

**MINUTES
SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2009
BRENTWOOD LIBRARY**

- I. **Call to Order** – Joy Gaetano called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established.

- III. **Public Comments**
 - A. Glenn Walsh commented that he supported the proposed bylaw amendment.
 - B. Kathy Robinson, Crafton Public Library, commented we need to support the member-driven formula process and move forward together.

- IV. **Action & Discussion Items**
 - A. MOTION by Dave Wohleber, Bethel Park Public Library, seconded by Joe Senko(?), Mt. Lebanon Public Library, to return discussion of the formula back to the Formula Development Committee for further review for a period of three months until September 23, 2009 until final status of funding from the State is determined. Becky Colbert, Crafton Public Library, and Jack Murtagh, Northland Public Library, opposed the MOTION. A roll call vote was taken. Five in favor, thirty-eight opposed, and one abstention. MOTION failed.

 - B. Consideration of an amendment to the ACLA Bylaws that would create an exception to the generally required majority vote. See Article II Section 2.3(b) of the ACLA Bylaws: “When a quorum is present a majority of the votes cast shall determine any question brought before such meeting unless the question is one upon which a different vote is expressly required by statute or these Bylaws.” The exception would stipulate: “Approval of a formula for distribution of Regional Asset District funds to Member libraries would require a two-thirds vote of a quorum present.” – Sally Coyne, Community Library of Allegheny Valley, commented that although she suggested the proposed amendment at the April meeting she is no longer in favor of it because she now believes it is imperative ACLA take a formula to the RAD board. She felt it is no longer in the best interest of the Membership. Chris Cahillane, Mt. Lebanon Public Library, disagreed believing the two-thirds vote is essential based on the recommendation from the Formula Development Committee and agreed upon by the members for the entire process. Joy Gaetano, ACLA Board President, commented the ACLA Board voted not to recommend the proposed amendment. It is important for the organization

to move forward and in time there will always be an evolution of this process, of the economy, of the evolving nature of our society, and the majority vote should be preserved. A roll call vote was taken. Eight in favor, thirty-five opposed, and one abstention. MOTION failed.

- C. Consideration of a distribution formula for submission to the Allegheny Regional Asset District (one of three) – Voting done by open ballot and votes read to the Membership. A detailed spreadsheet noting each library vote in all rounds is attached to these minutes.
1. Round 1 - three formulas presented and results as follows:
 - a. 15% Population formula – 17 votes
 - b. 30% Population formula – 3 votes
 - c. 35% Population formula – 18 votes
 - d. Abstention – 6 votes30% Population formula eliminated.
 2. Round 2 – results as follows:
 - a. 15% Population formula – 18 votes
 - b. 35% Population formula – 20 votes
 - c. Abstention – 6 votes15% Population formula eliminated.
 3. Round 3 – vote for submission of final formula (35% Population) to RAD:
Yes – 33 votes
No – 9 votes
Abstention – 2 votes
Two-thirds majority achieved. MOTION carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Debes, Secretary