

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
June 10, 2011
10:00 am
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
South Conference Room

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

Guests and staff members present: Connie Armstrong, Jan Davis, Leslie Gelders, Susan Gilley, Gwendolyn Gillson, Holly LaBossiere, Stan Lester, Kerri McLinn, Vicki Mohr, Bill Petrie, Kitty Pittman, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey, Cathy Van Hoy, 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 June 9, 2011, 9:36 am. The announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted on the ODL website at 10:22 am on June 3, 2011.

Johnson asked for consideration of the board minutes of the April 1, 2011 board meeting. Terry moved, seconded by Douthitt, that the minutes be approved. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Wilson. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

There was no public comment.

Director's Report and Division Activity Reports

- Literacy Report on "Read Across Oklahoma" day 2011
Leslie Gelders introduced Kerri McLinn to report on the "Read Across Oklahoma Event" held at the Oklahoma City Zoo in April. Kerri gave a brief history of the event, which started 5 years ago. Target, Rotary, and OETA partner with ODL to sponsor this event, which was attended by over 1,500 children in the Ready to Learn Program. Public school children were also invited to attend. After a slide show highlighting this year's activities with the children, Kerri distributed a sample lunch pack and the book, *Rope 'Em by Stacy Nyikos*, to the Board.
- Introduction of Archives Division Interns
Jan Davis, Administrative Archivist, introduced interns from the University of Oklahoma School of Library and Information Services, who are n processing former Governor Henry's and former Lt. Governor Askin's papers.: Gwendolyn Gillson and Stan Lester

were present for introductions. Jennifer Fann, was unable to attend the meeting. A major milestone was the completion of the project to digitize over 7,000 Oklahoma Confederate Pension index cards, which are now available for viewing in *Oklahoma Crossroads*.

- **Legislative Update**
Director Susan M^cVey discussed a list of all bills introduced during the legislative session that would affect the Oklahoma Department of Libraries or its Board. Five out of the 47 introduced bills were passed. The majority of the bills that would have affected ODL did not pass. The Consolidation bill did not include the Archives and Records Division.
- **Budget Reductions for State Fiscal Year 2012**
ODL's state appropriation for FY 2012 was reduced by 7%, which was less of a reduction than some other agencies in the Education Appropriations Sub-Committee received. The total reduction was \$443,983. Susan referenced a chart that showed ODL funding for the last ten years. State funding has been declining. . ODL did not have many options for making reductions. Actions taken for the reduction of the FY 2012 budget include: freezing open positions; reducing state aid and literacy grants by approximately 9.2% each. This information was shared with the Public Library Director's Council. M^cVey e-mailed all public libraries regarding these reductions and invited them to attend the June 10, 2011 ODL Board meeting.

As a result of the reductions to ODL's budget, the agency will receive reduced federal funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services because of failing to meet the Maintenance of Effort requirement.

Harlene Wills asked about Senate Bill 606, which requires the Governor to appoint any executive director or primary executive position of an agency, subject to Senate confirmation.. The bill is dormant at this time. The status quo will continue. Nothing has changed.

Tom Terry asked about the move to consolidate all accounting services in one area. M^cVey reported that the bill passed, as well as HB 1304, which consolidates all IT staff and assets into the Office of State Finance. The IT staff will likely stay with the agency, but will report to the Chief Information Officer or someone in Office of State Finance. In addition, the fiscal staffing situation will work in somewhat the same way. The focus of the Governor and Legislature was to shrink state government and consolidate state agencies.

Turner wanted to let Bill Young and all who participated in the Oklahoma Book Awards event that it was wonderful, one of the best ever.

Consideration and possible vote on selected projects to be funded with federal Library Services and Technology Act funds.

The E-Books and Audio Books project was already presented for consideration in April, but the current request is to use combined funding from FFY 2010 and FFY 2011 in order to allow adequate time to gather information on the project for the annual report to the

Institute of Museum and Library Services. Additional FFY 2010 funds have been requested to purchase higher grade routers/switches for the libraries included in the Okconnect grant and to purchase computers and/or ADA accessible carrels to expand services at these libraries. Additional modifications for disabled users are required for disabled users, but were not funded in the Okconnect application budget. Douthitt moved, seconded by Wills, that the projects be approved. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Wilson.

Consideration and possible vote on resolution of appreciation for LaWalta “Wally” Turner’s term of service on the Oklahoma Department of Libraries’ Board.

Johnson read the proposed resolution. Douthitt moved, seconded by Terry, that the Resolution of Appreciation for LaWalta “Wally” Turner be approved. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Wilson.

Consideration and possible vote on election of officers for ODL Board.

Wills, chair of the Nominating Committee, reported that the Committee recommended the following Board members to be officers for the 2011 – 2012 Fiscal Year: Chair, Hannibal Johnson; Vice-Chair, Jon Douthitt. Since the report came out of committee, no motion was required. Votes on the Committee report were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Wilson.

Wills commented on the Literary Landmark event held in Tahlequah on April 29, 2011. Wilson Rawls was recognized and it was an extremely wonderful event. Irene Wickham located relatives of Rawls, some of whom attended the event and came from Wisconsin, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Johnson reminded the Board of the remaining Board meetings, August 26, 2011 and December 2, 2011. Wills indicated that she would not be able to attend the August meeting. Douthitt moved, seconded by Terry, that the meeting be adjourned. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; Terry, yes; Turner, yes; Wills, yes. Absent: Wilson.

The meeting adjourned at 10.40 a.m.