

NORTH STATE COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM
System Advisory Board Meeting
May 12, 2006

CALL TO ORDER:

The System Advisory Board of the North State Cooperative Library System (NSCLS) met this date at the Plumas County Library in Quincy, California with Chair Adrienne Haylor presiding. The meeting convened at 8:40 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

Adrienne Haylor, Willows Public Library
Robyn Stuart, Tehama County Library
Rose Boulade, Modoc County Library
Jan Mountjoy, Trinity County Library
Pat Williams, Siskiyou County Library
David Wilkinson, Butte County Library

ALSO PRESENT:

Annette Milliron DeBacker, NSCLS Administrator
Jan Romero, Modoc County Library
Cheryl Baker, Modoc County Library
Margaret Miles, Plumas County Library

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2006 COUNCIL MEETING:

Rose Boulade requested a correction to the minutes on Page 2, Paragraph 4, Line 3 should read "...reported that the second annual June Jamboree will be held on Saturday, June 24th and 280 tickets will be sold." A Motion to approve the April 5, 2006 meeting minutes as corrected was moved by Robyn Stuart and seconded by Rose Boulade. The Motion passed unanimously.

2. INTRODUCTIONS:

Rose Boulade introduced Jan Romero, who will be replacing her on the SAB Board. The SAB members introduced themselves to Ms. Romero.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Robyn Stuart reported that the Tehama County Library has a book donation sale scheduled for June. She reported that Ray Schroff, the Director for Tehama County Library, is searching for a replacement for her SAB position but has not found anyone as of yet.

Rose Boulade reported that the Modoc County Library had a booth at the Modoc County home show as well as the County's job expo. She passed out photos of the Home Show. She informed the SAB that the library is holding their first video conference on June 15 by Infopeople and it is called *Getting Your Library's Message Across*. Ms. Milliron noted that in order to participate in the videoconference, interested parties would need to go to one of the libraries where the videoconference is being offered, one of which is the Chico Branch of Butte County Library. Or visit www.Rurallibraries.org and click on workshops and register for the videoconference. Ms. Boulade reported that the Friends of the Library June Jamboree tickets are \$12 each and will make available 280 tickets. She showed the group a copy of the article for the event. Ms. Boulade brought a magazine called *The Grand Scales Quarterly*, a railroad magazine, which contains an article on Steve and Cheryl Baker's train. She noted that Jan Romero is the current President of the Friends group.

Ms. Boulade reported that Cheryl Baker has been distributing information about the Services for Small Business grant throughout Modoc County to encourage businesses to use those resources.

Jan Mountjoy provided a written report to the SAB. It will be added to the SAB minutes.

Pat Williams reported that she met with Betsy Emry, Director of the Siskiyou County Library, and they spoke about providing library service to those that can't actually come in to the library such as jail inmates. Ms. Williams noted that she is leading this project. She further noted that their book sale was a success.

David Wilkinson noted that he had reported at a previous SAB meeting that the Butte County Board of Supervisors first supported and later reneged on placing a 1/8 cents tax voter initiative on the June 2006 ballot. He stated that he overlooked mentioning that more recently, Butte County's highest circulation newspaper, the Chico Enterprise Record, had printed its own strongly worded editorial. The editorial was titled "Finding Onus on the Supervisors" and took the position that the obligation is on the Board of Supervisors to better support the Butte County Library System. Mr. Wilkinson stated this is especially so since they are the ones who took the initiative off the ballot! He noted that this reflects the thinking of a great many people in Butte County.

