

NORTH STATE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM
System Advisory Board Meeting
April 5, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The System Advisory Board of the North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS) met this date at the Willows Public Library in Willows, California with Chair Adrienne Haylor presiding. The meeting convened at 10:45 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Adrienne Haylor, Willows Public Library
Judith Schmidt, Orland Public Library
Pat Williams, Siskiyou County Library
Pat Bunnell, Shasta County Library
Rose Boulade, Modoc County Library
David Wilkinson, Butte County Library
Robyn Stuart, Tehama County Library
Laura Ashkin, Plumas County Library

ALSO PRESENT:

Annette Milliron DeBacker, NSCLS Administrator
Laura Salisbury, NSCLS Reference Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 9, 2005 COUNCIL MEETING:

A correction to the minutes was requested so that page 2 of the minutes would start a new paragraph after the second sentence to read as follows "Laura Ashkin reported that Margaret Miles is currently in New Zealand. She reported that a LSTA literacy grant that will provide a wireless network for Plumas County should be in operation in the library by the end of December. The library is going to offer classes to the community on Windows, Word and Introduction to the Internet. Ms. Miles is part of the Loyalton Library Project in Sierra County, which is trying to build a library in Loyalton. The bids came in one million over budget at \$359 – \$400 per square foot; the grant allows for \$217/per square foot. Discussion ensued. Ms. Ashkin reported that the Quincy Friends raised \$500 and is holding an "Adopt a State" promotion where a patron chooses their favorite state and donates \$25; they will get their name in a book. Margaret Miles spoke at the Plumas County School Board meeting in support of the school library budget after the Board had voted to cut school library funding by 50%.The Board ending up finding the money. Ms. Miles is the CLA President and "Raise Our Voice" is the theme for the next CLA Conference. Ms. Miles would like the SAB to attend the next conference to be held in Sacramento in November of 2006."

Another correction was requested for page 3 of the minutes under Item C. Report on Committee Meetings Attended to read as follows: "Reference Committee – Laura Ashkin reported that she..."

A Motion to approve the December 9, 2006 meeting minutes as corrected was moved by Laura Ashkin and seconded by Robyn Stuart. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

There were no introductions.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Adrienne Haylor reported that she had a wonderful birthday celebration in the Caribbean.

David Wilkinson reported that support from the Board of Supervisors for the 1/8 cent sales tax in Butte County was withdrawn for the June ballot. The Library Board is reviewing the possibility of placing the tax initiative on the

November ballot. Mr. Wilkinson recommended LISTA <http://www.libraryresearch.com> as a good resource for library issues. The database is available free of charge. He reported that he attended the Day in the District in February and visited with Assemblyman Rick Keene; the meeting with Senator Aanestad was cancelled. A representative from Aanestad's office will attend a future Council meeting.

Laura Ashkin reported that all libraries in Plumas County are now on a wireless network. She noted that all circulation workstations are also on the network and that the hot spots are very popular. She further noted the library has a mobile wireless computer lab. Ms. Ashkin reported that the LSTA grant for that project is done but the library has a new LSTA grant for linking the libraries with an ESL Literary group via video conference to museums, zoos, etc. Discussion ensued. The library also received a Libri grant for children's books. It was noted that Margaret Miles is now the President of CLA and will be attending the CLA Legislative Day on April 26 and also the National Legislative Day which is being held in May in Washington D.C.

Robyn Stuart reported that the Friends Group in Corning received 1,500 new books. She further reported that an antique store in Corning was going out of business and allowed the Friends to pick out approximately 500 books from their shelves. The group then held an unscheduled book sale, which brought in \$800. Ms. Stuart reported that the expansion of the library was progressing very slowly. The library was contacted by Starbucks for a grant application from \$5,000 - \$50,000. The library missed the deadline, but will try again later. Adrienne Haylor recommended to the SAB that they visit the Grant Resource Library for sources for grants while in Redding. It was noted that Papa Murphy's Pizza and Holiday Markets have fund raising opportunities with coupons. Discussion ensued.

Rose Boulade reported that the Modoc County Library sold 5,000 books at their sale and raised \$1,000. The library held a fundraiser with Will Rodger, which rose over \$3,500, then received a private donation of \$1,000. Ms. Boulade reported that the second annual June Jamboree will be held on Saturday, June 24th and 280 tickets will be sold. The jamboree will be held again at Cheryl Baker's house, which is approximately 4 hours from Willows. The tickets are \$12 -15 and include a BBQ lunch. An antique auction will also be held.

