**STATE LIBRARY OF LOUISIANA**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**August 13, 2015**

**10:00 a.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The State Library Board of Commissioners meeting was called to order by Chair, Georgia Brown. Additional members in attendance included Dr. Argiro Morgan, Evelyn Valore and Louis Covington. Absent from the meeting were Tony Clesi, Patricia Preis and Paulette Holahan. Rebecca Hamilton was present as Executive Secretary.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Georgia Brown called for a motion to approve and adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was offered by Dr. Argiro Morgan and seconded by Louis Covington and unanimously carried.

**MINUTES**

On a motion offered by Evelyn Valore and seconded by Dr. Argiro Morgan, minutes were approved.

**QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

Hamilton reported that the Louisiana Library Association (LLA) hired a lobbyist for this legislative session and how all types of libraries in Louisiana worked together with him during the session. Hamilton explained how representatives from all types of libraries met with the lobbyist and lawmakers to provide requested information. Hamilton said another waiver request had to be submitted by the State Library in July to the Institute for Museum and Library Services, in hopes that the State Library wouldn’t lose any more federal funds.

Hamilton reported that State Aid came in at zero in the FY 15-16 budget, so there will be no State Aid given to libraries this coming year and mid-year cuts are still a topic of discussion that she hopes doesn’t come to pass during an already difficult time.

Hamilton shared that the Commissioner has now required all state vehicles to have GPS devices installed, which will now require State Library to deduct several thousand dollars a year from their already stressed budget.

Hamilton reported that staff were steadily preparing and getting ready for the Louisiana Book Festival along with any activities and programs associated with it. She indicated that for most staff involved, the majority of this quarter was spent on the festivals final preparations.

Hamilton informed the board that Senator Broome, will be taking a high profiled role in the Book Festival this year and that she was highly excited about it. Senator Broome has been a long-time supporter of the State Library and the Louisiana Book Festival.

Hamilton shared that some staff volunteered to work at the LLA legislative day at the Capitol this year.

Hamilton explained that the SLIS Committee is still searching for a new Dean and currently operating with an interim.

Hamilton reported State Library is currently running with 48 employees doing the work of 71.

**NO OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

October 30, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

5th Floor Capitol View Room, State Library of Louisiana

**ADJOURNMENT**

Georgia Brown made motion to adjourn and Louis Covington approved. There was no further business to discuss and the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Rebecca Hamilton, Secretary

State Library Board of Commissioners

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Georgia Brown, Chair

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