

**MINUTES  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2007  
COMMUNITY LIBRARY OF CASTLE SHANNON**

- I. **Call to Order** – Wendy Smith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established
- III. **Approval of Minutes** - MOTION was made by Suzanna Krispli, Hampton Public Library, and seconded by Kathy Robinson, Crafton Public Library, for approval of the January 30, 2007 minutes with the correction that the minutes include a statement indicating a quorum was established and the minutes would be posted to the ACLA website and distributed to all County library directors. MOTION carried.
- IV. **Reports**
- A. **President**
1. Smith reported with regret the South Region Representative, John Lydon, resigned due to time constraints. Smith noted the Board's gratitude for Lydon's years of service and announced that there was now a vacancy on the Board for a South Region Representative. She noted that Sanjay Saha, the At-Large Representative, would now chair the Personnel Committee in place of Lydon.
  2. Smith reported twelve libraries from the East Region attended her recent President's meeting. Among the topics discussed were the formula and Olszak Consulting, Direct Services, bulk purchasing, and the Knowledge Connections program evaluation.
- B. **Treasurer's Report** – Gleason noted that revenue and expenditures are on track for 2007 and the first quarter financials would be posted to the website.
- C. **Regional Reports** – Each convener gave a brief summary of program and service highlights from their region. Copies of the reports are available at the ACLA office with the hard copy minutes.
- D. **Written Reports** – Written reports from the Strategic Plan Committee, Librarians Advisory Council, and District Services are available at the ACLA office with the hard copy minutes.

- V. **Old Business** - Smith announced Olszak Management Consulting was the consultant chosen to perform the formula study and discussed the process by which the consultant was chosen. She noted that ARAD approved the added expenditure for Olszak to conduct on-site interviews with each library and also at least one public meeting with the consultant has been proposed. A Special Meeting of the General Membership will be scheduled in July to discuss the study findings and get feedback from the Membership and a final report will be issued in August to the member libraries and to the ARAD.

VI. **New Business**

- A. **ARAD Request for 2008 Funding** – Two options were proposed with regard to the 2008 ARAD request:

1. **Option #1** - Submit a request to ARAD containing a dollar amount to be allocated against a Distribution Formula to be determined in conjunction with the consultant's review and the member's response to recommendations from that review. If the Membership is not ready to alter the formula for 2008 following receipt and discussion of the recommendations, ACLA would revert to the existing formula for an additional year. This option would leave the door open for the membership to respond to the consultant's recommendations in time to impact on the 2008 funding.
2. **Option #2** – Submit a request to ARAD that would allocate the \$4,300,000 requested against the existing formula with a goal of reconsidering for 2009. This option would eliminate the opportunity for changes impacting in 2009.

MOTION made by Sally Coyne (Community Library of Allegheny Valley) and seconded by Kathy Robinson (Crafton Public Library) to approve Option #1. MOTION carried unanimously with Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh abstaining.

- B. **Achievement Awards For Libraries** – Smith announced the 2007 ACLA Achievement Awards for Libraries would be awarded in the following categories: Partnership with Schools, Service Provided to the Underserved, and Excellence in Customer Service. She noted these would be funded by personal donations from the ACLA Board members. Lowry explained the application process and noted the information would be sent to library directors and also posted to the ACLA website.
- C. **Innovations & Best Practices Committee** – Jennifer Rabold, Whitehall Public Library, gave a slide presentation entitled “Quiet Crisis to Quite A Success” highlighting who ACLA is, who we are, and who we serve. This presentation is to be delivered to legislative aides, foundations and other funders at the

“Elbow-to-Elbow” event at the Rivers Club on May 23, 2007 and also to use as a model for libraries to take to local funders as well.

**VII. Public Comments**

1. Chris Kiser, a trustee of South Park Public Library, stated his position that the calculation of Regional Use Reimbursement places South Park Township Library at a disadvantage.
2. Heather Mantella, Braddock Carnegie director, reported her library is undergoing a renovation and asked for any volunteers to assist in this endeavor.
3. Bill Lewis, Mt. Lebanon Public Library, commended Wendy Smith on her progress improving communications across the organization as ACLA Board President and requested documents distributed to the Membership be dated and asked that budget information be posted to the ACLA website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Terrence Farrell, Board Secretary**