

**MINUTES
ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Whitehall Public Library
March 31, 2016**

BOARD MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Tom Herward, Kristen McMahon, Sharon Helfrich, Tracy Soska, Sally Coyne, Glenn Schillo, Richard Betters, Phyllis Comer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ronald Borczyk

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: Marilyn Jenkins, Kimberley Hrivnak, Laurie Anderson, Carrie Lane, Nicole Henline, John Smart, Tina LaMark, Amy Steele, Carolyn Marks, Kathy Robinson, Sharon Julian-Milas, Paula Kelly, Michael Widdersheim, Christina Brady.

6:00 P.M. Call to order – Tom Herward

Determination of Quorum – Quorum established.

Public Comments – None.

Consent Agenda – MOTION made by Betters and seconded by Soska to accept the February minutes and February financials. MOTION carried, no oppositions.

Requests for Additions or Changes to the Agenda – None.

Reports and Communication

- A. **President's Report** – Herward stated the budget was long overdue but does not resolve issues related to revenue and allocations. A battle over the 2016-2017 budget is anticipated.
- B. **Directors Report** – Jenkins reported that the libraries received a 1.8% increase in funding, and the funds were transmitted by the State in January. Jenkins and Kuklis to meet with key state legislators in Harrisburg the week of April 11. A platform piece will be coming out next week for the libraries to share with their legislators. Jenkins reported that nine libraries are now participating in the accounting services program. Jenkins stated that Millvale Community Library should be fully operational on the shared system by July 1st. Jenkins reviewed the RAD Distribution formula which the members adopted back in 2009. The use of population estimates were used at that time.

If the Members which to utilize the 2015 census population estimates, a vote should be conducted at the June General Membership meeting. Jenkins recommended asking the LAC to make a recommendation to the ACLA Board and a draft could be presented in June for vote.

- C. Audit Committee – Betters reported that the Audit is complete; waiting for auditors to review and schedule meeting with Audit Committee.
- D. LAC Report – Henline reported that the LAC will continue conversations in April regarding eResource funding. Henline stated that Kuklis presented at the March LAC meeting and the directors discussed practices libraries use for engaging with their communities.

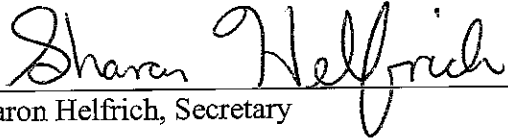
Specific Topics for Discussions and Motions

- A. Nomination of ACLA At-Large seat – Helfrich presented on behalf of the Governance Committee the nomination of Phyllis Comer to the At-Large seat on the ACLA Board. Unanimous approval of the ACLA Board for presentation to the General Membership.
- B. Member Library Agreement - Helfrich reported that the Governance Committee reviewed the process for revising the Member Library Agreement. Libraries are currently working under the original Agreement from 1998. Helfrich stated that the information about the process will be shared at the General Membership meeting. A draft will be presented to the libraries the beginning of April. There will be two comment periods (one ending June 1 and a second ending September 1).

Public Comments – Population question from Bob Milacci. Was there a net gain? Jenkins indicated that there was a small overall net gain, but some municipalities experienced sizable growth. Full data will be shared with the libraries.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon Helfrich, Secretary