

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

**October 31, 2014  
6:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

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

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton reported that there was no formal budget update since their last meeting other than the recent changes read about in the paper taking place within the Office of Group Benefits that could possibly bring about mid-year reductions for every state agency. Hamilton explained that state agencies are basically on pause until it can be determined if there is a state general fund deficit or not.

Hamilton reported that she requested State Aid at the \$3 million dollar level in the FY 15-16 budget but that the decision was made in the Lt. Governor's office to put State Aid in the budget at the \$1.5 million dollar level instead. Hamilton ended the budget discussion by saying that although state employees were finally given an hourly rate increase after a 3-year freeze on raises; insurance premiums are likely also increasing for most employees as of 2015 so the two might zero each other out.

Hamilton reported on the Louisiana Book Festival and the activities and programs associated with the festival. She indicated that for most staff involved, the majority of the quarter was spent on the festivals final preparations. She handed out the Book Festival program and along with the fall issue of Cultural Vista magazine which was focused entirely on the Louisiana Book Festival.

Hamilton reported on conferences and special meetings that she took part in this quarter which included meeting with the new library director of Rapides Parish Library and attending the Lt. Governor's Tourism Summit in Kenner, La.

Board Member Louis Covington asked Hamilton how often she met with the Lt. Governor (monthly, weekly, or as needed) Hamilton explained that she had access to the Lt. Governor whenever she needed to meet with him but that formal meetings were held roughly quarterly.

### **NO OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A discussion was held regarding the State Board of Library Examiner (SBLE) appointments. The State Library Board of Commissioners, upon the State Librarian's recommendation, appoints members to the State Library Board of Examiners. This is a 3-member board with members holding 4 year terms, who certify all public library directors in the state. The board is made up of 2 seasoned library directors or former directors and the current Associate State Librarian employed at the State Library of Louisiana. Hamilton explained that she was once on this board when she served as Associate State Librarian. Now Meg Placke, current Associate State Librarian serves on this board.

Hamilton announced that SBLE member Lily Smith had retired as a library director and wished to step down from the SBLE, leaving one opening. Hamilton recommended that Amanda Taylor, Concordia Parish Library Director be appointed to replace Smith. Hamilton also requested the re-appointment of Meg Placke for another 4-year term. This would keep the 3 member State Board of Library Examiners up to date with the 2 aforementioned members and existing member Dorothy White, retired Associate State Librarian. Evelyn Valore made a motion to approve the new appointment and the renewal of Placke, Georgia Brown seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

February 5, 2015, 10:00 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor Capitol View Room, State Library of Louisiana

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary  
State Library Board of Commissioners

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Dr. Argiro Morgan, Chair  
State Library Board of Commissioners