

Minutes
ODL Board of Directors
September 9, 2005
10:00 a.m.
Metropolitan Library System, Headquarters
Oklahoma City, OK

Chair Judi Knapp called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Duchess Bartmess, Betty Bass, Ann Geurkink, Judi Knapp, LaWalta (Wally) Turner, and Susan McVey, ex officio. Absent: Hannibal Johnson, Sherry Roberts.

Guests and staff present: Kay Bauman, Karen Currie, Tally Fugate, Susan Gilley, Mary Hardin, Gary Harrington, Vicki Mohr, and Vicki Sullivan.

Knapp welcomed new ODL board member LaWalta Turner from Kremlin, Oklahoma. Knapp asked for consideration of the minutes of the June 17th, 2005 meeting. Geurkink moved the minutes be approved. Bass seconded. Votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Knapp, yes; Turner, yes; Johnson, absent; Roberts, absent. The motion passed.

McVey introduced Archivist Tally Fugate, to talk about the Oklahoma Centennial Commission master project *One Hundred Years of Oklahoma Governors*. The project is designed to place archival materials from twenty-three governors on the web, including photographs, administrative biographies, state of the state addresses, and many other materials from Governors Haskell to Keating, 1895 to 2003, along with a history of the governor's office, and links to territorial governors. The project will contain a descriptive summary on each governor and will be of interest to Oklahoma history researchers. In the future, web pages will be in database format, including online exhibits for governors and first ladies. The ODL Archives is ahead of other states in making this type of material available online. Press releases and promotions for the project will increase as the state nears the Centennial. A future project will be the Tulsa race riot.

Gary Harrington spoke about the third annual Archives Week, November 13th through the 19th. Posters and lesson plans will be mailed to museums, libraries and schools. A workshop on scrap booking will be presented.

Tim Tingle, 2005's Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma author, is traveling the state talking about his book "*Walking the Choctaw Road*." To date, two thousand four hundred and twenty nine people have attended programs statewide. Bill Young reported the nominees for the coming year are now on ODL's website and votes may be cast online. The focus will be on Oklahoma experiences through the centennial year.

Kay Bauman, Metropolitan Library System (MLS) downtown branch manager, welcomed the board and staff to the new Metropolitan Library System. The downtown headquarters and branch are the largest and newest in the system and the newest MLS service offered is wireless access.

MLS's recent board meeting heard patrons' objections to certain children's books in the MLS collection. In the last six months, patrons have requested certain books be removed from the children's section and the subject has received media coverage. McVey addressed the role of ODL

in the situation. State Aid Rules require a library to have a selection policy which must be updated every four years and approved by the local library board. The Certification program offers the class *Selection of Library Materials*. Material selection decisions are made by the local library board.

Bartmess wanted the legislature to know that removal of books from a collection is a local decision, and that ODL does not regulate what books may or may not be in a library's collection. ODL is supportive of local library boards and their ability to make decisions regarding their collections and other issues. It was felt that ODL should not be held captive financially for local library issues such as material selection.

Knapp asked for public comment. There was none.

The proposed 2007 ODL budget was next agenda item. Previous cuts to ODL's budget have not been fully restored. The needs are the same as last year, restoration of dollars for professional development for staff, funding for the Oklahoma Union Catalog. Currently, federal funds are committed to continuing projects, leaving little room for new initiatives. In federal fiscal year 2007, there will be a drop in federal funds due to a twelve and a half percent reduction in maintenance of effort. The budget period starts October 1st, but appropriations are not passed until sometime in January. Three hundred thousand extra state dollars would be required to return ODL back to full maintenance of effort. There are mandates required of the agency and sixty one thousand six hundred and twenty six dollars is requested to cover increased retirement contributions, increased health insurance costs, and payment for CORE human resources, budgeting, and purchasing transactions through the Office of State Finance. Positions have been frozen to pay for these unfunded mandates.

Bartmess made a motion to accept the FY2007 Budget request and Geurkink seconded. The votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Knapp, yes; Turner, yes; Johnson, absent, Roberts, absent. The motion passed.

Geurkink made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation and employment of the director, Bass seconded. The votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Knapp, yes; Turner, yes; Johnson, absent, Roberts, absent. The motion passed. The board went into executive session.

The board returned from Executive Session. Bass made the motion to return from executive session and Bartmess seconded. The votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Knapp, yes; Turner, yes; Johnson, absent, Roberts, absent. The motion passed.

There being no further business, the board adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next ODL Board meeting is December 2, 2005, 10 a.m., ODL South Conference Room, 2nd floor.