

**Delaware Library Association  
Executive Board Meeting  
via Elluminate Audio Conference  
November 18, 2009**



**In attendance:** Denise Allen, Julie Brewer, Janet Chin, Margie Cyr, Peggy Dillner, Carol Fitzgerald, Barbara FitzPatrick, Pauly Iheanacho, Rebecca Knight, Mary Jane Mallonee, Donna Reed, Carol Rudisell

**Call to order**

The online meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m. by DLA President Peggy Dillner. Some participants had not yet logged on to the Elluminate website, but others needed to leave before the end of the meeting.

**Quorum**

A quorum was present.

**Minutes**

Secretary Mary Jane Mallonee was not logged on yet and later had no microphone capability, so no minutes of the previous meeting were presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pauly Iheanacho had sent out a report plus an addition to the report showing the payment of \$1,000 to Dover Downs for the 2010 Conference. Margie Cyr requested that future reports list the sub-accounts for all of our funds; Pauly agreed to do this. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Pauly asked for approval of the transfer of DLA scholarship money to the Delaware Community Foundation. A vote approved the transfer of money. Pauly will contact Paul Leahy at the DCF.

**Vice President/Program Chair's report**

Margie Cyr reported that the Conference Committee would like to have Dr. Bertice Berry as the keynote speaker for the conference. Dr. Berry is a native of Wilmington and can speak on topics of broad enough interest to all DLA members. Dr. Berry has reduced her regular lecture fee from \$5,000 to \$3,500 for our conference, but to secure her we must send half of the fee (\$1,750) right away. A vote was taken, and the expense was approved. Margie will contact Dr. Berry today to officially invite her, and Pauly will send the \$1,750 check as soon as possible. Further information about Dr. Berry can be found at <http://www.berticeberry.com>.

Margie reiterated that the original date in May scheduled for the 2010 DLA Conference would have conflicted with NASCAR weekend at Dover Downs. For this reason the date for the conference was changed to Thursday, April 29, 2010. After discussion about

Thursday vs. Friday as the conference day, with the conclusion that library staff would prefer to spend Friday evenings with their families, a vote was taken. The vote to schedule the conference on Thursday, April 29, 2010, was positive. The conference will start at 1:00 p.m. At this time the Conference Committee is recommending Thursday, May 5, 2011, and Thursday, April 26, 2012, as future conference dates; but these will depend on NASCAR's future scheduling.

A discussion followed about the financing of the conference. Peggy and Rebecca confirmed that financing is always a problem, and that traditionally money is used that is not actually in the treasury but that is expected from vendors and registrations. Charging one price for the conference including the dinner vs. charging separate prices for the program and the dinner was discussed. Opening the dinner up to the public was mentioned as an income source because Bertice Berry is a local figure and a nationally known speaker. Increasing the fee for vendors and for registration is a possibility that the Conference Committee should consider.

Margie left the meeting at 4:57.

#### **Report from ALA Councilor Carol Rudisell**

Carol asked the Board to consider a resolution pertaining to the USA PATRIOT Act. Peggy will bring this up for a vote under New Business.

#### **CSD**

Terri Jones was not present, but Peggy reported that the Blue Hen Children's Choice book winners have been announced in the Summer 2009 issue of the *DLA Bulletin*.

#### **CRLD**

Janet Chin reported that the officers met on October 15 and are planning a spring program at Hagley on March 18. The division will also have a speaker for the annual conference.

#### **DSLMA**

Barbara FitzPatrick had nothing new to report.

#### **PLD**

Not represented at this meeting.

#### **Archives**

A general discussion about organizing DLA's documents was held at a meeting on November 12. Members of the committee are Mary Anne Farrell (Chair), Suzanne Dix, Richard James, and Michelle Kugler. Organization of neighboring states' (PA, NJ, MD) library associations' archives will be investigated.

#### **Continuing Education**

Not represented at this meeting.

### **Handbook and Bylaws**

Peggy reported that Christel Shumate will have a draft of the bylaws ready by the end of December, will meet with Peggy, and will have a draft for the Board to review in March.

### **Intellectual Freedom**

Donna Reed reported that the Stephen King novel *Christine* was challenged in a middle school. The book is still on the shelf. An agreement was reached specifying that the librarian must make a list available to parents of the books available in the library. Donna is gathering selection policies and challenge policies from school and public libraries.

### **Legislative Action**

Carol Fitzgerald asked for a vote approving the committee's tentative capital funding and other funding requests as distributed electronically. These requests are basically the same as in the past but asking for more money. The priority order could be changed slightly at the Delaware Council on Libraries' meeting on December 3. Approval of the Board was granted for these legislative actions.

### **Long Range Planning**

A report from the committee had been electronically distributed. Rebecca Knight talked about one initiative: a new Delaware Library Directory. Previous directories have been a project of CRLD. Rebecca did not think the directory could be created during just one year. Janet said she would check with CRLD officers and members to ascertain whether the division would be able to take on the project. The new directory could be online, but that raises questions about privacy. Previous editions included all Delaware libraries' names, locations, phone numbers, directors, and strengths of collections

Peggy asked for agreement among Board members to move forward with the directory project, which was given. She would like Board members to forward to her any names of people who might want to work on the project and be in charge of it.

### **Membership**

Julie Brewer announced that there were 241 DLA members at the end of October 2009. She and her committee would like approval to mount a membership drive with an incentive for the division that has the highest percentage of renewals by a certain date. The Board voted to approve the incentive as formulated by the committee. Julie also noted that the membership renewal announcement would be sent out via e-mail to save postage and paper. Members would have to print out the form and mail it back with their payment, however.

### **Nominating**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Public Relations**

Not represented at this meeting. A press release was sent out about the Blue Hen Children's Choice book winners.

**Publications/DLA Bulletin**

Not represented at this meeting.

**Scholarships and Awards**

Not represented at this meeting. Kathy Graybeal has sent an e-mail notice to the DLA list asking for other ways to advertise DLA scholarships.

**State Friends**

Not represented at this meeting.

**New Business**

Peggy brought up the electronically-distributed "Resolution on 2009 Reauthorization of the USA PATRIOT Act," which 22 states' library associations have already adopted. The resolution requests that privacy rights be upheld when the act is reauthorized. Carol Rudisell thanked Peggy for bringing the resolution to the DLA Board and stated that she would circulate it, if approved by the Board, to Delaware's Congressional delegation and appropriate state officials. The resolution was approved. Peggy will notify the American Library Association that we have approved it.

Peggy asked the Board to consider the electronically-distributed letter to Senator Carper urging him to co-sponsor the Paycheck Fairness Act. Donna mentioned that the bill has already passed the House and that Rep. Castle voted for it. A vote was taken, but it did not pass.

Peggy thanked Board members for supporting the new method for holding meetings and assured us that we would work together to overcome problems with the technology.

**Next Meeting**

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 20, 2010, via Elluminate.

**Adjournment**

5:22 p.m.

Approved January 20, 2010

Mary Jane Mallonee  
Secretary