Perry and Karen Mellor are both on the 2-1-1 advisory board.

V. LSTA Five-Year Plan – Stakeholder Input

In preparation of the 5-Year Plan, Howard Boksenbaum and Donna DiMichele requested input from the Board. A working session began. Discussion followed on ideas, goals, and the impact of the budget on literacy and services.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Library Legislation

Beth Perry reported on pending legislation. The two most important ones this year are the commission's bill to change the network to allow funding of statewide databases and one catalog. A hearing was held on S390 last week, which was sponsored by Senator Bates, in the Senate Education Committee. Howard Boksenbaum and Karen Quinn testified.

A hearing on the companion bill in the House H5589 will be held on Thursday. Ms. Perry has been soliciting testimony and has prepared a packet of information that will go to the House Finance Committee. We expect a number of people to testify and have been told by the school community that they will be bringing children in to testify as well.

Other bills of interest;

The joint resolution for extending the length of the Karla Harry Commission and naming it that (S224; H5335), passed their respective committees and are now headed for the floor.

The State Publications Clearinghouse has three different bills to allow the Chief Information Officer to appoint someone from the state to their committee on digital information. OLIS is on record as opposing it as we think it should be the Chief Library Officer. Jack Landers the Chief Information Officer has taken the same position.

The IRMB bill for dissolution (H5700) passed the House committee is now on to the senate.

Mark McKenney and Peter Deekle asked if there was any feedback on SurfRI and what the legislators' reaction was. Ms. Perry replied that the senators were very much in favor of the concept and liked the idea. They basically were very supportive. Discussion followed. Mr. McKenney stated that the Library Board has gone on record in support of this. Letters of support by individuals and any library groups can be forwarded to Ms. Perry to be included in the packet that will be presented. Howard Boksenbaum reminded the Board that information and updates of legislation can be found on the OLIS website, www.olis.ri.gov.

IV. Presentation: 211 – Cristina Martins Amedeo

A prepared packet was distributed to the Library Board Members.

The packet included background information, benefits of 2-1-1, and the value of Rhode Island 2-1-1. The concept for this program came about over 8 years ago.

Ms. Amedeo credited Barbara Weaver, the former Chief Information Officer, with encouraging Ms. Amedeo to pursue this endeavor.

2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities. The implementation of 2-1-1 is being spearheaded by United Way as well as comprehensive and specialized information and referral agencies in states and local communities. Back in 1994, a directory database that Ms. Weaver and Ms. Amedeo started had 670 agencies. There are now 2776 agencies in the database.

III. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

NEWS & EVENTS

Howard Boksenbaum announced that he had some good news and some bad news to report. The bad news being that Sheila Carlson, from the OLIS staff, has decided to retire. Mr. Boksenbaum stated that she will be very hard to replace and will be sorely missed. Donna DiMichele has been working very hard along with Ms. Carlson during the transition. Chaichin Chen will be assuming the bulk of Sheila Carlson's duties at the present time. Administration will allow OLIS to fill the vacant position. Mr. Boksenbaum has started the paperwork for it; however, he doesn't know when this will happen.

L-TV

The good news is that L-TV, which is Library TV sponsored by RILA, has begun what he thinks might be a series of interviews with people in the library community. It started with Fran Farrell Bergeron just wanting to interview Mr. Boksenbaum on camera and asking who are you and what does your agency do. He thought they were going to talk about the agency, however she started out by saying "You weren't born in Rhode Island, were you?"

For anyone who has forgotten when it airs. It is on Sundays at 12:30 p.m., Mondays at 2:00 p.m., and Wednesdays at 9:00 p.m. on Channel 13. Other exciting programs get recycled through those time slots as well.

In addition to L-TV, Mr. Boksenbaum asked everyone to go to www.olis.ri.gov and check out Rhodarian, which is the OLIS blog.