Margaret Miles spoke on behalf of Laura Ashkin, who could not attend the meeting. Ms. Miles reported that Laura Ashkin attended Legislative Day with her in Sacramento and did just wonderful. Ms. Ashkin was prepared to discuss TBR with the State representatives, which is the money that libraries receive for resource sharing. Ms. Miles noted that when they arrived at Senator Cox's office, they would only meet with five people. The Plumas County Friends of the Library sponsored a student and a parent to attend Legislative Day, so they were allowed in as well as Ms. Miles, who is the current CLA president, so Ms. Ashkin had to wait in the lobby. When they arrived at Assemblyman Keene's office later that day, Ms. Ashkin was able to attend the meeting and discuss TBR and resource sharing. Ms. Miles reported they also traveled to Chico on the Day in the District, and met with Assemblyman Keene's aide. Discussion of restrictions on the number of people allowed in Legislative Day meetings with their representatives was discussed.

Adrienne Haylor reported that budgets are being discussed and the Glenn County Board of Supervisors would like to have the cities of Orland and Willows, provide more money. The City Councils are holding out as they feel that the County should be contributing more money. Glenn County organized an Advisory Committee comprised of Supervisors, City officials, people from Friends groups and libraries, to meet regularly to bring the issues of the library to the attention of the Board of Supervisors to keep them informed. Ms. Haylor reported that she had been told that the new Head of Finance for the County has the attitude of not giving any money to anyone, which is extremely frustrating. The Board also is not attending some of the Advisory Committee meetings and it is an ongoing battle. There are two Board of Supervisors seats up for election this year. A Supervisor that was elected last year and was consider pro-library has now made comments that Glenn County might be too small to support the five libraries; that there isn't enough people in the County to warrant having that many. Ms. Haylor reported that the Friends book sale raised approximately \$650. She further reported that the library will have a library vehicle driven in the Lamb Derby parade. The library will use the parade as an opportunity to fundraise and pass out information about the library. She noted that Elk Creek and Bayliss residents are more active on the library board than Willows residents. Ms. Haylor reported that she has resigned from the System Advisory Board as she has for 4 ½ years and her term is up. She will advertise for volunteers to serve on the board as well as the Friends group. Discussion ensued. Ms. Haylor noted that the Bayliss Library received a grant to renovate the oldest operating Carnegie Library in California. Renovation should start this fall. The Elk Creek Branch Library will be holding a flea market on Memorial Day weekend to supplement their library and will also be holding a quilt raffle. The first librarian of the Elk Creek Branch was a woman named Electra "Lecta" Butler and her three granddaughters are making the quilt in honor of her memory. Ms. Haylor reported that Willows Public Library was able to hire a part-time person for the Children's' library program. She stated that in regards to the library budget for next year, the library is asking for the funding to be refunded back to the 2002/03 level and hopefully, will be able to hire a full-time

position for the Children's program.

Jan Mountjoy noted that there is so much volunteer activity for library that it should be recognized by the administration, locally and at the State level, as the money saving measure it is, and should in turn support the libraries. Ms. Mountjoy discussed possibly writing a letter detailing the number of volunteer hours to show the support to help encourage backbone foundation jobs. Discussion ensued. She noted that Corning had a \$200,000 bequest to be used for non-daily support. Cheryl Baker noted she has a bequest for the Lookout Library but doesn't want to use it for the County building. Discussion ensued.

4. ACTION ITEMS:

A. PLAN OF SERVICE 2006/07

Ms. Milliron reported that all of the sections for the Plan of Service had been updated except for one. The Reference Committee decided to bring that population section back to the Council to have them identify what the target population is for North State. The last four years, the target population has been the disabled. This was determined by reviewing the California population statistics, which identified 36% of North State's population as being disabled. Discussion ensued. A Motion to approve the SAB section of 2006/07 Plan of Service was moved by Robyn Stuart and seconded by David Wilkinson. The Motion passed unanimously.

B. SELECTION OF NSCLS COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Ms. Milliron noted that the NSCLS Committee assignments were sent out via email and a copy was also included in the SAB meeting packet. Ms. Haylor noted that the meetings may take place via email or over the phone and that members wouldn't necessarily be diving to a meeting each time which enables members to service on several committees. Ms. Milliron discussed the use of conference calling using an 800 number. Discussion ensued. The Committee assignments will be revisited in September when new SAB members are on board. Ms. Milliron reported that some of the Committee's goals and objectives may change slightly as well. Discussion ensued.

