

**MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
GREEN TREE LIBRARY**

- 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 Robinson (Crafton) and seconded by Firestone (CLAV) to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2016 meeting. MOTION carried unanimously.
- V. **Requests for Additions or Changes to Agenda** – None
- VI. **Reports and Communication**
 - A. **President's Report** – Herward noted that Committees of the Board have been very active in producing the 2017 draft budget, revisions to the Member Library Agreement, and in identifying potential Board candidates. He invited Anderson, ACLA Grants and Special Projects Coordinator, to report out on the Love Your Library campaign. She noted that libraries had raised more than \$530,000 in the month of September. Those funds will be leverage additional return from the grant funds from the Buncher Foundation.
- VII. **Specific Topics for Discussion and Motions**
 - A. **Introduction of Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Library Association** – Christi Buker shared her impressions of her first months in the position. She underscored the value of libraries as community assets, the value of librarians and their professional education, and the fact that libraries are supported by more than just tax dollars. She announced that Brandi Hunter-Davenport is the new project manager for PA Forward (which is a framework for communicating the important work of libraries, captured in five literacies). She also discussed a new initiative that will be launching in January to recognize Star Libraries. With regard to advocacy work, a primary focus of the Association, she encouraged libraries to build relationships with elected officials: invite them to library events, send them copies of newsletters, make phone calls to local staff. The key is making sure they know who you are, where you're from, and what good work your library is doing in the community.

- B. 2016 Advocacy Review – Joe Kuklis reviewed work that has occurred over the past year including a preliminary assessment, a targeted focus on building recognition among state officials, and beginning to develop strategies for local government.
- C. Nomination of Richard Fuller to the ACLA Board – The Members unanimously approved the appointment of Richard Fuller to an at-large seat on the ACLA Board commencing January 1, 2017. MOTION made by Krispli (Hampton) and seconded by Steele (Northland) to approve the appointment of Richard Fuller to an at-large seat on the ACLA Board. MOTION carried unanimously.
- D. 2017 Budget Approval – The ACLA Board recommended adoption of the 2017 Budget that had been presented by the Finance Committee in June. That budget included the 3% increase requested by RAD. In its preliminary budget RAD granted a 2% increase. A draft formula based on the 2% increase was shared out to the libraries. However, the RAD will not release a final budget until December 1. The ACLA Board recommended adoption of the draft 2017 budget with the condition that it be adjusted per the final decision of RAD. MOTION made by McIntosh (Bethel Park) and seconded by Worley (Baldwin) to approve the 2017 budget with the condition that it be revised based on the RAD's final budget. MOTION carried. With one abstaining (CLP).
- E. Consideration of revised Member Library Agreement – On behalf of the ACLA Governance Committee, Jenkins noted that the Board had adopted a third draft of the Member Library Agreement. This draft was prepared based on input throughout the process as well as from an open hearing held in August. MOTION made by Robinson (Crafton) and seconded by McIntosh (Bethel Park) to adopt the revised Agreement. Cooper noted that CLP, as it has a unique relationship with the RAD, the State, and ACLA, would abstain from the vote, but she assured the Membership that CLP would continue to be a full member of ACLA. By roll call vote, the MOTION carried, with one opposing (C.C. Mellor) and two abstaining (CLP and Upper St. Clair).

VIII. Public Comments – McRae (Shaler) publicly thanked Ron Borczyk for his service on the ACLA Board as the North Region representative. She announced that Jack Murtagh has been appointed by the North for a term commencing in January. She also thanked Tom Herward for his leadership as ACLA Board Chair. Krispli (Hampton) invited Members to attend the Library's event on November 4. Vittek (Mt. Lebanon) reported that more than 700 people attended the Library's recent author lecture event (Alexander McCall Smith) and invited libraries to attend their next author event (Joyce Carol Oates) in April. Lane invited libraries to attend the Maker Showcase of library programs at the Children's Museum on October 27.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine McIntosh, Secretary