

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**April 3, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by newly appointed Chair, Dr. Argiro Morgan. Additional members in attendance included Georgia Brown, Evelyn Valore, and new official board member, Louis Covington. Absentees from the meeting were Tony Clesi, Patricia Preis and Paulette Holahan. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Argiro Morgan called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was offered by Georgia Brown and seconded by Evelyn Valore and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Evelyn Valore and seconded by Louis Covington, the minutes were approved.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Hamilton reported departmental highlights. She reported that the State Library staff have continued their own heavy workloads plus all the work of all the lost positions. She stated that currently there are 51 employees doing the work of 71, and with no staff raises in 4 years. She reported sick leave usage was up and she was worried about staff burnout. The board expressed hope that they would see relief in the next few fiscal years.

Hamilton reiterated that productivity had not decreased and that the same amount of work was being produced but staff was slower with getting information and answers to the libraries and to the public. Staff was commended by the Board for going the extra mile to ensure things were successfully completed and without complaint. Hamilton mentioned the dramatic increase of patrons coming through the Library doors and stated that due to our libraries available resources, the public and homeless were successfully finding employment and the answers they needed.

Discussions arose concerning State Aide and the 3rd waiver request to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Hamilton emphasized the importance of having the waiver request approved so that the State Library would not have to return federal funds to IMLS.

Hamilton and board members discussed information and ideas concerning upcoming Book Festival on November 2, 2013. She stated that since there's was no state funding provided again this year, budget was still being determined. She is in discussions with the Lt. Governor and the Office of Tourism about ways they can help with marketing and other associated fees for the festival. State Library committees are meeting to come up with more ideas for activities and programs that appeal to all ages and ethnic groups so that the festival can draw a more diverse crowd

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Hamilton explained that the Library Board of Commissioners is responsible for appointing the State Board of Library Examiners (SBLE) which consists of 3 librarians that come together to give the certification exam twice a year. The procedure is that the State Librarian makes recommendations to board and they select and appoint the 3 members.

Mary LeBoeuf, Terrebonne Parish Library Director resigned her seat on the SBLE. Hamilton recommended Dorothy White as her replacement. White served as Associate State Librarian and Library Consultant for the State Library of Louisiana for many years and has now offered to serve on the State Board of Library Examiners. Georgia Brown moved to accept the recommendation with Argiro Morgan seconding and the motion was unanimously carried.

Next Meeting Date

July 17, 2012 10:00 am

5th Floor Capitol Viewing Room, State Library of Louisiana

ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Argiro Morgan made motion to adjourn and Georgia Brown approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 10:54 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners