

**MINUTES**  
**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2015**  
**COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON**

- I. **Call to order** – Herward called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established.
- III. **Public Comments** – None
- IV. **Consent Agenda** – MOTION made by Kathy Firestone and seconded by Bob Moll to approve the minutes of the October 29, 2014 meeting. MOTION carried unanimously.
- V. **Requests for Additions or Changes to Agenda** – None.
- VI. **Reports and Communication**
  - A. **President’s Report** – Herward reported that the ACLA Board has been reviewing County City Library Service panel recommendations and updates to the Strategic Plan. He thanked the Member Libraries and Librarians Advisory Council for their insight and input on the draft system standards.
- VII. **Specific Topics for Discussion and Motions**
  - A. **Restrictions and Requirements** – Jenkins stated that there are new restrictions and requirements for library staff and volunteers who work directly with children. Jenkins introduced Karen Blumen, Deputy Director of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, who presented information on mandated reporting and clearance requirements. All library staff members and volunteers who regularly interact with children must have current clearances from the State and FBI. This will take effect on July 1, 2015. Additional information is available from the ACLA office and on the ACLA wiki.
  - B. **Senate Bill 4** – Jenkins presented an overview of Senate Bill 4 which would give the State Legislature the authority to determine the criteria for nonprofit tax exemption in Pennsylvania. The presentation will be available on the ACLA wiki.
  - C. **Strategic Plan** – Jenkins reviewed the draft Strategic Plan. All libraries and their regions are requested to provide feedback on the plan within the next month. The ACLA Board would like to revise the plan based on that input for the Members’ consideration at the June 30 meeting.

- D. State Budget – Jenkins updated the Members on the state budget for libraries. The public library subsidy dropped 30% and has remained at that level for five years, with level funding proposed by the Governor for 2015-16 as well. The Pennsylvania Library Association has proposed a multi-year approach to restoring lost funding based on “5 for 5” proposal (a \$5 match from the State for every \$5 per capita of local financial effort). Originally the state aid formula was to match local investment at that \$5 per capita mark, and went beyond by rewarding local financial effort of up to \$7.50. The state funding formula has been frozen and no longer provides any direct correspondence to local investment. The PaLA proposal would help restore a connection between local support and state funding.
- E. System Standards discussion – The Board received additional comments from attendees on the draft standards. During discussion Scott Tkach (Community Library of Castle Shannon) moved tabling the standards pending finalization of revised State standards. However, that motion was ruled invalid as no motion was on the floor for the Members’ consideration. All input on the standards is being tracked and compiled for the Board’s consideration.

VIII. Public Comments – Cynthia Richey announced she will be retiring in October of this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51: p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
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Albert Kamper, Secretary