

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
June 13, 2014
10:00 a.m.
South Conference Room

Chairman Jon Douthitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Jon Douthitt, Don Evans, Judy Haught, Hannibal Johnson, Phil Moss and Susan McVey, Secretary. Absent: Jana Barker and Ann Ritchie.

Guests and staff members present: Sadie Bruce, Adrienne Butler, Melecia Caruthers, Jan Davis, Karl Kramer, Vicki Mohr, Cindy Mooney, Kitty Pittman, Michael O'Hasson, Arlene Paschel, Judy Tirey, Cathy Van Hoy and William Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2014 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on January 4, 2014 and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted on June 9, 2014 at 8:40 a.m. in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City. The announcement of the Board meeting and agenda were posted June 11, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. on the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) website.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration of the minutes for the April 2, 2014 board meeting. Johnson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Haught. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Jana Barker and Ann Ritchie. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Director's Report and Division Activity Reports

McVey announced the second session of the 54th Legislature adjourned on May 23, 2014. Most of the bills affecting public library funding ended up being more limited in scope than introduced versions. The Public Library Systems had been concerned about a bill that removed the income cap on property owned by individuals who've reached age 65 years or older. Currently, individuals over age 65 who are below the median income in their county can apply to have their property tax frozen. This bill would have frozen property tax valuations at the time the homeowner reaches 65 regardless of income, but it did not pass. Instead, a couple of bills passed allowing relief to someone with property damage during a disaster.

McVey said bills that would have required videotaping board meetings did not pass. The legislation dealing with the impact on the Open Meeting Act passed in a limited way. Karl Kramer explained how the bill amended a section of the Open Meeting Act. The Act had allowed for District Attorneys to bring criminal charges for violations of the Open Meeting Act by board members. The law has changed to now allow private citizens to file declaratory or injunctive action seeking to correct a violation by boards that are subject to the Open Meeting

Act. There are some financial consequences to the change, which allows attorney fees to be paid by state agencies if they lose. McVey mentioned the language on suing board members was removed from the bill. Kramer said any legal action would be against the board, *not* the individual board members. Chairman Douthitt expressed his appreciation to Kramer for his expertise.

McVey announced the budget agreement resulted in a majority of state agencies, including ODL, receiving a 5.5% reduction in state appropriations from the previous year. The ODL cut was \$324,425. McVey said Deputy Director Vicki Sullivan has worked extremely hard to keep the impact down outside the agency, since this affects our Federal Maintenance of Efforts.

Johnson wondered how we could effectively communicate to the legislature the actual consequence of these continuing cuts. Often times, budget news can seem like an abstraction, but there is a real impact on constituents.

Kramer asked if the Department of Libraries had any revolving funds cut. McVey said not to her knowledge. ODL leases space at a facility and stores temporary records for State agencies. ODL receives fee income that pays for the building lease and supports salaries of employees that are doing the work in those areas. This group does nothing that we can count towards Federal Maintenance of Efforts.

Evans asked if ODL can count the budget of \$365,651, received by Division Capital Assets Management, Office Management of Enterprise Services, to repair the Records Center, to help show that ODL is trying to maintain our Federal Maintenance of Effort. McVey said this money is actually part of the OMES budget, and activities at the Record Center do not meet Federal MOE standards.

Chairman Douthitt presented Adrienne Butler and Cathy Van Hoy with commemorative pins and certificates for their 20 years of service with the State of Oklahoma.

Chairman Douthitt presented employee Michael O'Hasson a pin and certificate for 15 years of service with the State of Oklahoma. Chairman Douthitt congratulated employee Melecia Caruthers on a job well done during her 30 years of service with the State. He presented her with a pin and certificate.

Arlene Paschel demonstrated a new remote access service available to ODL customers from the ODL catalog. It's a very user friendly service and it gives ODL the ability to guide libraries through the Interlibrary Loan process and to help them utilize the various opportunities.

Mohr introduced the newest Library Consultant, Sadie Bruce. Sadie transferred from the Library Resources Division.

Appointment of ODL Board Nominating Committee

Chairman Douthitt announced the appointment of a nominating committee for officers for Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board 2014-2015. Johnson nominated Don Evans, Judy Haught and Phil Moss.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote to adjourn the meeting. Moss made the motion and Evans seconded. Votes were as follows: Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Haught, yes; Johnson, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Jana Barker and Ann Ritchie. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next ODL Board meeting is scheduled for August 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m., at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries' South Conference Room, located at 200 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Susan C. McVey, Secretary