

**Minutes**  
**ODL Board of Directors**  
**December 7, 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: Betty Bass, Ann Geurkink, Hannibal Johnson, Judi Knapp, Tom Terry, Wally Turner, Harlene Wills, and Susan McVey, ex officio.

Guests and staff members present: David Cockrell, Terri Crawford, Karen Currie, Jan Davis, Fernando Este, Linda Gens, Susan Gilley, Wayne Hanway, Sandra Keig, Melody Kellogg, Sue Kilmer, Carolyn Klepper, Sadie Mattox, Vicki Mohr, Kitty Pittman, Corby Poursaba, Shalalah Saunders, Debra Schwartz, Vicki Sullivan, Larry Thorne, Judy Tirey, Cathy Van Hoy, Desiree Webber, Donelda Wheatley, Pat Williams, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2007 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 14, 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 December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. In addition, an email announcement of the meeting with agenda was sent to all Oklahoma public libraries on December 5, 2007 and the announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007 at 5:25 p.m.

Knapp asked for consideration of the board minutes from the August 24 board meeting. Tom Terry moved the minutes be approved. Ann Geurkink seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

McVey asked for division reports. Kitty Pittman introduced new staff members Shalalah Saunders and Sadie Mattox. Saunders will be working in the Interlibrary Loan office and with OCLC resource sharing, Autographics, and interlibrary loan system requests. Mattox is the new reference librarian and will maintain the ODL blog.

McVey reported the National Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums Conference was held in October in Oklahoma City. Jan Davis gave board members mugs and chocolates that were given to conference registrants as parting gifts. McVey commended Jan Davis and Susan Feller on the successful planning and organization of the conference.

Copies of the ODL Budget Request were handed out. The document explains how monies were spent in the previous fiscal year and requests new monies for the next fiscal year. The document

is required by the Office of State Finance with the Senate and House fiscal staff also receiving copies.

The new *Oklahoma Agencies, Boards, and Commissions (ABC)* book has been published. It is serving as the source document this year for the Government Modernization Committee. The publication is mandated by state law and copies are given to the Senate and House. Cartwright Library and the Public Information Office compile the *ABC*.

Knapp asked for any public comments. Desiree Webber, Mustang Public Library Director, addressed the board concerning the upcoming agenda item on the State Aid Formula. In 2005, the ODL Board approved a new State Aid payment formula in order to equalize the funding over time among municipal libraries and systems. In the two years following, money from the Legislature was appropriated specifically for municipal libraries to work towards equalizing the funding. During the past legislative session, a flyer was distributed showing how every Oklahoman and all libraries would benefit from the extra dollars. Webber asked the board to consider a proposed formula approved by the Public Library Directors Council that would equalize per capita payments to both municipal and system libraries. She stressed that State Aid payments should provide equal per capita payments so that the library community not lose credibility with the Legislature.

David Cockrell, Mustang City Manager, thanked the board for the increase in state aid funding. He felt the formula for state aid was quite clear on how additional dollars were to be divided and wants to help reach the goal of \$2.50 per capita.

Knapp asked for consideration of the 2008 ODL Board Meeting Schedule. McVey suggested that one Oklahoma City meeting might be scheduled in the Capitol. Ann Geurkink moved that the schedule be approved. Hannibal Johnson seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. The motion passed.

The board then considered the State Aid formula for 2008. McVey drew the board's attention to the formula in the packet, and then distributed a corrected formula with updated figures. She also distributed an alternate formula based on recommendations by the Public Library Directors Council (PLDC).

McVey said the state aid formula is open for discussion, and that she would support the third formula proposed by the Public Library Directors Council. All of the formulas provide an increase for the smallest libraries from a fifteen hundred (\$1500) base grant to eighteen hundred dollars (\$1800). She said no library would receive less than it did in 2007 unless they are ineligible.

Wayne Hanway, SEPLS Director and chair of the Public Library Directors Council, said the PLDC is an informal organization of the directors of Oklahoma public libraries. The group discusses the needs and concerns of public libraries and advises the Department of Libraries in its mission to improve public library service in the state. On December 3rd, 2007, the PLDC met and voted to propose equal per capita funding for municipal libraries and systems.

The board considered the revised State Aid formula supported by the Public Library Directors Council. Geurkink moved that the State Aid formula supported by the PLDC should be approved and Betty Bass seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. The motion passed.

Tom Terry moved that the board go into Executive Session to discuss the employment of the Director. Hannibal Johnson seconded.

Following Executive Session, Tom Terry moved that the board return to Open Session and consider possible action on matters discussed in Executive Session. Betty Bass seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. The motion passed.

Ann Geurkink made a motion to retain the director and Wally Turner seconded. Votes were as follows: Bass, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Knapp, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. The motion passed.

Knapp asked board members for reports. Ann Geurkink, Duncan, spoke about a bill in the U.S. Congress, House Resolution 3791, which would require any library with WiFi services to report any public library access to pornography or obscene materials, with a \$150,000 fine for first offense and \$300,000 for second offense. Only if the library discovered the WiFi service was being used for this purpose and didn't report it, would it be liable. McVey said so far there has been no alert from the national level regarding this but she would research further.

Harlene Wills reported on the Will Rogers Literary Landmark program, held at the Will Rogers Memorial in Claremore. Mike Wallace served as emcee and the Cherokee Nation provided lunch. Speakers were wonderful and Will Rogers' niece attended, along with Claremore Public Library Director Fernando Este, and Steve Graggert, Memorial Director.

Wills said the Tahlequah Carnegie Library celebrated its 100th anniversary with an open house, quilt displays, and music. The library's director will leave at the end of the year.

Wally Turner reported on the closing of the Enid Public Library. Problems with roof leaks, asbestos, foundation problems, and Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility issues were discovered. The town is in turmoil about the library being closed, but the crisis has illustrated how popular the library is in Enid. A temporary branch will open in the Enid mall.

Hannibal Johnson reported that Tulsa City County Library System's Central Library is undergoing exterior renovations. Downtown Tulsa is also undergoing major street construction. Saturday, February 9th, the African American Resources Center, located in the Rudisill Branch Library, will host poet Nikki Giovanni, who will receive the Sankofa Award.

Geurkink reported the Oklahoma Centennial Commission will produce a DVD of the Oklahoma Centennial Celebration. Contact Nick Duncan if interested.

Knapp asked for a motion to adjourn. Bass moved and Wills seconded. The meeting was adjourned. Next ODL Board meeting will be February 29th, 10 a.m., in the ODL South Conference Room on second floor of the Wright Library.

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Susan McVey, Secretary