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California Library Services Board Meeting
June 25, 2020
Remote Meeting: Zoom

BOARD OPENING

Welcome and Introductions

President Bernardo called the California Library Services Board meeting to order on June 25, 2020 at 9:34 am.

Board Members Present: Anne Bernardo, Florante Ibanez, Sarah Hernandez, Paymaneh Maghsoudi, Elizabeth Murguia, Maria Senour, Sandra Tauler, and Connie Williams.

California State Library Staff Present: State Librarian Greg Lucas, Natalie Cole, Meg DePriest, Lena Pham, Monica Rivas, Annly Roman, Beverly Schwartzberg, Jodie Thomas, and Rebecca Wendt.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved, seconded (Ibanez/Williams) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts the agenda for the June 25, 2020 meeting.

Approval of February 2020 Meeting Minutes

It was moved, seconded (Murguia, Ibanez) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board approves the draft minutes of the February 4, 2020 California Library Services Board Meeting.

Board Resolutions

President Bernardo stated that several members had left the board this year, and resolutions were introduced in their honor.

It was moved, seconded (Ibanez, Tauler) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-01 for Brandy Rose Buenafe (Exhibit A).

It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi, Ibanez) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts
California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-02 for Gary M. Christmas (Exhibit B).

It was moved, seconded (Ibanez, Williams) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-03 for Adriana Martinez (Exhibit C).

It was moved, seconded (Murguia, Williams) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-04 for Peter A. Mindnich (Exhibit D).

Board Meeting for Fall 2020

Annly Roman reported that at the last board meeting, the board discussed holding the fall meeting in late October in Los Angeles to coincide with the California Library Association conference. That conference was postponed until May, due to the Coronavirus situation. Roman asked if the Board wanted to meet earlier in mid-September instead. She also advised that the Board plan on meeting remotely in fall since it was unclear when the state would begin to open up. At that point all state agencies were not allowed to do any unnecessary travel.

Member Williams stated that she thought planning for a distance meeting would be prudent. She asked if there was a time to meet when all the budget facts and figures would be in hand. State Librarian Lucas stated that with the traditional budget schedule there was not much information until the governor introduced his budget on January 1. State agencies put forward what they would like to see in the January budget by Labor Day but no decisions were really made until November. That being said, earlier this year the legislature said they would take a first cut of the budget, in June, which they did. Then the legislature was going to take another look in August, largely because the state pushed the tax deadline from April 15 to July 15. Depending on what happened there could have been some activity on the budget in August.

Several Board members agreed that September would be a good time to meet. Monica Rivas suggested meeting in late September because she had been reassigned to the COVID-19 tracing team. Due to the Coronavirus situation the State Library had given the systems an extension on the Plans of Service until the end of July. Meeting later would give Annly Roman enough time to compile all the information that was needed.
REPORTS TO THE BOARD

Board President's Report

President Bernardo reported that she had worked to prepare letters of support to the state as well as to her federal and state legislators for library and literacy funding efforts. She also continued to attend trainings, webinars, and Zoom, GoTo, and WebEx meetings.

Bernardo stated that, before the shelter in place order, she had testified before the Assembly Budget Subcommittee five on Public Safety on how county law libraries impact services for the unrepresented and self-represented litigants. She expressed hope that her testimony would have an effect on county law libraries' support and how access to justice issues would be supported in the coming budget. County law libraries rely on court civil filing fees and with the court closure and slow reopening county law libraries might not get any funding until the new year. Hopefully some of the testimony provided in February, would stick with the legislators and they would get something to backfill revenues.

President Bernardo reported her library had been closed to the public since March 23rd, but staff were considered essential workers and continued to provide email and phone reference. Staff rotated into the office to access print collection to continue to serve patrons. Legal publishers had stepped up, offering free services or access to their legal databases.