National Library Legislation Day

There are 8 delegates going to Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislation Day. Besides Mark McKenney and Mr. Boksenbaum, Rose Ellen Reynolds, Joan Ress Reeves, David Macksam, Cindy Lunghofer, Jacquelyn Lamoureux, and Joan Retsinas will be attending. The Board was given a handout of the Key Issues prepared by ALA that covers important points to be discussed with our senators and representatives.

Summer Reading Program

Howard Boksenbaum reported some wonderful news about the SRP. Melody Allen has managed to get Citizens' Bank to support and fund \$10,000 of programming for the Summer Reading Program shows.

OLIS Budget

The budget still doesn't look that good, however Mr. Boksenbaum thinks that we still have an opportunity to finish out the year even, by putting a couple of regular payments off till the next state fiscal year. It seems that whenever OLIS thinks that everything is all worked out something else comes along. The latest thing to come along is indicated in the IMLS State Allotment Table handouts given to the Board. The bottom line is that there has been no increase in IMLS state funding. With the base rate level and the total population allocation level as well, as RI population estimates decreased, so did RI's share. In order to get more money next year, we have to do one of two things, increase the population, or convince all of our legislators that the president has done something positive in the 2008 budget by funding the IMLS at the level that would allow them to increase the base rate for each state.

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LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, April 23, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Cristina Martins Amedeo, Alice Barrows, Regina Connor, Mary Cummings, Peter Deekle, Donna Good, Leslie McDonough, Tovah Reis, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Ruth Sullivan

Members Absent: William Allen, Deborah Barchi, Jay Litman, Joan Ress Reeves, and Joshua Teverow

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

Observers: Phyllis Humphrey

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft Agenda
2. National Library Legislative Day 2007 – Key Issues
3. IMLS State Allotment Tables

The meeting convened at 4:20 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the March 19, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mark McKenney noted that he was continuing to deal with the Providence Public Library and is remaining hopeful. It is getting down to crunch time, because the library has to put together a budget. Talks are ongoing and Mr. McKenney has seen some encouraging breakthroughs. With that in mind he is hoping to get over such things as the governor's issues and have peace once again. He stated that it would be nice to see all of that energy going in the same direction to pull together.

Reporting on Board Appointments – Mr. McKenney spoke with Deb Smith over at the State House, at the same time Howard was in touch with Matthew Wojcik from her office. As a result of their efforts Ms. Smith indicated that she would take action and get things moving again. Mr Wojcik is promising results within a month.

DRAFT
LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, May 21, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Alice Barrows, Peter Deekle, Donna Good, Leslie McDonough, Joan Ress Reeves, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Ruth Sullivan

Members Absent: William Allen, Cristina Martins Amedeo, Deborah Barchi, Regina Connor, Mary Cummings, Jay Litman, Tovah Reis, and Joshua Teverow

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

Observers: Phyllis Humphrey and Shirley Long

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Newspaper Article (Beacon)
3. OSL Bookmarks
4. Frank Iancono Tribute
5. Draft 5-Year Plan
6. Press Release from Sen. Bates

The meeting convened at 4:20 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the April 23, 2007 meeting were accepted as submitted.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

In regards to the Providence Public Library, Mark McKenney remained hopeful that an agreement will be reached between the city and the library. The discussions are ongoing and the worst-case scenarios that had been considered don't appear to be panning out. It does seem as though there is a consensus at this point that there could be some common ground found and it is not that far removed from where we have been in the past. There will be a little more money coming from the city's side; there will probably also have to be some concessions made from the library's side.

Rose Ellen Reynolds asked if there had been any talk about the reopening of any of the branches that had been closed. Mr. McKenney said there has certainly been some discussion in regard to Washington Park. One of the strategies that is being discussed is that as the city goes through a review of school properties, it has indicated a willingness to take a look at incorporating various neighborhood libraries. As much as

we would like to keep the status quo we can't keep the status quo. A brief discussion of other possibilities throughout the city that might house library locations followed.

