

Kansas Library Association  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 8, 2010

Kansas Library Association met April 08 at 1:30 p.m. in the Hyatt Hotel Willow Room in Wichita, KS. Attending were Rosanne Siemens, Cynthia B. Harris, Margaret Knecht, Mary Walker, Laura Loveless, Ken Werne, Mary Ann Buhler, Lisa Vargas, Micaela Ayers, Mickey Coalwell, Royce Kitts, Roger Carswell, Susan Johns-Smith, Kay Ghram, Marie Pyko, Emily Sitz, Denise Smith, Melissa Lineman, Andrew Evans, Ruth Rodden, Antoinette Satterfield, Ted Gentle, Joyce Armstrong, and Rosanne Siemens, KLA Director

Denise Smith called the meeting to order 1:35

Cynthia moved to approve the consent agenda, Royce Kitts 2nd Motion carried.

Denise welcomed everyone. She reported that the Calendar project was successful. \$1,460 has been raised to date. She thanked everyone for their support.

Emily Sitz gave a conference update.

Cynthia gave the Treasurer's report. She reviewed the Excel spreadsheet explaining where we think we will be at the end of the year. Institutional memberships are down. Several line items are overspent in including the travel line item. She informed the group that KLA will save some in the salary line from not having a part time person in the office through the remainder of the fiscal year due to Bonnie Keim's resignation.

Bottom line is a projected deficit of \$19,335.08 for this fiscal year. There could be several factors to account for the deficit including the downturn in the economy, not meeting conference margins, and lacking memberships which could be, in part, because of the rescheduling of annual membership dues to members' birthday. Institutional memberships are down also. Keep in mind that we have no conference seed money for this year compared to previous years. Conference Planner Emily Sitz noted the increase in projected conference profit from \$20,000 in 2009 to \$38,500 in 2010. It was a difficult year. This was the first year for KLA to hold a solo conference.

These are some things to consider when making recommendations to solve this year's budget deficit. We have \$15,000 in reserve. \$2,000 of the amount is to be held in reserve for employee benefits. The remaining \$13,000 is not quite enough for 60 days. KLA will not fill the vacant part time position at this time. Rosanne suggested we offer support to Ken Werne as membership chair. We need to find out why people are not joining and why they are not feeling connected to the organization. Discussion was held about Rosanne's travel for Sections and Round Tables. We will need to appeal to Sections, Round Tables, and KLAEF for loans or gifts to operate for the remainder of the fiscal year. We may have to borrow, and then look at a long term plan if revenues are behind; we also need to develop a policy against overspending. It is tough financially also because the annual conference in the last physical quarter. We could also look at adding service fees to people paying with credit cards. May need to look at increasing dues, and try to draw from broad base of groups to help KLA. We are not the only association in dire straits. Other library associations are facing shrinking organizations.

Cynthia opened the floor for questions. Susan Johns-Smith asked about the disparity between the projected budget income of \$25,000 and \$17,000 actual income. Andrew Evans asked about student memberships; Andrew plans to advocate to other groups. Micaela stated that CULS will be giving a \$500 gift to KLA for 2011.

Cynthia suggested that we have 3 motions that need to be made.

#1 Motion Micaela moved to authorize Rosanne to transfer \$13,000 from the Pay Pal account, leaving \$2,000 to be for restricted use for employee benefits. Andrew 2nd. Motion carried.

#2 Cynthia Berner Harris moved that we ask the Sections & Round Tables for a gift or a loan, with the stipulation that it is to be paid back by June 30, 2011 in respect to any loans with each Round Table or Section making the choice as to how much they deem appropriate to lend or gift. Andrew encouraged members to show strong support of KLA during this financial situation. Lisa Vargas 2nd. Motion Carried.

#3 Cynthia moved if we do not receive the commitments of gifts or loans, then we borrow the money from the general account consisting of Section & Round Tables funds. Micaela 2nd. Susan Johns-Smith suggested a friendly amendment that the Sections & Round Table representatives be notified of this and be given their respective balances. Several members commented how they would appreciate receiving reports as to their balance on a regular basis. Mary Walker voiced concern that the RIAT section has a workshop planned that they will need to use some of the funds they have accumulated.

Micaela stated that we should try to repay the groups as soon as possible. Royce asked when we expect the Sections & Round Tables to respond. Roger Carlswell questioned what percentage of Section & Round Table funds the executive committee expected.

Andrew will ask GODART for 70%. Royce noted that some of the representatives are not in attendance. Royce and Cynthia will approach them. With no further discussion, a vote was taken. Motion carried. Mickey Coalwell voted against the motion.

Laura Loveless stated the immediacy of the situation. She suggested that we "put an ask out there in the library world" perhaps as a general email to all members. Laura committed \$50.

Denise thanked Cynthia for all her hard work on the financials.

Andrew Evans reminded everyone that KLA does a lot and that lobbying is very important.

Rosanne reported that she met with Ken Werne about a membership campaign.

Denise announced officers for the upcoming year including Emily Sitz- Chair and Royce Kitts- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair. Denise informed the group that Danielle Thiess White will be unable to fulfill the position of 2nd Vice Chair for the upcoming year. President Smith asked Mickey Coalwell to serve in the position and he accepted. Cynthia Berner Harris will serve as Treasurer again and Cindi Hickey will be the new Secretary.

Denise announced Presidential Awards recipients:

Library Advocate – Carl Brewer, Mayor of Wichita

New Professional - Heather Braum

Meritorious Service – Cindy Roupe and Lorie Hyten

Library Personnel Marc Galbraith

Strategic Planning is put on hold.

Micaela moved that Council ratify changes in the CULS bylaws as presented. Mary Ann Buhler, 2nd Motion carried. The changes are appended.

Meeting was adjourned at 3.10 p.m.

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Joyce Armstrong, Secretary

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Denise Smith, Chair