

Minutes
ODL Board of Directors
February 3, 2006
10:00 a.m.
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
South Conference Room
Oklahoma City, OK

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

Guests and staff present: Glenda Carlile, Karen Currie, Wendy Devine, Ginny Dietrich, Jennifer Finley, Carol Fox, Linda Gens, Susan Gilley, Mary Hardin, Gary Harrington, Summer Holleyman, Linda Jordan, Vicki Mohr, Kitty Pittman, Debra Schwartz, Vicki Sullivan, Ruby Wasson, and Bill Young.

Knapp asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 2nd, 2005 meeting. Geurkink moved the minutes be approved. Johnson seconded. Votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Turner, yes; Roberts, absent. The motion passed.

McVey, Sullivan, Knapp, and Bartmess attended a recent *Open Meeting Act* workshop presented by the Secretary of State's Office. As a result, at each board meeting, a statement will be made regarding when agenda was posted for the public, emailed to public libraries, and when an announcement and agenda were posted on the ODL website. McVey advised that in conformity with the Oklahoma Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2006 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 6, 2005 and public notice of this meeting together with the agenda was posted in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allan Wright Memorial Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City, on February 2nd, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. In addition, an email announcement of the meeting with agenda was sent to all Oklahoma public libraries on January 27th, 2006 and the announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website on January 31st.

Legislative session is scheduled to start February 6, 2006. Bills on ad valorem, public employees and appropriations are being monitored. The House will have five weeks and the Senate three weeks to consider bills in committee. ODL Director and Deputy Director have had three to four meetings with committees. A letter was sent to the office of the Governor, Speaker of the House, and President Pro Tem of the Senate requesting consideration of additional one time funding for public library construction grants. The grants would be given to mostly rural areas with county populations of less than five hundred thousand.

Geurkink asked about the two bills introduced by Representative Sally Kern and who would be responsible for defining what explicit is. McVey said the introduced versions of the bills are like rough drafts and are vague at this point. Revisions could be added to the bills but, at present, it

would be difficult for ODL to determine what the definition of explicit would be. Turner asked about ODL being prohibited from allocating moneys to libraries. Johnson spoke of the problem with the ghettoization of certain materials and stigmatizing the people who seek those materials. Johnson felt local control was best and libraries and their boards should decide what materials are in their collections, not a statewide body. Bartmess suggested that Knapp or McVey should give more information to legislators on how this would impact libraries.

A draft calendar of upcoming events such as Red Dirt Book Festival, Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma, and the Centennial Commission's *One Hundred Years* Kick Off, and other events, was distributed. Most will be firm dates, but some will not. Bill Young reported that ORO's 2007 announcement will be timed to coordinate with the Centennial Commission's November 9-19th *One Hundred Years* Kick-Off. Barnes & Noble bookstores have been involved and reading lists will be mailed to other Oklahoma bookstores. ORO's statewide programs jumped from 17 to 55 last year.

Vicki Mohr introduced new children's consultant, Jennifer Finley. Finley has an art background, formerly worked for the Getty Museum, and a progressive school in California for the last eight years.

Linda Gens spoke about the Gates Foundation Rural Sustainability Grant. In 1997, the Gates Foundation gave Oklahoma libraries grants to purchase computers and connectivity for their communities. Rural communities are generally poor and have trouble sustaining public access and upgrades to computers. A second grant was received this year and a series of workshops will be held. A goal of the workshop is for libraries to write a basic action plan. Grants will be given to help sustain funding, maintenance and outreach. Oklahoma's program has been so successful that Ginny Dietrich and Linda Gens have been asked to attend the *Training the Trainer* Institute in Seattle, Washington to talk about the experience gained and train the round two of twenty states who will receive a Gates Foundation grant. A Spanish language grant is also in the future.

Gary Harrington reported the Oklahoma Centennial Project *One Hundred Years of Oklahoma Governors' Papers* was finished last year and is undergoing fine tuning. It has been mentioned in the *Southwestern Archivists Newsletter* and the *National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators* publications. Oklahoma's annual Archives Week was mentioned in the *Society of American Archivists Newsletter*, and the *100 Years* poster was in the Society of American Archivists *Archival Outlook* newsletter.

Glenda Carlile said the Oklahoma Reads Oklahoma (ORO) project was highlighted in the *Oklahoma Humanities Council Newsletter* (an ORO sponsor). The 2006 author, Dayna Dunbar, will be highlighted at the March OLA Conference in Tulsa.

Employee Certificates of Service and pins were given to: Linda Jordan, five years; Bill Petrie, fifteen years, Ginny Dietrich, fifteen years, Rich Owens, fifteen years, Susan McVey, twenty years, Vicki Sullivan, twenty years, and Mary Hardin, forty years.

The Oklahoma Book Award Ceremony will be held March 11, 2006 at the Petroleum Club. Bob Burke was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award and John Joseph Mathews the Ralph

Ellison posthumous Award. One hundred and forty nine entries were received this year, the most ever received in one year.

Carlile and Kitty Pittman demonstrated the ContentDM Oklahoma Author Database titled *Oklahoma Crossroads*. The site lists Oklahoma authors and their biographical information, occupation, works, copyright information, and links to authors' websites. Surveys are being handed out at various events to gather more information on Oklahoma authors and their works to include them on the website. Historical authors will be added at a later date. The department has also received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to establish a presenters' database. Authors may also choose to be listed on this database.

The next board meeting will appoint the Nominating Committee and possibly consider further LSTA grant proposals. Budget cuts will not be reflected in maintenance of effort (MOE) until next fiscal year. The agency experienced a twelve and one half percent cut in 2004 which resulted in positions remaining vacant, a switch from state to federal dollars for the Statewide Union Catalog (\$400,000), no general public library mailings and a reduced book budget. A reduction in force and furloughs were avoided. The agency's federal dollars are matched with state dollars or MOE is lost. In the past, the federal money must be matched with state dollars or all federal funding was lost. Now federal dollars are matched to existing state dollars.

Knapp asked for public comment. There was none. Knapp asked for board comment, there being none, Turner made the motion to adjourn and Geurkink seconded. The board adjourned at 10:55 a.m. The next ODL board meeting will be at the OLA Conference, Crowne Plaza Hotel, 100 E. 2nd St., Board Room, 15th floor, Tulsa, Oklahoma, 10 a.m.

Susan McVey, Secretary