On a positive note, her library was selected to participate in this year's maximizing learning spaces grant, as a furnishings participant. The library was working toward a Lawyers in the Library program. So for the past eight weeks, they had been remodeling to maximizing learning spaces and address social distancing with movable furnishings.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Ibanez had retired. He was also a participant in library work with the Carlos Bulosan book club based out of the Echo Park library. They would be doing a webinar on the reading of "America in the Heart" and he would be one of the two moderators.

Chief Executive Officer's Report

State Librarian Lucas reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic the State was in a bad budget situation with something like a $50 billion deficit. The Governor and legislature were not planning on solving it in one year, instead they
were gambling a certain amount of economy recovery and more tax revenue to prevent some of the deeper cuts.

Specific to libraries, increases proposed in the Governor's January budget disappeared and several existing programs were eliminated. $1 million dollars for Lunch at the Library, which fed kids in the summertime when schools were closed, and Zip Books, which was under the California Library Services Act budget were both eliminated.

Since March the State Library had been conducting bi-weekly meetings with library directors and the attendance was good. Lucas stated that the heartening thing for him had been seeing how institutions that were premised on in-person and online services pivoted so quickly to just online. On Instagram or Facebook there were online storytimes and programming designed to reach out to people from a digital distance. Lucas stated that he did not think there was any other government or public institution that could adapt and change so fundamentally in such a short period of time.

Lucas also stated that he was struck, in listening to the library directors, by how individual and specific libraries were and the differences along the spectrums of reopening. Some had been conducting what they called curbside delivery all along, while others are just beginning that service. Some libraries were starting to open their doors to patrons through appointments, while others had already opened their computer and learning centers to help jumpstart job training or workforce development.

State Librarian Lucas stated that it made him optimistic about the future to see these community oriented entities respond to this unprecedented situation.

Impact Study and Online Clearing House Grant Program Report

Natalie Cole reported that the project goal was to create an impact study and online clearinghouse cataloging the economic and social value of libraries. It was due to end this year, but State Librarian Lucas granted an extension, because some of the activities had to be postponed due to the pandemic. Cole was excited to report the project had gained a lot of momentum. It was a very slow moving project for a couple of years as they worked to gather the relevant data and information. In the last few months the value statement, which was grounded in evidence, had been completed, so libraries could make those statements of value and know they were backed up with data.

Cole reported they had been working on finalizing the Clearinghouse that would be available on the State Library's website. It would be comprised of a landing page where the bulk of the information would sit, the value statement,
project reports, reports about the values that are held by Californians and how they align with what libraries are doing, a note about the project's methodology, and pathways to other pages. There would be a second page with 15 information sheets on different topics that library staff and other stakeholders could use to support whatever case or statements they want to make to support their libraries. Cole stated there would also be a searchable database of resources that people could draw on.

The website also had a photo gallery. They had hoped to take photos tailored to the project to ensure full representation but that had to be postponed, but there are a lot of nice photos on the site. Additionally, the State Data Coordinator, Meg DePriest, would be providing a link to the library usage and collection statistics to show library outputs. Cole stated there would be a whole set of information to draw on to demonstrate the value and the impact of the public library.

Natalie Cole reported that some of the other things to highlight were that a second journal article was just accepted. It would be helpful because people would be able to view the full academic arguments and all the citations, so it would support the more accessible information sheets that would be online.

For next steps, Cole stated they had training planned in fall which would focus on telling the right story to the right person at the right time. They would also be using social media, presentations at conference, and articles in professional journals to raise awareness about the project outputs and results. The results would also be used internally to inform the work being done in the Library Development Services Bureau.

Member Williams stated she thought what had been done so far was amazing but she want to know if there were plans to find ways to not only educate library people, but also educate legislators and nonprofit groups on how a library could help their group and how they could help libraries. Natalie Cole stated that they would raise as much awareness as possible.

Member Murguia asked if all the information would be available for anyone to use. Cole confirmed that it would be freely available on the State Library’s website and that some of the data had already been posted.

