

# Delaware Library Association

## Executive Board Meeting

Newark Free Library

January 9, 2007



### **In Attendance**

Paul Anderson, Julie Brewer, Steven Davis, Michael Gutierrez, Lynne Haines, Terri Jones, Byron McGriff, Dianna McKellar, Annie Norman, Carol Rudisell, Kevin Swed, Catherine Wojewodzki

### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Delaware Library Association (DLA) President Paul Anderson at 2:00 p.m.

### **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes from the October 10, 2006 Executive Board meeting were reviewed and approved by the Board.

### **New Business**

#### Treasurer's Report

Michael Gutierrez gave a Treasurer's Report. In it, he stated that the Delmarva Discussions organization is no longer aligned with DLA's financial accounts. The DLA Executive Board was informed at the October 10, 2006 meeting that Elizabeth Hudson Perry, the 1994 DLA scholarship recipient, returned the \$800.00 scholarship she was awarded along with \$200.00 in interest to DLA. It was decided that \$800.00 would be returned to the scholarship fund and the \$200.00 that accrued in interest would go to the general DLA fund.

#### DLA Councilor

There was no report at this time. Information will be shared after the upcoming ALA Midwinter Meeting.

#### Delaware Division of Libraries

Annie Norman gave the following report:

Approximately 65 members of the Delaware Library Community attended the Delaware Library Town Meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 to provide input into the next LSTA 5 Year Plan 2008-2012. Laurie Brooks, Program Officer, IMLS, conducted the first ever 3 day Delaware site visit.

The first ever Delaware Book Festival was a great success! We hope that DLA will sponsor and participate again in the 2007 Delaware Book Festival which will be held on the first Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of October. The first planning meeting is Thursday, January 11, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Also a success was the Delaware public library participation in DNREC's Energy Answers Campaign. This program brought more than 75,000 people into the library to redeem their light bulb coupons; many of these individuals hadn't visited a library in years. Delaware libraries received a total of over \$14,000 for their efforts; by far the greatest benefit libraries received was public awareness. While the bulbs were distributed, many people signed up for library cards. The DLA Legislative Committee recommends Sandra Burton, the Light Bulb Lady, receive the DLA Distinguished Service Citation.

Kathy Graybeal, Administrative Librarian, held an informal session on the Librarian/Archivist Scholarship Loan Program on Friday, January 5, 2007. Twenty interested persons attended! DLA is requesting an increase from \$275,000 to \$400,000 in FY2008. The JFC Hearing for Higher Ed is Wednesday, February 21 at 1:00 p.m., and DLA members are encouraged to attend to speak in support of this funding.

The Futures Conference, sponsored by Palinet and the state libraries in Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Maryland, will be held in Atlantic City on Monday, May 7 and Tuesday, May 8. DLA members are encouraged to attend. The keynote speaker will be Thomas Friedman, *The World is Flat*.

Delaware Library Catalog – Four additional libraries were added in fall 2006 – Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs, Division of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Lewes Historical Society, and the Sussex Tech High School Library.

Sussex Tech is piloting SchoolRooms – Delaware is one of the first in the nation to pilot this portal that provides a seamless information landscape of library holdings organized by education subject areas. We're also piloting NetLibrary ebooks and downloadable audiobooks. All libraries are invited to join!

Citings – We're receiving some interest at the national level in the Delaware Library Quality Learning Journey—the application of Baldrige Criteria, Balanced Scorecard, and Six Sigma to libraries. See the new publication from EBSCO Publishing, *Library Success: A Celebration of Library Innovation, Adaptation and Problem Solving*. Delaware is one of the 25 case studies. And see the article by Stratton Lloyd, VP of Customer Satisfaction, in the most recent edition of *Library Quarterly*.

#### DLA Conference

Lynne Haines distributed copies of the proposed schedule for the upcoming DLA Conference. Comments were solicited concerning ways to improve the schedule.

## **Division Reports**

### CRLD

Julie Brewer reported that the DLA College and Research Libraries Division fall program on information ethics and plagiarism that was held on Tuesday, October 17, 2006 at the Widener Law School Campus was very successful and well attended.

### CSD

Terri Jones reported that voting for the 2007 Blue Hen nominations ended on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

20 Librarians were trained for the “What’s the big idea program.”

Terri has been asked to request another bus for the Book Expo in New York, but she feels they would be better served by sending another bus to the ALA Conference in June, which will be held in Washington, D.C. Annie Norman stated that the Delaware Division of Libraries would fund a bus for the ALA Conference. Terri will coordinate the bus trip, and the DDL will pay for a bus going from Dover to Washington, D.C. Since this trip will be funded by the DDL, both DLA and non-DLA members are welcome to take the bus to D.C. Public librarians can use their grant money to get into the exhibit hall and not have to pay out of pocket.

### PALS

Byron McGriff reported that one person attended the PALS membership drive. According to our membership records, there are 49 PALS members. Due to the lack of participation by most of the Pals members, there was talk of dissolution of the division. This issue will be tabled to allow time for inquiries to be sent out to the members of the division.

### PLD

Kevin Swed stated that there is no report at this time.

## **Standing and Special Committees**

### Legislative Action Committee

Catherine Wojewodzki gave a report about Legislative Action Day. The Catering costs associated with Legislative Day have increased, and they now absorb most of the Committee’s budget. Michael Gutierrez stated that the Committee can request funds from the DLA Administrative or Publicity funds. Cathy also distributed the FY 2008 initiatives. These initiatives have been approved by the Legislative Action Committee.

### Membership Committee

Paul Anderson reported on behalf of Paula Davino that Paula is in the process of having the membership mailing sent out. This mailing may be tied to the Conference registration.

#### Scholarships, Awards, and Citations Committee

Steven Davis reported that the Scholarship, Awards and Citations Committee is seeking applicants for the DLA Scholarship. If you know anyone who is interested in applying for the scholarship, please have him/her contact Steven before the March 1 deadline. Steven can be reached at the Bear Public Library.

#### **Other**

#### DLA Bylaws

Paul is working getting the bylaws in a format that can be altered so that they can be added to the DLA Web site.

#### Gulf Coast Library Relief Effort

There was discussion about various ways that DLA could conduct a fund raiser to support a Gulf Coast library. DLA could sponsor a letter campaign to raise funds. The letter could be distributed to DLA members and others in the community. The letter could be included along with the DLA Conference registration. Other fund raising efforts that were discussed include holding a DLA silent auction or partnering with a specific Gulf Coast library or a Gulf Coast library association.

#### Lapel Pins

Paul led a discussion about the possible purchase of DLA lapel pins. Paul showed the Board a printout with two different versions of how the lapel pins could be designed. Board members preferred version C to version B, with the "tree side" being on the left before the writing as opposed it being centered at the top of the text. These pins could be given to DLA Executive Board Members or to those who contributed to the DLA scholarship fund. It was also suggested that if DLA sets up a relief fund for a Gulf Coast library, lapel pins could be given to those who contribute \$10.00 or more. Another idea was that DLA purchase 500 lapel pins using DLA Publicity funds. The pins would cost \$1.20 each, and they could be sold for \$5.00 each. These could be sold in conjunction with DLA membership and conference registration.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next DLA Executive Board meeting will be on held on March 20 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. at the Delaware Division of Libraries.

*Submitted by Dianna McKellar  
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Approved March 20, 2007