

NCCCLRA Executive Board Conference Call
June 9, 2009
11:00 a.m.

Attending:

Myra Blue	Pamlico
Cathy Campbell	Craven
Suvanida Duangudom	Wake
Deborah Foster	Fayetteville
Allen Mosteller	Cleveland
Libby Stone	Gaston
Michael Rose	Rockingham
Stephanie Bowers	Pitt
Ruth Bryan	NCCCS

Minutes

Marilyn Carney was not able to attend because of desk schedule. Cathy will check on previous minutes.

Discussion

Need for face to face interaction

The idea was bounced around about the possibility of LRA having an informal meeting at the NCLA conference in October in Greenville. Allen Mosteller said that he, Libby Stone, and Jody Mosteller will be presenting and that they would be there. It was indicated that different administrations are interpreting the travel ban differently. Some allow time off for professional development with no reimbursement. Some require personnel to take personal leave and pay expenses. Others say no travel because of the image (You are an employee of the state and others don't know that you are on your own time.) The Executive Committee thought an informal gathering would be beneficial. Cathy will send out an email closer to the conference to assess interest in this gathering.

Cathy reported that she has encouraged districts to begin meeting again. Summers are usually slower and could be a good time to meet. Attendance again would depend on institution interpretation of the travel ban. It was reported by Allen that District 5 met on June 4 with 13 in attendance representing 6 out of 8 institutions. The minutes of the meeting along with the powerpoint presentation is available at <http://www.nccclra.org/index.htm>.

LRA scholarships

Libby Stone reported that no scholarships were awarded last year due to no applications. She introduced the idea of beginning the scholarship process and awarding them at NCLA in

October. The Awards Committee have met by conference call and discussed ways to better promote the scholarships. She pointed out that the scholarship amounts were increased by the membership at the NCCCLRA Conference in 2008. Libby is currently on the NCLA Scholarship committee and will check to see if it would be okay if LRA scholarships are announced at the same assembly in October. Deborah Foster asked if there was a requirement about being an LRA member. Libby said that was not in the guidelines. Allen made the motion that we proceed with promoting the scholarships and plan on awarding them at NCLA if permission is granted. Michael Rose seconded. The motion passed. Deborah reminded us that the scholarship is awarded to two parts – the first upfront and the remaining after evidence of completion of the class is received.

Discussion followed concerning awarding a stipend for attendance at LRA to encourage membership and professional development. Libby was asked to investigate this further with her committee and prepare some ideas for the next meeting.

Sharing information

Cathy shared that Myra Blue had asked if it was possible to begin an archives on the NCCLRA website where the results of surveys could be stored. She explained that these informal surveys are conducted by library managers across the state seeking data from their peers. This moved into a discussion of a blog/wiki that anyone could use to post a question, comment, opinion and other could respond in turn. Michael and Allen will look into this and Cathy will spread the news and encourage library staffers across the state to sign up and use this feature.

What's happening

The meeting closed with the sharing of things happening at various institutions. Ruth Bryan commented that the House were debating and voting on the tax increases that if passed might save some education funding. She also shared that cataloger Debra Taylor is one of several personnel at the System Office that were let go this month. Others shared frozen budgets, cuts in the hours of part time personnel resulting in more work for professionals, unfilled vacancies, cuts in periodicals, cuts in library hours, restrictions in ILL. When asked for some good news a lone voice said "None of our names have been associated with Mary Easley." The meeting ended with a laugh.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Cathy Campbell,
President (standing in for Marilyn Carney)