

**South Carolina State Library Board Report
November 21, 2013**

I. Michael Simmons will be attending Board meetings remotely due to medical reasons for a few months.

II. Director's Report

A. Outside Agency

Pictures were sent to the Board from the reception for Hulen Bivins. Hulen appreciated the warm welcome.

Hulen sent an overview of the COSLA meeting to staff. This was COSLA's 40th anniversary and they are undergoing a restructuring. National group retained – evaluation using research & statistics. They are expected to be accountable to Federal Government, U.S. Congressional Delegation. They are trying to work on a way to streamline statistical gathering – National Survey data bank, IMLS stored data, etc. The SCSL was not chosen to host COSLA in 2015; New Jersey, because the state has never served as a host state, will be the host.

Hulen attended the SCLA/SELA Meeting, which helped him to meet a number of people at one time. It was a good conference with interesting speakers.

TransformSC is looking for total change to the education system, to a project based or team based learning. A system that enhances teacher participation and empowers the student to learn at their own pace and own level with control over their free time and learning style. SCSL may be able to play a part in that.

K-12 is interested in many of same things that TransformSC is just from an agency side. Students have shown an improvement in grades and self worth.

Changes in E-Rate will drop the requirement of technology plans for each entity and instead will go to a statewide technology plan with a 3 yr plan vs. 5 year because changes in technology are happening so quickly.

RDA training is needed desperately and cataloging is being done by just a few, we have assisted SCLENDs libraries with training and will continue to do so. We also don't have really good circulation statistics. The group is working on fixes. The Code of Ethics form is to be updated.

Hulen was asked to serve on the National Advisory Council for the USC Library School. He is working to renew the relationship with the USC Library School.

Hulen has been participating in the PASCAL meetings and learning a lot. The group is working on making decisions about what to do if someone has to withdraw from the group and associated penalties.

B. Internal Agency

We have three new employees:

Jessica Dame – USC Graduate – Metadata Librarian
Kristi Sligh – Continuing Education Coordinator
Rachel Driggers – TBS Reader Advisor

The TBS Advisory Committee met and there were some issues identified with the language of the By-Laws. We are suggesting some change to the language. Clay Jeffcoat has identified a handicapped user to participate on Advisory Board.

Interviews with public library directors will be occurring the second week of December for SCSL's Strategic Planning. We have received significant feedback from people in state government. People are excited about opportunity to engage in the process.

Our waiver request was accepted by IMLS, securing our federal grant for another year. SC were three libraries who received the approval of a waiver.

Hulen sought an opinion from the Attorney General regarding a situation in Beaufort County with the Town Manager and who the Library Director reports to. We may need an opinion from Attorney General regarding a situation in Chester County.

We received some positive publicity with our Archive Social product by being able to release which federal agencies were open during the mandatory government furlough, we made publication in the Library Journal. We will begin to publish a Newsletter in December.

C. Information Sharing

The Agency Director job description was created by the Western Council of Libraries and was provided to the Board for informational purposes.

Hulen has met with each of the SCSL Directors – 85% of them like their job. He is evaluating each area to determine a plan of action for any necessary changes.

We will begin in December working on the budget request for the Legislature, to be presented in January.

The IT Department will most likely be relocating to the basement. We will be able to build a secure work room and expand the training room. This move will comply with the State's cyber security directives.

Hulen will be working to strengthen the Library Development area by assigning territories to each Consultant, working on some adult programming and actual development of public libraries.

Jim Johnson has APLA's legislative agenda. Hulen will be working with Jim to determine what the public libraries would like for SCSL to ask for during the legislative process.

Hulen has attended several state IT security meetings. Changes will be required of each Agency to maintain a caliber of security; funding will not be provided.

III. Financial Report

Leesa Benggio provided the financial report to the Board. The 2nd Quarter State Aid has been distributed. Lottery funds were received and distributed to each library.

Leesa also provided a policy change for the Rules of Conduct. Most notably, the ability to ban a patron for one egregious act in addition to multiple occurrences of an act.

The date of the January meeting was changed from the 23rd to the 30th.