Pat Bunnell reported that the Shasta County Library does not need the sales tax bond to pass now as the City and County are paying enough. She noted that there will be a café in the library, but that the Friends Group will not have enough space in new library. The group will need to rent space for an online book sale. Ms. Bunnell noted that she would like North State to hold a workshop on how to describe books as their online book sale revenue has decreased a little. She noted that the felt a workshop would help. Ms. Bunnell reported that the Redding Record Searchlight is sponsoring the summer reading program and that the Friends group is holding a quilt raffle. She further reported that the new library will be open by December 2006, with the dedication slated for February 2007. Employees who currently work for the County library will transfer from county to city, as the city is taking more responsibility for the library. Discussion ensued. Ms. Bunnell noted that the giving tree donation memorial has been sold out.

Patricia Williams noted that Siskiyou County Library does not have much to report at this time. She noted that Betsy Emry is the new director of the library.

Laura Salisbury demonstrated the revised NSCLS web page for the SAB. Demonstration ensued. She noted that there is temporary access to the web page; the login is: member and the password is: nscls. Ms. Salisbury will send a login and password to each SAB member when the current database problem is resolved.

Judy Schmidt reported that the Orland Library system is currently in turmoil because the Board of Supervisors has reduced City funding by 80% and library hours were cut. The Orland Free Library is now closed on Fridays. She reported that the library cut back their ILL program four months ago. They will continue to loan to NSCLS members, but will not borrow items for their patrons. The County appointed a commission to study improving the library service throughout the County. It was noted that there are no members of the general public on the commission; just politicians.

Adrienne Haylor reported that Willows Public Library has heard a lot of talk, but has not seen any money. She noted the library has a new part time employee and that the library will have a Summer Reading program this year. A Spring book sale is planned. Ms. Haylor reported that the library branch has a drop box so patrons can return books anywhere. She noted that the library is trying to get an Internet connection to Elk Creek. It was noted that the Willows City government is not terribly supportive of the library branches outside of the city limits.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. SUMMER READING PROGRAM SUPPORT

A Motion to use any remaining SAB funds at year end to support the summer reading program was made by Robyn Stuart and seconded by David Wilkinson. The Motion passed unanimously.

B. REPORTS TO APPOINTING AUTHORITIES

The importance of report the System's activities to each SAB member's Board was stressed, even if the SAB member attends the meetings as a member of the general public. It was stressed that now was a good time to attend because budget hearings are being held. Rose Boulade reported that she took some puppets to her Board of Supervisors meeting to show them some of the available resources from NSCLS. Robyn Stuart noted that she thinks a written report is also good to offer to the Board. It was suggested that SAB members offer the web page URL for NSCLS. Discussion ensued.

C. CLSA PLAN OF SERVICE

Ms. Milliron reported that the Plan of Service needs to be reworked on a few items as there are other changes and recommendations from the Reference committee that need to be included. Ms. Milliron will bring the document back for approval at the May SAB meeting. A general discussion and review of the SAB section within the plan ensued.

Pat Williams reported that she needs the SAB manual. It was noted that there are plans to make the manual available via the webpage sometime in the future. It was noted that the meeting start time will be earlier in Quincy; hospitality will be at 8 a.m. and the meeting will be called to order at 8:30 a.m.

D. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee, which consists of Rose Boulade, David Wilkinson and Robyn Stuart, will report at the May meeting.

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. NSCLS COUNCIL MARCH MEETING

Ms. Milliron referred the SAB to the NSCLS Council minutes that were included in the meeting packet and asked if there were any questions of which there were none.

B. REPORT ON NSCLS WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

No workshops were attended.

C. REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDED

No reports were made.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. LEGISLATIVE DAY

CLA Legislative Day is on Wednesday, April 26th in Sacramento. Kelli Logasa is currently making the appointments with the offices of Assemblyman Keene and Senator Aanestad. Once confirmed, the appointment times will be emailed to the members of the Council and SAB.

B. HAMILTON CITY

Ms. Milliron discussed the request by the librarian from Hamilton Public Library for Hamilton Public to join North State and receive services. Ms. Milliron noted that she referred the librarian to the State Library and advised her that the Library of California Board would need to approve their membership in North State as that is the only way the library could receive money. She noted the librarian contacted the State library and found that Hamilton Public Library is not eligible under the current law to join the North State Cooperative Library Systems because they are not incorporated as a library by any of the guidelines that are in the law and therefore totally ineligible to be recognized as a public library. She noted that September is an important deadline for action of the LoC Board, as they meet only once a year, usually in September or October. Discussion ensued.

C. BOND ACT

Ms. Milliron explained polling for Bond Act does not look good. More information about the bond is available at www.yesforlibraries.com.

7. AGENDA BUILDING/NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Friday, May 12th at the Plumas County Library in Quincy. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. with hospitality starting at 8:00 a.m.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Adrienne Haylor
Chair of the Board
April 5, 2006

Annette Milliron DeBacker
Clerk of the Board
April 5, 2006