

Minutes
Oklahoma Department of Libraries
ODL Board of Directors
May 29, 2015
10:00 a.m.
South Conference Room

Chairman Jon Douthitt called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked for roll call. Board members present: Jana Barker; Jon Douthitt; Don Evans; Hannibal Johnson; Phil Moss; Ann Ritchie, Judy Haught, absent; and Susan McVey, Secretary.

Guests and staff members present: Jan Davis, Sharon Douthitt, Vicki Mohr, Cindy Mooney, Arlene Paschel, Vicki Sullivan, Cathy Van Hoy, and Bill Young.

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of the 2015 regularly scheduled meetings was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on January 1, 2015 and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted on May 21, 2015 at 9:30 a.m. in prominent public view on the glass exterior walls of the Allen Wright Memorial Library Building, 200 NE 18th Street, Oklahoma City. In addition, the agenda was posted on the ODL website. E-mail notification of the Board meeting was also sent to all public libraries, with agenda.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration of the minutes for the March 13, 2015 board meeting. Barker moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Evans. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes; Haught, absent. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

There were no public comments.

Director's Report and Division Activity Reports

Susan McVey provided a status report on House and Senate Bills affecting libraries and library funding. These are bills that are essentially related to state agencies and public libraries.

Authorization of a state employee suggestion program was rewritten to allow the continuation of the program, which will be effective July 1, 2015. HB1376 introduces two retirement systems: employees hired before November 1, 2015 will remain in the defined benefit retirement plan; all new hires will be in a defined contribution investment plan.

HB1407 will affect public library systems that receive property tax income. County Assessors will be required to give public notice if they plan to reduce the percentage of taxable value of real or personal property.

The General Appropriations Bill has not yet been signed by Governor Mary Fallin. In the bill, state agencies receive varying cuts, with few agencies receiving additional resources. ODL's budget cut was 6.25 percent. ODL proposes absorbing the cut by decreasing the library materials budget by \$100,000, and cutting State Aid to Public Libraries and Literacy grants by 6.25 percent each. The balance of cuts will come out of operational expenditures. In total, the agency will have \$347,000 less for FY2016 than for FY2015.

SB189 is the Oklahoma Performance Informed Budget and Transparency Act of 2015. The act identifies five programs or strategic priorities for the state: Healthy Citizens and Strong Families; Safe Citizens and Secure Communities; Educated Citizens and Exemplary Schools; Prosperous Citizens and Thriving Economy; and Effective Services and Accountable Government. Budget items tied to these priorities will have certain codes, which will give leadership a look at particular efforts across agencies by using performance metrics.

Johnson asked if there has been any discussion about the added administrative burden at a time when the overall budgetary allocations are decreasing. McVey said the discussion of burden had been mentioned by the Governor during the legislative session. Moss asked about examples of the performance metrics that might be applied to ODL. McVey said, to her knowledge, each agency is responsible for developing their own performance metrics. Sullivan said training only addressed very specific priorities for the major agencies providing targeted services.

McVey shared a packet, put together by the Public Information Office, and was distributed during ODL's Congressional Office visits in Washington, DC, which occurred in May.

Young unveiled the sixteenth "Read*Y'all" poster, featuring actress Alfre Woodard. Young said Woodard grew up in Tulsa, and has been a dream candidate for the poster series for some time. The agency worked with the Oklahoma Heritage Association to set up the photo shoot on the day Woodard was inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Consideration and possible vote on selected federal Library Services and Technology Act projects

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote on federal LSTA project funding for FFY 2015. Moss moved to approve the federal LSTA funding as presented in the board packet. Johnson seconded the motion. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, abstain; Johnson, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes; Haught, absent. The motion was approved.

Appointment of Nominating Committee for officers for Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Board, 2015-2016.

Douthitt appointed Jana Barker, Phil Moss, and Ann Ritchie to serve on this committee.

Consideration and possible vote on resolutions of appreciation for Hannibal Johnson and Jon Douthitt for their service on the Oklahoma Department of Libraries' Board

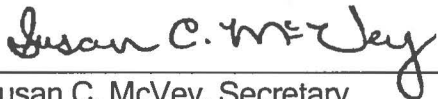
Chairman Douthitt expressed his appreciation to the board. Douthitt said it has been a great experience for him and he appreciated the opportunity serving on the ODL Board. Johnson found ODL a well-managed organization and has been thoroughly impressed with the staff. McVey said time goes by so quickly, but it had been a pleasure to have Douthitt and Johnson both serve on the board.

Evans moved to adopt the resolutions of appreciation that had been drafted by McVey, recognizing Douthitt and Johnson's service on the ODL board. Barker seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Haught, absent; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes. The motion was approved.

McVey formally introduced new ODL board member of the Second Congressional District, Mary Shannon. McVey said Shannon was able to attend today to observe, and that she will officially join the ODL Board at the August 28, 2015, meeting.

Chairman Douthitt asked for consideration and vote to adjourn the meeting. Barker made the motion and Ritchie seconded. Votes were as follows: Barker, yes; Douthitt, yes; Evans, yes; Johnson, yes; Moss, yes; and Ritchie, yes; Haught, absent. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

The next ODL Board meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m., at the Oklahoma Department of Libraries' South Conference Room, located at 200 N.E. 18th, Oklahoma City, OK 73105.



Susan C. McVey, Secretary