

SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

ACLA Board of Directors Meeting

May 21, 2007

- ACLA member libraries are to be congratulated! The Greater Pittsburgh League of Women Voters has announced that ACLA will be one of the recipients of its “Good Government” awards this coming October. The award is being made based on the model of success ACLA represents in countywide collaboration that directly benefits the County’s residents.
- The President reported that John Lydon’s letter of resignation from the Board for reasons of time constraints had been reluctantly accepted. She indicated that her goal would be for the South Region to work collaboratively with the Board in identifying a new regional representative. Jenkins noted she had shared information with the South Region convener that the Board had agreed might assist in the process (matrix of Board areas of expertise and needs, Board member job description, Conflict of Interest policy).
- The RAD Formula Consulting Process is underway. A number of interviews have already been held. The President reported that comments at a recent North Region meeting indicated that the consultants asked penetrating questions, allowed sufficient response time, and communicated genuine concern for the libraries’ input.
- There will be a public comment session regarding the formula to be held on Monday July 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the ACLA offices. A flyer regarding this meeting will be sent in advance for posting at member libraries. It will also be advertised on the ACLA web site and in the press. This session is specifically for the public. Libraries, apart from their individual interviews, will also have additional opportunity to interact with the consultants at a special meeting of the General Membership on July 30 at 7:00 p.m. (location to be determined).
- The 2006 Audit of ACLA financials was accepted by the Board. It contained a clean opinion with no management recommendations.
- The Bylaws Committee presented some recommended changes. The President asked that Board members review these recommendations and be prepared to discuss them at its June 18 meeting. In addition follow-up conversation with Ben Hodes, consultant on Board development, may provide some additional recommendations for the Bylaws.
- The Board considered recommendations from the Strategic Plan Review Committee but determined not to implement any changes at this time. The plan, which was adjusted for 2007 based on the Board’s planning retreat in February, was deemed sufficient for the needs of the organization at this time. Being a “living” document it will continue to be revised annually based on changes in environment, circumstances, and organizational priorities.

- The Board adopted operating policies for the Robinson Township Library. The Library held its grand opening on Saturday May 19.
- The Board authorized the second part of the Knowledge Connection program evaluation.
- The Board approved relocation of Mobile Service and Knowledge Connection headquarters to a location in North Versailles.