

**South Carolina State Library Board Report
May 22, 2014**

Board Member Attendees: Suzie Rast, Martha Murtiashaw, Alanna Wildman, Michael Simmons, Loretta Green, Debbie Hyler, Marty McKenzie
State Library Attendees: Leesa Benggio, Paula James
County Library Attendees: Kristen Simensen, Sarah McMaster

The meeting convened at 10:30 am.

Chairman Debbie Hyler welcomed members and asked for a motion to approve minutes from last meeting. A motion was made and a second. Previous minutes were approved.

Leesa Benggio gave a Director's report:

- State Budget status is still open and in debate in the Legislative process. However, the State Library was allocated their entire request when introduced in the Senate version.
- A new position is proposed at the State Library to help sustain SCLENDS. The position would be responsible for the helpdesk, website and coordination of the consortium. Input was received from both Kristen Simensen and Sarah McMaster about the position and it was mutually decided to move forward with this position and that it should be introduced at the SCLENDS meeting.
- The vacant Electronic Resources position will be posted within the agency.
- Leesa attended Legislative Day/COSLA. The State Library was well received and she was able to talk and visit with all of our Congressmen.
- We are working to form a partnership with the SC Department of Education to acquire Brain Pop for Discus which will save the schools money.
- SCSL met with vendors to negotiate our existing contract for Discus and we are on target to be able to fully fund Discus in the upcoming year.
- The State Library held the Art Gallery Awards Ceremony for Talking Books Services and it was a success.
- Bill Croteau is currently at NLS and will bring back information to share.
- The Leadership team is finishing up with strategic planning and will have a finished product soon.
- The Greenville County Library System is the winner of the Association of Specialized and Cooperative Agencies (ASCLA)/Keystone Library Automation System (KLAS) & National Organization on Disability (NOD) Award.

- In the near future we will begin adding a notary service for our patrons.

- Leesa gave an update on E-rate in regards to the FCC.
- All final compensation has been made in the separation of Hulen Bivins as agency director.
- Status of the Trespass bill in the legislative process was given and it was noted that some changes have been made.
- Update was given on the building construction and renovation as well as the abatement in the basement. The State Library will have an energy audit conducted by the Budget and Control Board in July.
- Update given on the Attorney General's Opinion in regards to Beaufort County State Aid.
- Several employees have been asked to work together to design a fully comprehensive legislative/budget process calendar for in house use and external use.
- Leesa spoke about available resources for the Board to include devices to accommodate visual or hearing impairment.
- A list of upcoming State Library Events was discussed including the Book Festival and StoryFest.

Paula James prepared and went over the financial update.

Debbie Hyler asked for any new business. No new business was introduced. Debbie Hyler asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. A motion was made by Michael Simmons and a second by Suzie Rast.

During executive session no votes or actions were taken.

Debbie Hyler made a motion to name Leesa Benggio as Acting Agency Director for the State Library. The vote was taken and unanimously accepted.