

# **SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **ACLA Board of Directors Meeting**

**December 17, 2007**

- President Smith reported on several matters:
  - An inquiry had been made by Shawn Flaherty requesting clarification on who votes on officers for the 2008 Board. Legal counsel provided opinion that those members of the Board sitting at the time of the election were eligible to vote, but not those who would be seated in 2008.
  - Smith and Saha sought clarification from a member of the RAD Library Committee on the role of the new RAD appointee to the ACLA Board. The appointee is considered a full member of the ACLA Board not a conduit for information between ACLA and RAD. Communications should continue to be handled by the executive directors of the two organizations or between the ACLA Board and the RAD Library Committee. However, regular reports from the ACLA Board to the Library Committee as well as annual meetings would be welcome.
  - The North Region has elected Diane Yates, former director of the Shaler North Hills Library, as regional representative to the ACLA Board beginning 2008.
  - Correspondence was sent by Smith to the Chair of the Board of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. Smith again requested a meeting between the two parties and consideration of the possibility of mediation to resolve current issues and ensure a strong working relationship between ACLA and CLP.
  - A letter was sent to the eiNetwork Board Chair per the ACLA Board's direction requesting that decisions regarding the strategic future of eiNetwork be made only after the Board members had adequate time to review the Technology Assessment report and consider implications of proposed changes. Jenkins noted that the eiNetwork Board members had now received a draft of the full report and would be discussing this, as well as cost assessments for proposed changes at its January meeting.
  
- The Board voted to adopt the slate of officers for 2008 as proposed by the Governance Committee. Those officers will include:
  - Wendy Smith, President
  - Sanjay Saha, Vice President
  - Terry Farrell, Secretary
  - Bob Kollar, Treasurer
  
- The Board will hold a planning retreat in January (tentatively scheduled for the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>). A draft agenda was distributed by the President who requested input from the Board by January 3. A proposed list of 2008 Board committees was included in the agenda. Board

members were requested to indicate at least two committees on which they might be interested in serving.

- The Board approved a 3% cost of living adjustment for eligible employees effective January 1.
- Knowledge Connection operations have been scaling down in anticipation of the 2008 re-engineering. All City and County Housing sites will be closed December 31 and transition to the new model will occur early in 2008. Meetings have been held with all tenant councils, followed by written correspondence to ensure the communities are fully apprised of the changes. Both Housing Authorities have been included in the discussion and planning. A meeting with a private foundation regarding support for the new demonstration project was quite encouraging. Additional foundations have also been contacted regarding 2008 support.
- Richey reported that the South Region, following concerns raised at the last ACLA Board meeting, had voted to retain Dot Davis as South Region representative to the ACLA Board.
- The Board reviewed a draft agenda for the January General Membership meeting that responds to the Members' wishes to move action and critical discussion items to the beginning of the meeting.
- The Board met in executive session to discuss personnel matters.