President Bernardo asked if this was a point-in-time study or would additional information be added moving forward. Cole stated that the goal was for it to be a living set of information and a lot of the information would be long lasting.
**Zip Books Grant Program Report**

Deputy State Librarian Rebecca Wendt reported that the Zip Books program had been annually funded by the California Library Services board for several years. It provided opportunities for people unable to come into the library to have books delivered. The program began in the 2011-2012 fiscal year as a pilot program. There was $1 million from the 2019-2020 state budget that was awarded to NorthNet in June of this year, which will allow the program to continue through June of 2021.

At the beginning of the pandemic some libraries had to put a hold on their iterations of Zip Books, but most had been able to resume. Wendt reported that there were 74 libraries currently participating.

Wendt stated that over the past year, the Zip Books website, which was hosted by NorthNet was updated with information on the program and videos. The number of uses had continuously gone up. In the April 2020 information 45,610 items had been ordered through the Zip Books program, many of which were added to library collections.

Vice President Ibanez asked if it would be possible to link their website on the Board’s page as a success story or somehow demonstrate that the Board was involved with the project. Annly Roman stated that she would work on getting something added to the Board’s webpage.

**Link+ Grant Program**

Annly Roman stated that the Link+ program was funded through a one-time funding allocation of $450,000 for the California Library Services Board to administer. In Spring of 2019 the Board approved a motion to allocate “the 450,000 to NorthNet to pay the one time yearly cost for three libraries to join Link+, and using the remainder to support the sustainability and growth of the Link+ regional resource sharing.”

Suzanne Olawski, Vice Chair of the NorthNet Library Cooperative System, reported that the grant was awarded to NorthNet in March 2019. In September 2019 NorthNet provided an update on the status of the Link+ resource sharing grant, and the board approved extending the grant opportunity beyond NorthNet to all other California public and academic libraries. As a result of that extension Coronado, Glendale, Rancho Cucamonga, and Alameda Free Library were awarded grants to join Link+.

Olawski stated that the grants cover the first year subscription, first year of delivery, and $1,000 for supplies. NorthNet had been working with other libraries
throughout the state that had expressed interest in Link+, however since the pandemic libraries are reluctant to commit to joining.

Suzanne Olawski reported that, due to the pandemic circumstances, NorthNet had approximately $85,000 (could vary slightly depending on courier fees, etc.) in remaining funds that they did not believe they would be able to grant to any additional new libraries. Olawski stated that NorthNet had been contacted by the 49-99 consortium to inquire about receiving grant funds to help support their Link+ costs due to the proposed 50% reduction in the CLSA funds in the 2020-2021 budget.

Olawski reported that NorthNet spoke with the State Library grant monitor for the project, Lena Pham, and together they developed four options for expanding the final funds for the board’s consideration.

- Distribute the remaining grant funds to the NorthNet Library System to support the master Link+ subscription renewal for fiscal year 2020-2021. The cost would be divvied up proportionally between the 18 libraries that would benefit.
- Divide the remaining grant funds proportionally between NorthNet and 49-99, with NorthNet receiving 70% of the remaining funds and 49-99 receiving 30%.
- Use the funds for courier costs. NorthNet anticipated a 5% increase in the length plus courier contracts for fiscal year 2020-2021. NorthNet could extend the funds to the 27 public libraries with Link+ courier contracts that have not yet benefited from these grant funds to help cover courier costs.
- Develop an equitable and competitive way for libraries to request the remaining funds with 20% of the grant funds being reserved for NorthNet Link+ subscription costs for fiscal year 2020-2021, and the other 80% being awarded through a competitive process.

Olawski noted that the final two options would have required additional staff time so NorthNet would needed additional administrative funds. NorthNet had an ad hoc committee, working on the Link+ grant project so the four options being presented for Board discussion and input were developed by that committee.

Laura Einstadter, County Librarian for Amador County and Chair of 49-99 Cooperative, stated that 49-99 requested consideration for additional funding for the cooperative to cover Link+ costs that would not be covered due to the cuts in CLSA funding. Einstadter stated 49-99 had been part of Link+ for a little over three years. During that time, patrons had grown to rely on that service to provide materials that their libraries would not able to provide. Most 49-99 libraries had
limited budgets, especially those like Amador that were rural. She stated that the
system did not have another means of getting funding to provide those resources
to members. For the month of January 2020, 49-99 community members had
requested 3,834 items and libraries loaned 3,263 items. Einstadter stated that the
service really had meant a lot to the communities in 49-99 and that was why they
were asking for consideration of some of the remaining funding.