The importance of reporting 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 the Board of Supervisor meetings because budget hearings are being held. Ms. Boulade reported that she took some puppets to her Board of Supervisors meeting to show some of the available resources from NSCLS. Ms. 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. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Robyn Stuart reported that the Nominating Committee met in April and nominated Laura Ashkin as Vice-Chair and Pat Bunnell as Chair. Ms. Ashkin and Ms. Bunnell both accepted the nominations. A Motion to accept the nomination of Laura Ashkin as Vice-Chair and Pat Bunnell as Chair was moved by Jan Mountjoy and seconded by David Wilkinson. The Motion passed unanimously.

D. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2006/07

A Motion to elect Pat Bunnell as Chair and Laura Ashkin as Vice-Chair was moved by David Wilkinson and seconded by Pat Williams. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. BUSINESS OF THE DAY

A. LEGISLATIVE DAY REPORT

Ms. Milliron discussed attending Legislative Day with Shasta County SAB member Patricia Williams and Kim Ingram, Shasta County Assistant Director. She noted that in the past, Legislator Keene has never been very receptive to library bonds, or anything of that nature. The group met with Assemblyman

Keene's aide, who is in favor of the current library bond. Ms. Milliron stated while she was unable to meet with Senator David Cox, she was able to meet with Senator Wes Chesbro, who is 100 percent behind the library bond. Ms. Milliron also referred the SAB to the NSCLS Council minutes that were included in the meeting packet. Proposition 81 was discussed.

B. REPORT ON NSCLS WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

It was reported that many workshops are scheduled from May and June. Ms. Milliron recommended the SAB periodically review the NSCLC workshop calendar located at www.nscls.org for upcoming workshops, etc. To access the "Member" section of the website, the log-in is: member and the password is: nscls. Discussion ensued.

C. REPORT ON COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDED

David Wilkinson reported that he attended the Reference Committee meeting where the Committee determined the Council needs to determine the target audience for the 2006/07 Plan Service. The Committee also discussed the revised NSCLS website and the new PowerSearch interface for the Gale database that will switch over in June. Adrienne Haylor reported that she received a list from the Media Committee that contained items they were considering buying.

6. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Ms. Milliron reported that MVLS has been without an administrator since October of 2005, their Reference Coordinator is retiring in June and the System will only have two employees, a clerk and a driver. MVLS approached NBCLS and asked to contract with NBC for reference services, which NBC currently provides to Black Gold and PLS. MVLS was going to contract with Sacramento Public for administrative services. Since then, MVLS contacted Ms. Milliron and expressed their desire to contract for administrative services as well. The NBC and MVLS Steering Committees met and discussed specifics and decided that it could be possible. Starting July 1st, North Bay will begin administration services for MVLS. She noted that North Bay will get more staff to help now that there are three systems that require administering. Delivery service was discussed. Ms. Milliron reported that MVLS is interested in merging with NBCLS. PLS is also interested in merging with some other systems in their area so the State is going to fund a consultant to look into this. In the past, no systems have ever merged because it has been economically to the system's disadvantage. NBC, MVLS and PLS will participate in a State grant that looks into this issue. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Milliron reported that the part-time person Willows hired is also working for NSCLS as an "as needed" substitute" for the film center to fill in when Doug Coronado is on vacation, etc.

A new van has been purchased for the delivery system. Discussion ensued.

7. AGENDA BUILDING/NEXT MEETING

The date of September's meeting will be determined by the Council at their next meeting. Ms. Milliron will advise the SAB of the date as soon as possible. The System Advisory Board thanked Ms. Haylor for her service as the Board Chair.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Adrienne Haylor
Chair of the Board

Annette Milliron DeBacker
Clerk of the Board

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