

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
August 22, 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: Jana Barker, Jon Douthitt, Don Evans, Judy Haught, Phil Moss, Ann Ritchie and Susan McVey, Secretary. Absent: Hannibal Johnson.

Guests and staff members present: Connie Armstrong, Clifton Broadworth, Jan Davis, Karl Kramer, Cindy Mooney, Arlene Paschel, Kitty Pittman, Gary Phillips, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey, Natalie Vaughn, and Bill 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 August 15, 2014 at 9:30 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 August 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. on the Oklahoma Department of Libraries (ODL) website.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration of the minutes for the June 13, 2014 board meeting. He noted that Vicki Sullivan was not at the June meeting and the minutes would need to be amended to reflect this. Ritchie moved to approve with the amendment, seconded by Barker. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Haught, yes; Ritchie, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Hannibal Johnson. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Director's Report and Division Activity Reports

McVey presented a service award certificate and pin to Clifton Broadworth for 10 years of service to the State of Oklahoma. Clif is a staff member in the Oklahoma Publications Clearinghouse.

McVey announced a special event occurring Oct 3, 2014. Chief Judge Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit will discuss "The Heart of the Matter," a report by the American Academy of Arts and Sciences' Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences that addresses the importance of the humanities to the future of our nation. Following a reception at 5:30 p.m., Judge Wood will speak at 6:30 p.m. at the Oklahoma Judicial Center at 2100 N. Lincoln Boulevard. Sponsors of the event are Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Humanities Council, and the Oklahoma Department of Libraries.

McVey said the majority of state agencies, including ODL, received a 5.5% reduction for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 in the appropriations bill passed in May. After the end of the session, a budget revision had to be made based on a ruling by the Oklahoma Attorney General that a section of the appropriations bill had failed to meet procedural requirements. This resulted in an additional reduction of 1.2% to 66 agencies, including ODL.

ODL final SFY15 budget appropriation is \$5,567,411. The agency's budget was \$5,898,633 in SFY14. The budget amounts are based on estimates of revenue that will be collected in the coming year.

Consideration and possible vote on election of officers for Oklahoma Department of Libraries Board

Chairman Douthitt recognized Don Evans, chair of the nominating committee, to present the nominating committee report for the election of ODL Board Officers. Jon Douthitt was nominated for Chairman and Don Evans was nominated as Vice Chairman. Douthitt moved to vote on the elected officers and Ritchie seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Haught, yes; Ritchie, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Hannibal Johnson. The motion passed to elect officers.

Consideration and possible vote on FY2016 ODL Budget request

McVey said each year state agencies submit a budget request to the governor and legislature on October 1. A report is also provided on how the funds from the previous year were spent by the agency. ODL continues to request new operating funds each year. Due to the environment of reduced revenues during the past few years, no additional funding has been authorized for the agency.

McVey said ODL's priority is Technology Funds for Customers of Public Libraries. Ritchie asked if broadband is a big business for various rural library systems. McVey said public libraries are the technology center for their communities, and this is especially true of rural libraries. Libraries provide computers and broadband connections to the Internet, along with trained staff, to help customers who might not otherwise have access to this technology.

Haught asked if the proposed new operating funds would contribute toward the community library to help purchase the high-speed Internet and equipment. McVey said it does, along with a number of other needs.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote on the budget request. Ritchie made the motion and Barker seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, abstained; Haught, yes; Ritchie, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Hannibal Johnson. The motion passed to approve FY2016 ODL Budget request.

Chairman Douthitt congratulated ODL board member Phil Moss on being inducted into the Oklahoma Higher Education Hall of Fame as part of the 2014 cohort of inductees and honorees.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote to adjourn the meeting. Ritchie made the motion and Barker seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Haught, yes; Ritchie, yes; and Moss, yes. Absent: Hannibal Johnson. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next ODL Board meeting is scheduled for December 5, 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