

**Minutes**  
**Oklahoma Department of Libraries**  
**ODL Board of Directors**  
**April 21, 2010**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**OLA Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City**

Chair Ann Geurkink called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Jon Douthitt, Ann Geurkink, Hannibal Johnson, Tom Terry, Wally Turner, Harlene Wills, Shelly Wilson, and Susan McVey, ex officio. Absent: none.

Guests and staff members present: Connie Armstrong, Cliff Broadworth, Karen Currie, Jan Davis, Susan Gilley, Vicki Mohr, Kitty Pittman, Debra Schwartz, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2010 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 8, 2009 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 4/19/10, 9:00 a.m. The announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website at 5:20 p.m. on April 13, 5:20 p.m. The announcement and agenda were also sent by email to all Oklahoma public libraries on 4/14/2010 at 10:28 a.m.

Geurkink asked for consideration of the board minutes of the February 12, 2010 board meeting. Douthitt moved the minutes be approved. Johnson seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Geurkink, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes; Wilson, yes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Director's Report: The legislative session is underway. Revenue is the focus. There has been no official word on budget reductions at this point. Last week, Common Ed, Higher Ed and Career Tech were invited to speak with legislators on how they would handle an additional 10% cut. McVey and Sullivan have been discussing where ODL budget reductions could be taken. The public hearing on raising ODL's proposed fees for corner records held at the last ODL Board meeting has not been disapproved by the legislature, and the governor has already approved them. Any monies realized will be used towards Archives staff salaries.

Senate Bill 1729 is a bill that will affect public libraries. Currently, there is no exemption for lists of patrons or juvenile patrons from the Open Records law. Pioneer Library System got sponsorship to amend the bill, with the purpose of protecting minors' records.

House Bill 3029 allows superintendants for the next two (2) fiscal years to have no requirements for school library budgets, staff, and materials. The bill was amended by Senator Halligan to remove school libraries and librarians from the bill. Most schools have only one library and one librarian. If the library is not staffed, there is no access for faculty or the students.

Division reports: Jan Davis reported the OHRAB board received requests from thirty seven (37) Oklahoma libraries, museums and archives to receive funding to support their efforts. The

program, *Threats to Your Collection*, received \$50,000 of funding for regrant to libraries, museums, and archives for such things as acid free folders, security, digitization of materials, temperature monitoring equipment and supplies.

Thirty seven (37) applications were received with twenty six (26) funded. Several public libraries, colleges and universities received funds. More than \$230,000 in requests was received.

Connie Armstrong, the *Oklahoma Almanac* Editor, has also assumed the position of the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Center for the Book. *Letters about Literature*, a state and national writing contest event sponsored by the National Center for the Book in the Library of Congress for grades 4-12, was held at the State Capitol. Jari Askins emceed. In the contest, a student writes a letter to an author telling how their book changed or impacted the student's life. Three (3) winners came to the Capitol Blue Room for a ceremony. Nineteen (19) legislators or a representative attended. First place winners go to national competition in Washington, D.C. and their library receives a \$1,000 grant as well as a Target gift card for the student. Student Daniel Flores, Cushing, was chosen as a National Honor Award Recipient.

The annual Oklahoma Book Awards event was held on April 17, 2010. This was the twenty-first (21<sup>st</sup>) year for the awards. There were one hundred and fifteen (115) entries, with thirty three (33) finalists in children/young adult, poetry, design/illustration, fiction and non-fiction categories. Historian Dr. Stan Hoig, who passed away in December, received the posthumous Ralph Ellison Award. Photographer David Fitzgerald received the Arrell Gibson Lifetime Achievement Award. Teresa Miller, OSU-Tulsa, received the Distinguished Service Award. Miller is responsible for the "*Writing Out Loud*" OETA program, as well as Center for Poets and Writers. Jane Jayroe emceed the program.

Kitty Pittman reported older library patron cards are being phased out, and presented all board members with new patron check out cards. Sadie Mattox, web reference librarian, has updated the "*Checklists of Reference Resources for Oklahoma Libraries*" publication, last revised about fifteen (15) years ago.

Vicki Mohr reported there are four (4) website templates available now from ODL's web server that public libraries can choose from to create their own websites. ODL paid a professional design company to create the templates. Seven (7) libraries are ready to go live, with each one of the four website templates being used.

The Enid Public Library has hired a contractor for the *Sooner State Way* interior design project, using 15% of their award to implement the project. A slide show will be on the website with before and after pictures. Colorful tiles will lead you into the library, with a large silver awning on a two-story tall wall. Miami, Anadarko and Newkirk have developed great websites that are linked on ODL's website.

Mohr thanked board members for writing letters of support regarding the BTOP grant. A diverse group (banks, businesses, fire and police departments, etc.) wrote letters of support. Consultants from Boston will be here next week to prepare for due diligence, the grant review process.

The *Read Across Oklahoma* event was held at the zoo. Pre-school children from at-risk schools attended. Target continues to sponsor the event and helped immensely. This year's theme was taken from author Tammi Sauer's book *Chicken Dance* and featured the character Elvis Poultry, complete with a back-up dance group.

Debra Schwartz, our liaison from the Attorney General's Office, is retiring at the end of April 2010. This will be her last ODL board meeting. Thank you for your service Debra.

Geurkink asked for public comment. There was none.

Geurkink appointed Tom Terry, John Douthitt and Harlene Wills to the nominating committee for ODL board officers.

The next ODL Board meeting was rescheduled for Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 10 a.m., ODL, South Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

The board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Susan McVey, ex officio