

AGENDA ITEM: System Advisory Board

ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD AT THIS MEETING: SAB Member Attendance at CLA Annual Conference.

RECOMMENDED MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD: I move that the Library of California Board approve the use of 2003/04 allocated SAB Program funds, where available within each approved SAB budget, and where requested, to reimburse one SAB member from each System for expenses incurred in attending the November 2003 California Library Association conference to be held in Ontario.

BACKGROUND:

In past years the State Board has approved the use of CLSA System Advisory Board (SAB) Program funds allotted to Systems to support the costs of attendance by one SAB member per System at the annual conference of the California Library Association (CLA). SAB members have reported worthwhile benefits from attending the CLA conference in past years, citing the gaining of a wider understanding of library issues and trends and the opportunity to interact with SAB members from other areas of the State as particularly useful. It is recommended that the Library of California Board approve blanket attendance for one SAB member from each System to attend the November 2003 CLA conference being held in Ontario, provided that travel funds are available from within the currently approved System SAB budget to support the cost of such attendance. State Board policy has been to consider approval of SAB member attendance at the CLA conference on a year-by-year basis.

Staff recommends that the Board continue its practice of encouraging System Advisory Board members to attend the CLA annual conference and the Library of California Board meeting, when meeting in conjunction to the CLA conference.

GENERAL OVERALL PROGRAM UPDATES:

CURRENT STATUS: 2003/04 System Plans of Service for the System Advisory Board Program indicate that all 15 Systems have planned to accomplish the duties specified for SABs in the Act (See Exhibit A). Plans of Service estimates show that SAB members will collectively travel over 27,600 miles to attend SAB and Administrative

Council meetings. This does not include the many hours SABs contribute by attending these meetings, as well as various committee meetings, to the effort to improve System planning for the delivery of CLSA supported services. SABs also contribute many hours to special projects and publicity for the System.

Each year Systems are required to report the representation of various designated population segments on their System Advisory Boards. A compilation of these reports is included as Exhibit B. Board members are reminded that "representation" does not necessarily constitute membership in specific population segments, and that a single SAB member may represent more than one designated category. It should also be noted that SAB members are appointed by the governing bodies of member library jurisdictions, not by System Administrative Councils.

PROGRAM TRENDS: System Plans of Service indicate that System Advisory Boards will interact with the administrative council through council meetings and by serving on system committees. SABs will continue their emphasis on publicity and public relations as well as their activities in the evaluation of System services and in the assessment of community needs for library services. Some Systems continue to provide their SABs the opportunity to participate in System-sponsored workshops and training events. Many SABs are making the needs of libraries known through personal contacts and written communications to state and local legislators, local officials and community groups. All systems are using their SABs as advisory groups in the development of their system plans of service.

RELATED ISSUE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD IN THE FUTURE: Summary of 2003/04 SAB program achievements and activities based on System Annual Reports.

Relevant Committee: Resource Sharing
Staff Liaison: Sandy Habbestad

2003/04 System Advisory Board Workload Estimates and Mandated Activities Summary

	Estimated Number of SAB Meetings	Estimated Miles Traveled	Number of Members	Assist in Development of Plan of Service	Advise Council on Need for Services	Assist in Evaluation of System Services
BALIS	6	1,000	8	X	X	X
BLACK GOLD	2	800	6	X	X	X
49-99	2	1,000	2	X	X	X
INLAND	1	*	4	X	X	X
MCLS	2	3,000	29	X	X	X
MOBAC	2	200	8	X	X	X
MVLS	4	5,000	14	X	X	X
NORTH BAY	1	600	4	X	X	X
NORTH STATE	4	5,650	12	X	X	X
PENINSULA	5	1,800	9	X	X	X
SJVLS	6	4,770	9	X	X	X
SANTIAGO	1	200	7	X	X	X
SERRA	6	3,000	10	X	X	X
SVLS	1	400	2	X	X	X
SOUTH STATE	1	200	2	X	X	X
TOTAL	44	27,620	126			

*unknown
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**Population Segments Represented on System Advisory Boards - 2003/2004
As of July 1, 2003**

System	Number of Board Members & Alternatives*	Population Segments Represented																	
		Economically Dis-advantaged (below poverty level)	Institutionalized	Aged (65+)	Children & Youth				Handi-capped	Speakers of Limited English or English as a Second Language	Non-English Speaking	Ethnicity					Geographically Isolated	Functionally Illiterate	Shut-Ins
					Under 5	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19				Black	Hispanic	Asian	Native American	Other			
BALIS	8 (1V)	2	0	8	8	8	8	8	6	7	4	6	5	7	2	2	0	3	1
BLACK GOLD	6 (3V)	3	3	5	2	3	2	2	2	3	2	3	4	3	3	2	3	3	3
49-99	2 (5V)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
INLAND**	4 (15V)																		
MCLS	30 (9V)	4	2	7	5	8	9	9	5	6	3	7	8	8	4	2	0	4	1
MOBAC**	8 (0V)																		
MVLS	5 (10V)	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
NO. BAY	3 (9V)	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
NO. STATE	11 (1V)	7	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	3	2	0	3	0	2	0	7	0	0
PENINSULA	9 (0V)	1	0	9	6	6	6	6	8	7	1	5	6	9	0	3	1	1	1
SJVLS	5 (4V)	2	2	4	3	3	3	2	2	4	2	3	4	2	2	2	2	2	3
SANTIAGO	8 (2V)	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
SERRA	7 (6V)	4	3	7	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	4	5	4	4	3	4	3	4
SVLS	2 (5V)	0	0	2	2	1	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
SO. STATE	2 (2V)	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	110 (72V)	26	12	49	36	40	39	38	31	41	20	29	39	39	18	15	20	18	15

* SAB Members and alternates are appointed by the governing body of the local jurisdiction

** Population segments not available

V - Vacancy(ies)