Member Williams asked if the NorthNet Library System was asking for Board
input on how to use the funds. Suzanne replies that NorthNet was looking for any
questions, direction or opinions the Board might have had on how NorthNet
should expended the remaining funds. Carol Frost clarified that none of the
proposed options added any new libraries to Link+, itnwould just be determining
how far the funds could or should go to support already participating libraries.

Williams stated she supported whichever option allowed the most current
participants to stay in the system as long as possible.

President Bernardo stated she would not support an option with required
additional staff time and costs from NorthNet. She suggested the second options
mentioned which provided funds to both NorthNet and 49-99. Members Murguia,
Ibanez, and Hernandez agreed.

**CLSA PROGRAM ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/ACTION**

**BUDGET AND PLANNING**

**SJ VLS Amended Plan of Service**

Annly Roman reported that the San Joaquin Valley Library System (SJ VLS) had
requested an amendment to their 2019-2020 Plan of Service. SJ VLS had originally
wanted to use funds to purchase the Omeka system. This would have provided a
digital archive and allowed member libraries to digitize, upload, and share local
collections. SJ VLS had not been able make that program work so instead they
wanted to use those funds for e-resources and an e-card registration service for
member libraries to provide online registration for library cards.

President Bernardo clarified that it was $25,970 that would have moved from
the original project to fund the new proposal. Member Williams asked what had
become of the Omeka project. Sally Gomez from SJ VLS stated that they did have
the Omeka Project online, however, they did not have the participation from
libraries they had expected. In January they decided to put that project on hold
and move toward the e-card registration, which they had been wanting to
provide for some time. Due to the pandemic situation that project was even more
appropriate because so many people were using online services. So the e-card
registration system would make it easier for people to register online, and use resources.

It was moved, seconded (Murguia, Hernandez) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board approves San Joaquin Valley Library System’s amended plan of service for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

CLSA Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Monica Rivas reported that the next agenda item was the preliminary California Library Services Act budget for fiscal year 2020-2021. Originally when staff generated documentation for the budget, funding was proposed at $3.63 million, but amendments to the budget had cut the proposed funded amount by $1.5 million to $1.88 million.

Member Tauler asked if the Cooperative Library Systems would have to wait to receive funds until after the Board met in late September. Rivas verified that was correct because the plans of service would need to be approved before funds were released. Annly Roman stated that the State Library would send out awards as soon as possible.

It was moved, seconded (Williams, Senour) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board adopts, contingent upon the passage of the State Budget Act, the 2020-2021 California Library Services Act budget as directed in the proposed 2020-2021 budget, totaling $1,880,000 for allocation to the Cooperative Library Systems.

Clarification of Use of CLSA Funds related to telecommunication equipment and service fees

Annly Roman reported that the California State Library had received a request for clarification from the NorthNet Library System on whether certain programs/items were considered an allowable use of funds under the California Library Services Act. The items were things like paying for ongoing broadband costs, system technology materials, network security software, and warranties. The State Library responded that a case could be made that CENIC broadband bills could be seen as service fees in support of communications, based on the regulatory language in section 20236. The State Library did not feel that warranties or security software would fall under that category. NorthNet Library Systems had submitted a letter requesting official clarification by the Board.
Member Williams clarified that warranties were somewhat like insurance, and would pay for any repairs. Annly Roman stated that it depended on what kind of warranty some companies will do repairs or replace items no matter what and some warranties had conditions. Williams stated that she was curious because it was a question of how much it would have cost to repair or replace something and if you had the money.

Preside Bernardo stated that she agreed that the CENIC bills, could be considered service fees. She thought what NorthNet was really asking was about maintenance of technology. It seemed prudent to have a way to repair or replace things that were purchased and if the funding for that did not come from this pot she wondered how it would be funded.

