

**MINUTES
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2010
NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

- I. **Call to Order** – Shannon Debes called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

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

- III. **Public Comments** – None.

- IV. **Action & Discussion Items**
 - A. **Key Highlights from the Executive Director**
 1. **RAD Formula Concerns** – Jenkins reported on her meeting with the Executive Director of RAD, David Donahoe. The RAD Library Committee will be meeting with ACLA representatives to review outstanding concerns related to the formula. ACLA representatives will include Shannon Debes and Shawn Flaherty from the ACLA Board, Christine McIntosh as the LAC Chair, and the Executive Director. The RAD is looking for resolution of these issues prior to ACLA’s 2011 submission in July. The issues at hand are:
 - a. The need to resolve on one method for calculating Local Support.
 - b. The definition and calculation of distress.
 - c. Performance factors.
 2. **Table Gaming** - Jenkins reported she has had discussions with Senator Costa and Representative Gergeley on language to include in legislation that would authorize payment of table gaming revenue to County libraries. Distribution would be based on service district population (currently per the 2000 census) with some funding allocated for libraries serving distressed communities. Funds would be distributed through Commonwealth Libraries. Initial revenue may not be received prior to 2011.
 3. **Cuts Hurt** – Jenkins highlighted the “Cuts Hurt” marketing campaign for 2010. Information regarding this campaign and to assist libraries in advocacy efforts will be posted to the ACLA wiki or distributed directly to Member Libraries. ACLA will also coordinate scheduling of legislative visits.
 4. **Sto-Rox Library Model** – Focus on Renewal and Sewickley Public Library will be entering into an agreement for the SPL to provide management services to the Sto-Rox Library. She noted the agreement is only for

oversight of the library; Sto-Rox would not become a branch of SPL. Legal counsel and ACLA Board member Leslie Britton Dozier will review the agreement language for any concerns relative to requirements of the Library Code and Member Library Agreement. She noted this collaboration could serve as a model for other struggling libraries.

5. Dashboard Measures – Jenkins introduced a set of data to help in looking at library performance. Included in the data are various measures used in or adapted from the Library Journal “Stars” program (e.g., circulation per capita, internet use per capita, non-resident circulation per capita, cardholders as a percentage of population, and non-resident circulation as a percentage of circulation). She encouraged library directors to talk with others in their regions as well as their own Boards about this data being gathered. Once 2009 data is fully available, the measures will be updated. In addition to the library data, ACLA itself is establishing some dashboard measures for programs and services provided through the ACLA headquarters and outreach. All of this information will be helpful in creating the new five-year plan.
 6. Five-Year Plan – Jenkins noted that ACLA is required by RAD to provide five-year plans. The current plan would end this year, with a new plan to be developed covering 2011-2015. She encouraged members to begin thinking about what we need to do as an organization to best position ourselves to deliver quality library service over the next five years and beyond.
- B. Critical Issues – Jenkins asked the Members, on behalf of the ACLA Board, to consider delaying a vote on recommendations from the CILOC Structures Committee. The Board is working through a process of evaluating its fiduciary role and would like an opportunity to report out to the Members on that prior to introducing potential changes to the Board structure. There was extensive discussion, including concerns raised by Member Libraries that the Board was not adequately acknowledging the work of the Members on the Critical Issues process, that this work has been in process for a long time and should be honored, and that Members were discouraged by the Board’s response. Jenkins encouraged Members to exercise patience and wait until the April General Membership meeting to move forward with consideration of recommendations. She noted that the best situation would be a strong partnership between the Board and Membership in order to move the organization forward. There will be full discussion of the recommendations from the CILOC Standards Committee at the April 27 General Membership meeting with consideration of recommendations at the October meeting.

V. Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes – MOTION by Kathy Robinson, Crafton Public Library, and seconded by Christy Fusco, Monroeville Public Library, to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting. MOTION carried unanimously.

- VI. Announcements** – Jenkins noted Robinson Township Library, now operating as an independent library, has become an official member of ACLA as of January 1, 2010.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Britton Dozier, Secretary