An article from the *Beacon* regarding the Center for the Book, Reading Across RI breakfast on Saturday, May 5th and including a photo of Mr. McKenney was passed out to the Board. Mr. McKenney found it to be fascinating and he had loved the book. Author, Ron McLarty was very interesting. Mr. McKenney requested that he send a copy of his remarks because they dealt with libraries generally as well as his book. Mr. McLarty sent Mr. McKenney an email including his remarks at the breakfast which Mr. McKenney subsequently forwarded to Louise Moulton at the Center for the Book.

Deb Smith & Matt Wojcik of the governor's Constituent Affairs Office have an appointment to speak with the governor tomorrow to talk about appointments to the Library Board. They will take up the Board's recommendations.

Mr. McKenney stated that he would forego commenting on the trip to Washington, D.C. for National Library Legislation Day because Howard Boksenbaum was covering it in his report but he wanted to go on record to say that he had a wonderful time.

III. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Construction

Mr. Boksenbaum reported that at long last, the Rogers Free Library will begin construction. Karen Mellor stated that they have signed a construction agreement and on Friday they will be having a ground-breaking ceremony. They will be putting a 24,000 square foot addition onto the 6,000 square foot building they have now. They are looking at temporarily moving the library so they can let the contractors go at it and build quicker than they had originally planned. The original plan was for an 18 month build, by temporarily moving, the contractors can do it in a shorter time, perhaps as little as 12 months.

CLAN

Howard Boksenbaum announced that CLAN is now officially Ocean State Libraries. Mr. Boksenbaum noted that new bookmarks have been passed out with their new logo and new library cards will be issued. Ocean State Libraries is also leaving the Providence Public Library and is in the process of looking for a new location for their IT operations.

ALA Honor for Frank Iacono

One of the negatives that OLIS had this past year was the loss of Frank Iacono. Rhode Island is very proud that he is going to be honored at ALA. The Board was given a copy of the resolution that is going to be read at ALA's annual meeting in Washington DC in late June.

Budget

Mr. Boksenbaum reported that upon his arrival at OLIS he discovered that the budget situation was absolutely horrible somehow, approximately a quarter of a million dollars was scheduled to be overspent. He had to put the brakes on suddenly, and vowed to join Beth Perry and Donna DiMichele in getting to the bottom of an untenable situation. With help from the people within the Department of Administration's Central Business Office, OLIS has discovered that through some accounting mistakes a couple of people

from other agencies were being charged invisibly to OLIS accounts. That error accounts for nearly \$165,000. It's not over yet.

Legislation

Beth Perry reported on pending legislation. Updates are available at www.olis.ri.gov

National Library Legislation Day

Howard Boksenbaum stated that it was his first time going to NLD and he said it was incredible. ALA really knows how to do this event. We had wonderful support from back home, doing logistics, and making arrangements for us to see the legislators. ALA has photos posted on their website of the event.

Mr. Boksenbaum reported that several people on the Board had attended and wanted to get their feedback on the experience and do a show & tell. A packet with information that we prepared for the legislators was passed around. A packet that ALA gave the group to keep them informed with what was going on in the federal legislative effort was also circulated.

Mark McKenney stated that the group was fortunate that they were well prepared and wanted to thank Debbie Cullerton for her efforts in assisting the group. Mr. McKenney also stated that they were fortunate to have such a good group of people representing the State of Rhode Island. Mr. McKenney also wanted to acknowledge the exceptional congressional delegation. As we met with Senator Jack Reed and Elyse Walsh from his office, they anticipated our concerns before we raised them. We really have seen the contrast with some of the others in the delegations. Some of them are much newer and don't have that kind of experience. Rhode Island is blessed to have someone like Senator Reed supporting libraries.

Joan Ress Reeves stated that we are very lucky to have Elyse Walsh, who is Senator Reed's Chief of Staff. She is right on top of everything. She understands the realities of congress and the practicalities of getting something passed. A wonderful time was had by all and we accomplished our purpose for attending.