State Librarian Lucas stated that, from the State Library’s reading, the regulations seem to indicate that warranties, maintenance, and things like that are the costs of carrying out the various programs and fit under the administrative umbrella.

President Bernardo asked if NorthNet was saying that covering those costs under the administrative portion was insufficient so they wanted to be able to use the bigger piece of the pie to fund those things. She wondered if they were asking the Board if those items, like warranties, would fit under the baseline pot. Lucas stated there were a variety of expenses that NorthNet wanted clarification on; broadband, ongoing telecommunications costs from CENIC, warranties on the data center network router, and network security software at the data center to protect the network from hacks viruses and breaches. As he had said, the State Library reading was that the administrative costs the systems received was adequate to cover the expenses of conducting the programs of the Act. Member Williams indicated that she felt they would not be asking if there was not a lack of funding somewhere.

Todd Deck, Tehama County Library and Chair of the NorthNet Library Consortium, stated that NorthNet was asking the Board to fully explore what monthly service fees, as referenced in the regulations, meant. Deck stated that in the memo provided to the Board there were two statements from rural libraries. One from Jody Meza, Orland Public Library, talking about the challenges with software renewal costs and another from Michael Perry about the challenges of maintenance support. Deck stated that many local library budgets had not been adjusted to fully support the additional costs of CENIC and they hoped that the Board considering this could give libraries the additional support to keep that program thriving. CENIC was becoming more important every day during the pandemic.
Michael Perry, County Librarian for Siskiyou County, stated while they were able to use Communication and Delivery funds to purchase hardware equipment to support CENIC within the 12 branch system, one of the challenges his library faced was that if any of the equipment failed they would have to repurchase. Perry stated they could use the same funding source to do that but the timeline on repurchasing was week, if not months.

Perry stated that his IT department said they were walking a tightrope without a net because should any of the routers fail, especially the central branch router, which was the hub of the system, everything was down until that piece of equipment was replaced. He recalled when the equipment was purchased four years ago it took about three to six months to get everything ordered, approved, and delivered.

Carol Frost clarified, as the fiscal agent for NorthNet, the way that NorthNet distributed funds. There was the baseline funds, which was 80% and system administration funds which was the 20%. The 20% went to support staff costs to run the system. There was not one shared network in NorthNet so 80% of the funds went back to libraries to support delivery and shared resources like overdrive. NorthNet used a formula to distribute the funds back to libraries. Frost stated that libraries had a menu that they could choose from that were allowable costs under CLSA. Some examples were: local shared resources, or local shared delivery.

Frost stated that in the Plan of Service there was a section that talked about use of CLSA funds to support telecommunications/broadband. A few years ago they asked for clarification on what using CLSA funds for that purpose meant and the response was that it supported hardware purchases. Frost stated that NorthNet was asking for that definition to be expanded past hardware, particularly for the rural libraries that really struggle to pay for those basic things to support their network.

Frost explained as others have said a service warrantee made it so that if a network border router broke down libraries would not have to come up with $20,000 to replace it. The money NorthNet allocated back to the libraries was not very much, and they want to stretch the dollar as much as they could. Frost stated that since the use of broadband or telecommunications funds were listed under baseline it seemed like those other costs should be eligible as either administrative or baseline costs.

Member Murguia stated that it sounded like NorthNet was asking for greater flexibility on how funds could be used because they had limited resources. Murguia and Williams wondered if the Board had authority to make that change.
and if so, would that change be on an on-going basis for any system or a one-time exception.

State Librarian Lucas stated that the regulations for the California Library Services Act had language related to allowable expenses. NorthNet is asking if the above mentioned expenses could be interpreted to fall under the umbrella of those allowable costs. Lucas stated he thought NorthNet was requesting the board say yes these expenses are allowable. Todd Deck confirmed that was correct.

