

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACLA Board of Directors Meeting

April 21, 2008

- The Board received public comments from Member Libraries regarding eiNetwork recommendations. Copies of written statements submitted are available from the ACLA office. There was extensive discussion of the matter between the Board and Members in attendance.
- Mr. Larry Foulke was welcomed as the 2008 Member Library Ombudsman. Mr. Foulke can be contacted at Larry.R.Foulke@verizon.net Guidelines for the services of the Ombudsman are available at: <http://www.aclalibraries.org/acla/home/ombudsman.pdf>
- The Board appointed Ms. Lowry to the Finance Committee as Ms. Davis was forced to resign due to time constraints.
- The Board agreed to a more defined charge for the Governance Committee:
 1. *Creation of governance policies and procedures*
 2. *Recruiting and nominating suitable board members (for at-large positions)*
 3. *Providing orientation and training programs for board members, and*
 4. *Evaluating the performance of individual members and the board as a whole*
- Jenkins reported that meetings with State Senators are being scheduled to discuss the recommendations from the Pennsylvania Library Association regarding increasing State Aid and re-activating the formula.
- Jenkins discussed the request from the Sto-Rox Library to operate as a branch of the federated system. The Direct Services Oversight Committee had considered this at length and determined:
 1. *Since Sto-Rox is currently in compliance with system member standards, there is not an immediate need for its status to change relative to State requirements.*
 2. *However, the Library is out-of-compliance with the Member Library Agreement (which requires libraries to operate at Independent Library standards). The ACLA Board and Membership need to resolve the matter of service standards for ACLA Members expediently so as to clarify the potential issues for Sto-Rox and other libraries.*
 3. *Preserving library service in distressed communities needs to drive development of cost-efficient service delivery models. This may be an area*

where system branches make sense, but much will depend on the resolution of the service standard issue.

The Board agreed that this matter should be a primary topic of discussion at its May 19 meeting. In addition, this topic should be part of Phase 2 discussions in the Formula Development process.