IV. LSTA Five-Year Plan - Draft

Howard Boksenbaum acknowledged the work that Donna DiMichele has done in conjunction with getting the LSTA 5-Year Plan ready. Mr. Boksenbaum recapped the timeline for the plan, including a hard deadline of the end of next month. Voting for approval of the final plan will take place at the scheduled Library Board meeting in June.

Ms. DiMichele passed out the Draft 5-Year Plan to the Board, which is also available online at www.olis.ri.gov.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning & Budget Committee

None.

Public Relations Committee

None.

Legislation Committee

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VIII. AGENDA FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 18, 2007 in Conference Room C in the DOA building.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

LIBRARY BOARD OF RHODE ISLAND
Monday, June 18, 2007
MINUTES

Members Present: Chair, Mark McKenney, Alice Barrows, Regina Connor, Mary Cummings, Peter Deekle, Donna Good, Jay Litman, Leslie McDonough, and Ruth Sullivan

Members Absent: William Allen, Cristina Martins Amedeo, Joan Ress Reeves, Tovah Reis, Rose Ellen Reynolds, and Joshua Teverow

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

Observers: Phyllis Humphrey, Shirley Long, and Dale Thompson

Reporting: Debbie Cullerton

Materials Distributed:

1. Draft Agenda
2. Final 5-Year Plan

The meeting convened at 4:20 p.m.

I. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the May 21, 2007 meeting were unanimously approved subject to the correction of 2 minor spelling changes.

II. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Mr. McKenney asked Howard Boksenbaum to report on the news of appointments to the Library Board and the progress thereof. Mr. Boksenbaum stated that we now have 6 appointments that have been officially made by the governor. They are all subject to advice and consent by the senate.

Four were reappointments to the Board. Reappointments were Regina Connor, Leslie McDonough, Joan Ress Reeves, and Rose Ellen Reynolds.

The two new appointments are Shirley Long representing Medium/Large Public Libraries, and Phyllis Humphrey representing School Libraries.

Mr. Boksenbaum stated that by law an orientation session must be held for new members within 6 months, OLIS (Office of Library & Information Services) will be looking into setting that up.

Mr. McKenney stated we should seek to insure that for the next round of appointments, we are well ahead of the curve, so it won't take so long to get action. We will keep everyone informed as to the status.

The Chair stated that there was good news from Providence Public Library.

There does appear to be an agreement. We seem to be moving forward. It certainly has been a long haul. Having peace and stability will be good in a many ways.

III. CHIEF LIBRARY OFFICER'S REPORT

Appointments

Dave Maslyn, who has been the acting dean of libraries at the University of Rhode Island, will officially hold that title starting June 24th.

OLIS Budget

The Library Commission was looking for 1.6 million dollars so we could buy some statewide database licenses, however it has not made it into the budget. No state monies were appropriated.

OLIS's budget and the Grant-In-Aid Budget are the same numbers. It doesn't look like we have to worry about the legislators side of that.

There will be a lot of pressure in the near future as the Governor gears up to slash the workforce. Although today, OLIS did get permission to post Sheila Carlson's position that was vacated by her retirement. Mr. Boksenbaum stated that he remains optimistic.

Library Legislation

Beth Perry reported on Legislative Updates. The budget is being heard tomorrow from the senate.

Ms. Perry advised the Board to check the OLIS website for all updates.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

V. LSTA Five-Year Plan – Vote by Library Board

The Board was given a copy of the LSTA – Five Year Plan that was prepared. Howard Boksenbaum and Donna DiMichele gave an overview of all steps and stakeholders sessions that went into the plan. Upon the Board's Approval, it will be sent to IMLS.

It was presented to the Library Board for a vote.

A motion was made to approve the LSTA Five Year Plan.

It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved.

Mark McKenney noted a job well done. Howard Boksenbaum thanked staff and the stakeholders group for their assistance.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting of the Board is tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2007 in the DOA building.

A proposed meeting schedule for 2007-2008 will be prepared for the Library Board to review at that meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.