Member Tauler stated that she felt warranties fell under maintenance of technology which was listed as an allowable costs and Member Ibanez agreed. It was moved, seconded (Ibanez, Murguia) and carried with one no vote (Hernandez) and seven aye votes that the California Library Services Board accept the interpretation that the six items requested in the Summary of the NorthNet Library System’s letter, Document 9 of the Board packet (See Exhibit E) are included in the regulatory language (Section 20236) as allowable baseline costs.

Fund Disbursement

Annly Roman stated that this agenda item was a continuation of a discussion the board had been having regarding fund disbursement. At the last meeting the systems had expressed that they would like to get funds sooner, especially since the Board was considering meeting at the end of October.

Member Tauler stated that she remembered the discussion had covered how difficult it was for the systems to work through five or six months of their budget without any money. It seemed to her that it would be best to give them part of the funds since having to work through months of a fiscal year without any funding was difficult, especially during the hard times everyone was having. Tauler said she would suggest releasing 25% of their funding early and asked if that was allowed.

State Librarian Lucas said that there was no money to provide 25% because the budget had not been approved. So it was not legal for the Board to earmark funds that did not exist. He understood that it made operations difficult, but was not something anyone could do before the budget had passed. Tauler stated that if it was not allowed of course they would not but urged for funds to be released as soon as possible.

Monica Rivas stated that when the budget was finalized and the Board met to approve the plans of service the State Library could do award packets as soon
after that as possible. Additionally they could consider the idea of giving the systems all of the funding at once rather than in two payments.

**RESOURCE SHARING**

**CLSA System - Level programs**

Monica Rivas reported that this section was for the Board to look at the annual reports. Rivas stated she compared the plans of service and the annual reports to make sure they were consistent. The annual reports showed most of the systems funding was still going toward delivery, whether by contracted van, UPS or a postal service. The system were beginning to use more of the funding for e-resources like ebooks, audiobooks, e-magazines, Enki, and Overdrive. There were also some systems using their funding for Link+, and a couple used funds for Digilabs this fiscal year.

**Consolidations and Affiliations**

Annly Roman reported that this agenda items was related to a section in the regulations leftover from when there used to be funds available for consolidations and affiliations. It required the board to approve consolidations of library jurisdictions because it impacted the number of members within a cooperative system. The Dixon Public Library affiliated with the Solano County Library System effective July 1, 2020. This was coming before the Board as information and also for approval with regards to the CLSA funding and the potential impacts on the formula because of changes to the number of member libraries.

It was moved, seconded (Maghsoudi, Murguia) and carried unanimously that the California Library Services Board approves the affiliation of the Dixon Public Library with the Solano County Library System effective July 1, 2020, and waives the September 1, 2019 notification dated for affiliations.

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Annly Roman stated that other than the state budget, which State Librarian Lucas had already discussed, there was not any library related legislation moving forward. Legislative leadership, for the purposes expediency and considering the financial emergency situation, asked legislators to limit legislation to bills related to COVID-19 or other emergency situations such as homelessness or fire emergencies.

State Librarian Lucas reported that the federal government, as part of the CARES Act, passed a $50 million package for libraries and museums. The money
went to the Institute of Museum and Library Services and $30 million of that was
given out on a per capita basis. $3.5 million of that funding came to the State
Library. The language associated with the funding directed that the funds be
spent on closing the digital gap, and it specifically talked about laptops and
hotspots. The State Library’s strategy on spending the money, within the
parameters, was to look at how to take this one time, money, and create the
most ongoing benefit.

Lucas reported that the State Library spent $1 million buying a statewide
subscription to a service called Beanstack, which is basically, all though it does
do a lot more, an online reading program. Libraries have had to change their
summer reading programs because of the health pandemic which, in the past,
have been very in-person with events and things in the library. In surveying libraries
we discovered that more than 60% were using this service. By doing a statewide
subscription, we could touch the greatest number of libraries and reduce some
of their in-house costs.

