

**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
October 25, 2018
Baton Rouge, La
10 am**

CALL TO ORDER

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Evelyn Valore, Louis Covington, David Johnson and James Lee. Absent from the meeting was Patricia Preis and Argiro Morgan. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Georgia Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was offered by Valore and seconded by Lee and unanimously carried.

MINUTES

On a motion offered by Johnson and seconded by Covington, the minutes were approved.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Hamilton reminded the members that they have to complete the required state ethics training by December 31, 2018. She offered assistance in the State Library computer lab if it is needed.

Hamilton announced that the Lt. Governor has appointed Gail Waters from Tensas Parish to the State Library Board of Commissioners. She will replace Pat Preis whose term expired in July of this year. Preis indicated that she did not want to be reappointed to another term. Hamilton provided a short bio for Waters and said that she will be a wonderful board member and that she is happy that Tensas Parish and that part of the state will continue to be represented. Hamilton noted that she is updating the board member email list and will also update a hard copy list of all board members with current contact info. that she will email to all board members.

Hamilton reported that the State Library has once again gone below its maintenance of effort (MOE) required to receive federal funding. Even though the legislature included \$430,000 in the State Library's budget for FY 18-19, the State Library will not receive it. This appropriation was moved to OSL's budget from the Office of Tourism by the legislature but the Lt. Governor denied the IAT (inter agency transfer) of the funds. This keeps the funds in the office of tourism whose annual budget is \$

Hamilton reported that Deputy Assistant Secretary, Diane Brown is retiring at the end of December. She explained to the board how critical this position is to her personally as her

second in command and also to the State Library because the position oversees internal operations. She indicated it would be a hard position to fill, once advertised. She also expressed concern that although the legislature funded a critical IT position, that position has yet to get approved by the Lt. Governor. Hamilton has provided all of the documentation regarding the need for the position to the Deputy Secretary but the Lt. Governor has to approve it. Brown asked Hamilton to provide, at the next meeting, a breakdown of all of the agencies in CRT and how many positions they had filled since the end of the 2018 legislative sessions.

NO OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Hamilton provided a list of the authors attending the 15th annual Louisiana Book Festival to the members. Board members commented on the excellent content and programming and about the feedback they have received from constituents regarding the book festival calling it the Crown Jewel of CRT. Brown asked about which programs the Lt. Governor will be attending since he was unable to attend last year. Hamilton said she would find out and report back to the board. Brown re-emphasized the importance of the Lt. Governor being in attendance at the largest event that CRT hosts.

Hamilton showed the board the 2018 Louisiana Book Festival poster explaining that the artwork was done by Bill Joyce who won the academy award in 2012 for Best Animated Short Film *The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr. Morris Lessmore*.

ADJOURNMENT

Brown made motion to adjourn and Valore seconded. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary
State Library Board of Commissioners

Georgia Brown, Chair
State Library Board of Commissioners