

**MINUTES
SPECIAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2009
GREEN TREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- I. **Call to Order** – Joy Gaetano called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.
- II. **Determination of Quorum** – Quorum established
- III. **Public Comments** – None
- IV. **Action & Discussion Items**
- A. **Review of the RAD Library Committee Report and Parameters of ACLA Response** – Jenkins gave a brief overview of the Library Committee’s report. While the Committee commended ACLA on its dedication to the process, it returned ACLA’s proposal noting three areas of concern:
1. Rationale for elimination of the local government funding factor
 2. Eligibility for the distress factor
 3. Phase-in of the new formula
- As the RAD will release its final budget on December 1, a response from the Membership needs submitted to allow RAD sufficient time to consider (likely by around November 15). The Membership has a regularly scheduled General Membership meeting October 29 which would provide an opportunity for the Membership to consider and approve a response.
- B. **Creation of Rapid Response Team** – Gaetano stated that the Board wishes to commission a Rapid Response Team to put draft a response to the concerns articulated in the Library Committee report. A draft response should be delivered to the Executive Director on behalf of the Board by October 23. The Board will review the response and it will be brought to the Members for consideration at the October 29 General Membership meeting. Final submission to the RAD would be no later than November 15. She then presented the following options for consideration:
1. **Option 1** – That the Formula Development Committee be reconvened as a Rapid Response Team charged with bringing recommendations to the General Membership for consideration.
 2. **Option 2** – That each region appoints 2 – 3 individuals to serve on a Rapid Response Team charged with bringing recommendations to the General Membership for consideration.

John Shaver, Moon Township Public Library, suggested the Rapid Response Team have the same members as the Formula Development Committee but with fewer members. Chris Cahillane, Mt. Lebanon Public Library, questioned the precise charge for the Rapid Response Team. Sharon Bruni, South Park Public Library, indicated she believed that the RAD was asking not only for rationale but also revisions to the formula itself. Jenkins noted that by virtue of language in the report only a response is required; however, if the Rapid Response Team felt over the course of discussions the formula needed revised, it could bring recommendations to that effect to the Members. It is the Membership that ultimately must approve any formula. Gaetano concurred.

MOTION by Becky Colbert, Crafton Public Library, and seconded by Bob Moll, Andrew Carnegie Free Library, that a Rapid Response Team be made up of the previous members of the Formula Development Committee limiting it to 2 to 3 members per region.

MOTION by Verne Koch, Lauri Ann West Memorial Library, to amend the MOTION to make the current Formula Development Committee the Rapid Response Team. Amendment not accepted by Colbert.

Colbert agreed to amend MOTION to indicate that members of the Formula Development Committee should be given first opportunity to serve if willing. Moll agreed to amendment. A roll call vote was taken. 27 in favor, 9 not in favor, 1 abstention. MOTION carried.

- C. Facilitation of RRT – Christine McIntosh, Bethel Park Public Library, suggested ACLA Board member, Shannon Debes, facilitate the process as Debes has professional experience in facilitation. Debes agreed to facilitate the process pro bono if the Members so wished.

MOTION by Christine McIntosh, Bethel Park Public Library, and seconded by Kathy Robinson, Crafton Public Library to designate Shannon Debes as the facilitator of the process with the Rapid Response Team. MOTION carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Debes, Secretary