The bulk of the remaining funding was going to focus on job training workforce
development because what library directors were saying was, not unlike the
recession caused by the collapse of the housing industry in 2008, their expectation
was that, at a time when their budgets were shrinking, more people were going
to come to the library. More people are going to look for help, whether that's
employment or looking for social services, and what directors tell told us was that
it was more likely now that the first door that Californians knock on at the library
would be the digital one. So the State Library was looking at helping create kind
of a minimum level of service as it related to things like job training and workforce
development in as many libraries as possible.

Lucas stated that the House had passed a bill, called the HEROES Act that was
around $1 trillion dollars or more. It contained $5 million to support libraries
throughout the United States. That legislation was not going to go anywhere in
the Senate. There had been efforts by the American Library Association. A
majority of Senators had signed a letter circulated by ALA recommending
investing more money in libraries, something around $1 billion dollars. It was
unclear what, if anything, would come from that.

Lucas stated that the Administration, through the Department of Finance, had
made it clear that they want the State Library to make it a priority to find as much
federal funding as possible that could go to local libraries. Lucas reported that
many of the spending reductions in the budget that the legislature and the
governor approved would not happen if $14 billion in federal aid came to the
state of California. However, it seemed unlikely that there would be that level of federal support.

President Bernardo asked about the California Library Association’s information. State Librarian Lucas stated that the most recent update from CLA related to the $1.5 million reduction to the California Library Services Act. CLA is concerned as to whether that reduction would be restored if federal money came through. Lucas stated that his understanding was that the $1.5 million reduction was on the list of reductions to be restored if the federal money materialized, but that was not clear from the budget document approved by the legislature, and was not yet signed by the Governor. If the funds were not going to be restored CLA stated they would work with lawmakers and the administration in August, to get that issue clarified.

BAORD DISCUSSION ITEMS 2020-2021

Member Williams gave a presentation (Document 12 of the June 2020 CLSB packet found here) on school libraries and librarians to inform the Board about the group she represented on the Board and why representation was so important. Among other things Williams explained that school librarians taught students how to navigate and assess digital information. She also pointed out how school libraries had pivoted to assist teachers and students with distance learning due to the pandemic. She also brought up that although studies showed that having a teacher librarian on staff improved education and technology usage California had some of the lowest rates of teacher librarians in schools in the nation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Murguia issued a thank you on behalf her local public library, the Humboldt County Public Library. The library, like all libraries across the state, had really stepped up their game in terms of online resources. Murguia stated that she knew they had received enormous support from the State Library and wanted to let the Library State Library staff know that it had been helpful.

State Librarian Lucas stated that e-resources were a request made by NorthNet. With the stay at home order, the request for online resources were significantly higher than before. The State Library had received some money back from libraries that couldn't be used because the grant was premised on sort of physical contact, so when the State Library got the request we were able to send these grants to a number of jurisdictions to help them increase resources.
COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS/OFFICERS
There were not comments from Board members.

OLD BUSINESS
There was no old business brought forward.

AGENDA BUILDING
There were no additional agenda items brought forward.

ADJOURNMENT
President Bernardo called for adjournment of the California Library Services Board meeting at 2:10 PM. Adjournment was made in recognition of those who we had lost recently to the corona virus pandemic, and to their families and friends; of those we had lost in systemic and individual racism and social injustices and their families and friends; and in recognition of the Porterville Public Library, and Captain Raymond Figueroa and firefighter, Patrick Jones who died in the fight to save the library.
California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-01
In Honor of Brandy Rose Buenafe

WHEREAS, The California Library Services Board desires to recognize Brandy Rose Buenafe for her contributions as one of its members on the occasion of the conclusion of her term of service as a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to honor Brandy Buenafe for her public service and expertise representing the institutionalized individuals since her appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on March 29, 2016; and

WHEREAS, It should be noted that Brandy Buenafe has served as the Library Services Administrator for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation since 2014; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her Administrator position she held several prison librarian positions with the Department including Senior librarian for the Pleasant Valley State Prison and Librarian at Corcoran State Prison; and

WHEREAS, Brandy Buenafe has also worked with the National Institute of Corrections on Evidence Based Correctional Librarianship and provided a library voice in evaluation literacy plans from organizations receiving Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Grants; and

