

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
March 13, 2015
10:00 a.m.
South Conference Room

Chairman Jon Douthitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Jana Barker, Hannibal Johnson, Jon Douthitt, Don Evans, Judy Haught, Phil Moss, Ann Ritchie and Susan McVey, Secretary.

Guests and staff members present: Connie Armstrong, Christine Chen, Jan Davis, Leslie Gelders, Doug Haught, Vicki Mohr, Cindy Mooney, Kitty Pittman, Vicki Sullivan, Judy Tirey, Cathy Van Hoy, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2015 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on January 1, 2015 and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted on March 6, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City. In addition, e-mail notification was sent to all public libraries of the Board meeting with agenda.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration of the minutes for the December 5, 2014 board meeting. Haught moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ritchie. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Haught, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Director's Report and Division Activity Reports

Susan McVey provided an update on the start of the legislative session. McVey said the anticipated budget deficit has been projected to be twice the size it was from when the board met in December. The estimate is now \$611 million below last year.

McVey reviewed the bills that could possibly impact ODL or public libraries. HB 1452 requires gross salary of each employee of a public body to be available on the organization's website in a format that can be downloaded by the public. State agencies already provide the employee salary information. This bill would impact public libraries and public library systems as well as many other entities. Evans asked if it's posted by the name of the employee or by the position the employee holds. McVey said currently the state open records list is by employee name, but she is not sure how HB1452 proposes to list the required information.

McVey said a couple of the bills mention Universal Service, and is included in her review because Internet access at public libraries is supported with both federal and state Universal Service funds. None of the bills are really going to be a major change as currently written, but

one of the reasons ODL is monitoring is to make sure there is not a change in the introduced language.

For those of you that are involved with your local library friends group, the sales tax exemption on SB 336 is probably good news. An organization is exempt from taxation sales related to a fundraising event for admission tickets or auctions. This will make it easier for record keeping and compliance regulations. Johnson asked if an analysis was done of the budgetary impact of the exemption. It seems, at a time with revenue short-fall, the state wouldn't be looking for additional exemptions to lessen the overall revenue. McVey said it was projected to have a minimal impact.

McVey said ODL had a follow up meeting with the House Education Appropriations subcommittee on February 23rd about the impact of a 2.5%, 5% and a 7.5% budget reduction on the services ODL customers will receive. McVey provided a chart in the board packet displaying how the impact will affect ODL.

Chairman Douthitt presented the following staff with commemorative pins and certificates for their years of service with the State of Oklahoma:

- Leslie Gelders has served 25 years
- Judy Tirey has served 15 years
- Christine Chen has served 10 years.

Consideration and possible vote on selected federal Library Services and Technology Act project funding for FFY 2015 funds

McVey said most of the Library Services and Technology Act projects are continuous from year to year. ODL staff is available to answer any questions regarding the listed projects.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote on federal LSTA project funding for FFY 2015. Johnson moved to approve the federal LSTA funding, seconded by Haught. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, abstain; Johnson, yes; Haught, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes. The motion passed on federal LSTA project funding for FFY 2015.

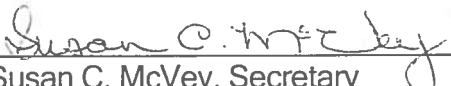
Consideration and possible vote on revising capita state aid formula

McVey said the state aid formula was being brought back to the board for adjustment to include additional funds that were not included in the original calculation. Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote on revising the per capita state aid formula. Johnson moved to approve the revised formula, seconded by Evans. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Haught, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes. The motion passed on the formula revision.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote to adjourn the meeting. Barker made the motion and Ritchie seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes;

Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Haught, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next ODL Board meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at the Reed Center, 5800 Will Rogers, Midwest City, OK 73110. Held with the Oklahoma Library Association.


Susan C. McVey, Secretary