

*RHODE ISLAND COALITION OF LIBRARY ADVOCATES
BOARD MEETING*

*Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 5:30 P.M.
NEW ENGLAND INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, 1 NEW ENGLAND TECH BLVD, EAST GREENWICH
LIBRARY, LEARN LAB S105J*

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:40, after introductions. Present were Lisa Ashe, Emilie Benoit, Howard Boksenbaum (chair), Donna DiMichele (OLIS), Gale Eaton (secretary), Neeltje Henneman (treasurer), Hil Herbst, Cheryl McCarthy (vice chair/chair elect), Ida McGhee (Cornucopia RI), Lauren Mandel (GSLIS), Prina Pressburger, Patricia Raskin, and Tom Viall.

Chair's Report: Howard announced that the New England Library Association (NELA) awarded its prestigious Emerson Greenaway Award to Cheryl McCarthy, our new vice chair/chair elect.

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the September 27 minutes were approved. The secretary also circulated draft copies of the newsletter, which she planned to send out by week's end. Howard sparked discussion of the best means to circulate our call for support of health science libraries, and agreed to consult with our ARIHSL representative on the matter.

Treasurer's Report: Neeltje reported that our coffers have dwindled to \$8,259.74. We realized 8 cents' interest for September, but need more membership dues.

Membership Committee Report: The 2017 membership form, to be tipped into the newsletter, revived a perennial discussion: When are dues due? RILA, with the help of new software, has recently implemented rolling membership dates; Howard investigated, and we conclude that COLA can neither piggyback on RILA's software license nor afford our own. Hil moved, and Gale seconded, that dues should be due on a single date every year. The motion passed, and Howard referred to the membership committee the question of which date we should use. The membership committee – Gale, Emilie, and Neeltje – promptly agreed on April 1.

Updates from Organizational Representatives:

CORI (Cornucopia of RI): Ida reported on the October 18 CORI meeting and the joint venture with OLIS and RILA – and reminded your secretary that her surname is McGhee, not Lewis.

CRIARL (Consortium of RI Academic and Research Libraries): Howard relayed Sue's report. CRIARL has printed and distributed cards recognizing the new member (Steamship Historical Society of America), and reviewed and edited a new brochure. They will elect a Vice President in spring 2017; a draft charge for a new Website and Communications Committee has been distributed and discussed; and plans are afoot for 2017.

GSLIS (Graduate School of Library and Information Studies): Lauren Mandel reported healthy admissions, an active presence at the NELA conference, and proposals for certificate programs and a new degree collaboration with the history department. She raised the question of how student COLA membership could be encouraged.

OLIS (RI Office of Library and Information Services): Donna diMichele reported that OLIS is working on a library workforce diversity initiative with Cornucopia of RI, RILA, URI GSLIS and all who are interested. Also, OLIS is at a busy point in its LSTA (Library Services and Technology Act) cycle, doing an evaluation of its current program and 5-Year LSTA Plan and starting to develop a new 5-Year Plan. A committee of the Library Board of RI is revising Public Library Construction Reimbursement Regulations and another committee is reviewing the public library funding formula. An OLIS continuing education program on statewide resource sharing, featuring keynote speaker Marshall Breeding, opened new discussions on the future of resource sharing in RI. (For additional information see the OLIS website, at <http://www.olis.ri.gov/news/2016/envisioning>). Cheryl McCarthy added that OLIS Chief Karen Mellor gave a great State of the State presentation at the October New England Library Association (NELA) conference.

SLRI (School Librarians of Rhode Island): Sarah Morenon e-mailed her report to Howard. Highlights:

- Phyllis Humphrey is the teacher of the year for East Greenwich. Hurrah!
- SLRI hopes to amend the RIDE decision to omit librarians from the Ambassador Design Team, working on education frameworks; Sarah has written to Governor Raimondo and to Doris De La Santos.
- SLRI is also pursuing a more active dialog with RIDE Commissioner Ken Wagner; there is at present no SLRI representation within RIDE.
- Ron Heroux, the valiant Middletown school library advocate, reports that the town finally hired one librarian – Jennie Grant – to fill what should be at least two jobs, covering two elementary school libraries (grades 1 to 3) and the learning academy library (grades 4 and 5).

Old Business: Howard reported progress to date on the OLIS/RILA/COLA joint program (now likely to be held in March, not November) and the COLA annual meeting. Gale mentioned an advocacy resource list, nearly completed last December but forgotten since then; Tom undertook to check links and upload it to the website. The COLA archives were briefly discussed; most of them are at Gale's house.

Adjournment was moved at 6:45 p.m. Our next meeting is scheduled for December 6 at NEIT.

Respectfully submitted,

Gale Eaton, Secretary