

# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S SUMMARY OF MAJOR ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **ACLA Board of Directors Meeting**

**October 19, 2009**

- During public comments Mary Theobald, Director of Robinson Township Library, thanked the ACLA staff for support over the past several years. The Library will become an independent library January 2010. Glenn Walsh expressed concern that ACLA address the issue of library closings in the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh system. Kathy Robinson of Crafton encouraged the ACLA Board to consider retaining training space in any decisions about relocation of ACLA offices.
- Jenkins reported that the ACLA Finance Committee would be reviewing revisions to the 2010 draft budget now that RAD and State funding has been resolved. Those revisions will then be shared with the Board and Members so that a final budget can be adopted December 14. The CILOC process has been delayed by the need for the organization to address the RAD concerns. Recommendations will be placed on the January Membership meeting for consideration. The eiNetwork Board met on October 14 and discussed revisions to its 2010 budget based on level RAD funding. It also authorized deployment of new PC management software. ACLA staff met with the Director of the Sewickley Public Library regarding a management services agreement with Focus on Renewal. The Library will be establishing a task force to work with ACLA staff and Board member Shannon Debes to develop the agreement.
- Jenkins also reported that Commonwealth Libraries intends to transmit the 2010 State subsidy funds to ACLA later this month rather than in January. However, no expenditure against these funds will be permitted prior to January 1 and the funds may not be reported as 2009 income. This raises issues for libraries on a cash-basis accounting system. Commonwealth Libraries may be issuing a clarifying memo. Jenkins will also check with ACLA auditors to determine how libraries might be able to manage receipt of funds even if on cash-basis accounting systems.
- Janet Forton, Scott Township Library, requested clarification from Board member Cynthia Richey regarding positions taken by the Mt. Lebanon Public Library noted in Library Board minutes (May 28, June 25, and July 23, 2009).
- The Board convened an executive session to discuss space options. After reconvening in public session Board President Gaetano noted that ACLA would pursue additional negotiations with the owner of the Wabash Street space but remove the Beaver Avenue space from the list of options due to financial constraints.