

**Minutes**  
**ODL Board of Directors**  
**February 9, 2007**  
**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: Duchess Bartmess, Betty Bass, Hannibal Johnson, Judi Knapp, Tom Terry, Wally Turner, and Susan McVey, ex officio. Absent: Ann Geurkink.

Guests and staff present: Karen Currie, Carol Fox, Linda Gens, Susan Gilley, Gary Harrington, Vicki Mohr, Kitty Pittman, Debra Schwartz, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2007 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 6, 2006 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 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, on February 6, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. In addition, an email announcement of the meeting with agenda was sent to all Oklahoma public libraries on February 1, 2007 and the announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website on February 7, 2007, 10:15 a.m.

Knapp asked for consideration of the minutes of the December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2006 meeting. Bartmess moved the minutes be approved. Bass seconded. Votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Geurkink, absent. The motion passed.

Gary Harrington reported the Archives' ODL website projects, *The Tulsa Oklahoma Riot* and *Ada L. Sipuel*, were publicized in the January-February 2007 issue of *Society of American Archivists Archival Newsletter*.

A bill tracking list was distributed to Board members. Currently two thousand six hundred (2,600) bills are in place. We are tracking bills affecting funding of the agency. There are omnibus bills covering all state agencies, as well as bills specific to each agency. Most bills have been assigned to committees. All budget bills have no money in them at the current time. Other bills affecting ODL include House Bill (HB) 1039, which would make internet coverage of board meetings mandatory. The bill would have a fiscal impact to the Department as we presently do not have the equipment to do this. The Archives and Records Commission, which has governing power over the retention, destruction, and addition of records in state government, is up for sunset review this year. This review of the Archives and Records Commission happens every six (6) years. HB 1715 is the primary bill which would impact public libraries. This bill would prohibit children under twelve (12) from internet access at libraries unless there is onsite adult supervision. Minors thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) would need parental permission on file to access the internet. Warnings about the danger of sexual predators online would be conveyed to guardians. Representative Wesselhoft did not contact public libraries about current internet

policies for children already in place at most public libraries. Johnson and Bartmess suggested a fact sheet about what libraries are already doing regarding children's internet access safety and possibly devoting a space on ODL's website on how to protect children using the internet.

Vicki Mohr reported on two (2) days of Advocacy Training for Public Libraries. Forty-two (42) librarians attended. Participants were given a project to present to a mock board for approval. The next advocacy training (to be held in March) will include a tour of the Capitol's Senate and House chambers and information on how to track bills. Mohr said the Gates Foundation' *Siga Adelante* Spanish program has begun statewide.

McVey reported the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) five year evaluation on the two million dollars received annually from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is underway. An outside evaluator will be reviewing two projects: e-rate consulting and the ODL computer lab and classes. Every project funded by federal funds in the last three (3) to four (4) years will be examined and reported on by ODL staff. ODL Board members will receive copies of the completed evaluation.

Abe Kader, the new director of the Public Library of Enid and Garfield County was introduced.

Knapp asked for discussion and possible vote on the FFY2007 Library Services and Technology Act grant proposals. McVey reported Congress adjourned before appropriation bills were passed last year. Operating budgets were covered under a continuing resolution. The resolution funded at the same level as the previous year. The LSTA formula is a base grant, with the remaining money divided per capita. ODL hopes to receive approximately the same amount or only down slightly due to population loss. The projects listed are continuing projects. New projects will be submitted later once the final LSTA amount is known. Bartmess motioned to approve and Terry seconded. The votes were as follows: Bartmess, yes; Bass, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Geurkink, absent. The motion passed.

Comments: Knapp announced Mary Sherman, Director of the Pioneer Library System (PLS) in Norman, will be retiring in May 2007 after forty (40) years of employment with PLS. The *Big Read* is kicking off at the weather center in Norman. Knapp visited the Holocaust exhibit in Tulsa and centennial exhibit in Apache.

Having no further business, the board adjourned at 10:45 a.m. The next ODL board meeting will be at the Cox Business Services Convention Center during the Oklahoma Library Association (OLA) Annual Conference, 10 a.m. on April 4, 2007.

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Susan McVey, Secretary