

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
April 1, 2011, 10:00 a.m.
Oklahoma Library Association Conference
Tulsa Southern Hills Marriott Hotel
Cypress Board Room, 2nd floor
1902 E. 71st Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74136

Chair Hannibal Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Jon Douthitt, Judy Haught, Hannibal Johnson, Tom Terry, Harlene Wills and Susan McVey, ex officio; absent: Wally Turner, Shelly Wilson.

Guests and staff members present: Karen Currie, Susan Gilley, Donna Morris, Kitty Pittman, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey, Pat Williams, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2011 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on December 6, 2010 and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City, on March 25, 2011, 1:36 p.m. The announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website at 9:16 a.m. on March 31, 2011.

Johnson asked for consideration of the board minutes of the March 8, 2011 board meeting. Douthitt moved the minutes be approved. Wills seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Turner, Wilson. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Division Reports: Susan McVey distributed a legislative bills tracking list. HB1208 would allow the Governor to make appointments to all boards, with the option of replacing the entire board all at once. Currently, board members' terms are staggered six year terms. There is also a bill giving power to the Governor to appoint all Agency Directors. There is still movement on both bills. The board may contact legislators with their concerns. Appropriations bills are mainly shell bills at this point. Revenue collection has been increasing but remains at 500-600 million dollars less than last year. Currently proposed cuts to agencies is at 3 to 5%. It will be the end of April before the Equalization Board's forecast, which is used to set the state budget. Six months into the federal fiscal year, there is no federal budget passed yet. FFY11 cuts are unknown at this time, and cuts are expected for FFY12.

The Senate Energy Committee heard HB1460, which raises the state E-Rate rate and pays for broadband connections in public libraries. It will be effective next fiscal year, meaning little to no out-of-pocket expenses for public libraries involved in the OkCONNECT project if passed.

McVey discussed the possibility of an interim study on HB2140 (the agency consolidation bill which includes the incorporation of the Archives Division of ODL into the Office of State Finance {OSF}) with the bill's house sponsor.

There was no public comment.

Consideration and possible vote on selected prioritized projects funded with Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) federal funds. With a Monday deadline for a continuing resolution to avoid a government shutdown, and six months into the fiscal year, these projects are contingent upon the receipt of federal funds. With approval, development of projects will begin. Terry moved the projects be approved contingent upon the receipt of federal funds, and Douthitt seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Turner, Wilson. The motion passed and the projects were approved.

Consideration and possible vote on resolution for Schools and Libraries Universal Services (E-Rate) consortial application for 2011-2012. The resolution goes with the OkCONNECT Project, the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) which ODL received in July, 2010. There are 44 libraries in the OkCONNECT project. We are seeking Board approval to submit an e-rate application for both equipment and Internet connections on behalf of the 44 communities. Using funds from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for e-rate, ODL hired a professional e-rate consulting firm. The firm developed the consortial application for the 44 communities in the OkCONNECT grant applying for both equipment and Internet connections. The consortial application's inclusion of equipment will free up \$700,000 now in the OkCONNECT grant. Since the e-rate will pay for the equipment, we will seek approval to expand communities covered, equipment provided, or for other purposes. Communities in the project will have no out of pocket expenses until the third year due to the OkCONNECT project funding. We will be using funding from the federal e-rate program to replace some of the costs in the original BTOP application. Douthitt moved the resolution be approved and Wills seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Turner, Wilson.

Johnson asked for the appointment of an ODL Board Nominating Committee for ODL Board Officers. Wills was named Chair and Douthitt, Vice Chair.

Judy Haught asked how HB2140 (the consolidation bill) would affect ODL's Archives employees. McVey said in addition to HB2140, there are three other consolidation bills that could affect Accounting and Fiscal Services, Public Relations, and Information Technology (I.T.) employees. I.T. employees would likely stay in place and report to OSF, or reassignment could be made elsewhere. The effects of these bills are yet unknown.

The next ODL board meeting will be held June 10, 2011, 10 a.m., at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, South Conference Room, 2nd floor, Oklahoma City, OK.

Douthitt moved the meeting adjourn. Terry seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Turner, Wilson. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Susan McVey, ex officio