WHEREAS, For the last several years Brandy Buenafe has served on the California Library Association’s Committee for the PR Excellence award; and

WHEREAS, Brandy Buenafe’s professional perspective, and enthusiasm have proven invaluable to the California Library Services Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

the California Library Services Board
extends its sincere appreciation and deep regard to

Brandy Rose Buenafe

for her contributions and service
to the libraries and people of the State of California
on this day of June 25, 2020
California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-02

In Honor of Gary M. Christmas

WHEREAS, The California Library Services Board recognizes Gary M. Christmas for his distinguished contributions as one of its members on the occasion of the conclusion of his term of service as a member of the board; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to honor Gary M. Christmas for his exceptional public service and engagement representing public library trustees or commissioners since his appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on June 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Prior to starting Gary Christmas Consulting in 2010, Gary Christmas dedicated over 30 years to the library community during his career at the Riverside County Library where he served in various executive officer positions from 2004 to 2010, was the County Librarian from 1997 until 2004, and held other positions such as branch manager and reference librarian from 1977; and

WHEREAS, Gary M. Christmas served as an enlisted member of the United States Coast Guard from 1973 until 1977; and

WHEREAS, Gary M. Christmas is an involved community member and has participated in many organizations including serving on the board of Library Trustees for the City of Riverside, participating in the Raincross Group, the Riverside East Rotary Club, the Unforgettable Foundation, as a Board member for the March Air Field Museum as well as a Board member of the California Riverside Ballet; and

WHEREAS, Gary M. Christmas’s experience, knowledge and insight have proven invaluable to California Library Services Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

the California Library Services Board
extends its sincere appreciation and deep regard to

Gary M. Christmas

for his contributions and service
to the libraries and people of the State of California
on this day of June 25, 2020
California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-03
In Honor of Adriana Martinez

WHEREAS, The California Library Services Board recognizes Adriana Martinez for her contributions as one of its members on the occasion of the conclusion of her service as a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to honor Adriana Martinez for her public service representing the public-at-large since her appointment by the Assembly Speaker’s Office on October 25, 2017; and

WHEREAS, It should be recognized that Adriana Martinez was the Director of Outreach for the CA Complete Count Census 2020 from 2018 until 2019; and

WHEREAS, Prior to her time at the census Adriana Martinez was the Director of External Affairs and Statewide Relations for AT&T from 2011 until 2018; and

WHEREAS, Adriana Martinez launched her own consulting practice in 2007 providing government, community and public affairs services with a focus on economic development in under-resourced communities; and

WHEREAS, Before starting her practice Adriana Martinez served as the Associate Director of Economic Development for Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa, the Economic Policy Director for Mayor James K. Hahn, the Spokesperson for the CA Census Undercount Campaign under Governor Gray Davis, and a Policy Advisor to Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Adriana Martinez has received numerous awards for her civic work including the Community Champion Award from the YMCA, Mujeres Destacadas, and Alumna of the Year, UCLA Latino Business Association; and

WHEREAS, Adriana Martinez’s policy and civic experience and perspective have proven invaluable to the California Library Services Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

the California Library Services Board extends its sincere appreciation and deep regard to

Adriana Martinez

for her contributions and service
to the libraries and people of the State of California
on this day of June 25, 2020
California Library Services Board Resolution 2020-04
In Honor of Peter A. Mindnich

WHEREAS, The California Library Services Board wishes to recognize Peter A. Mindnich for his contributions as one of its members on the occasion of the conclusion of his term of service as a member of the Board; and

WHEREAS, The Board wishes to honor Peter A. Mindnich for his insight and expertise representing people with disabilities since his appointment by Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. on June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, It should be recognized that Peter Mindnich has been dedicated to the Braille Institute for almost a decade, serving as the President since 2014 and the Executive Vice President from 2011 to 2014; and

WHEREAS, Prior to his tenure at the Braille Institute Peter Mindnich completed an executive internship for the U.S. Veteran initiative, and a clinical social work internship at St. Mary Medical Center’s Comprehensive AIDS Resource and Education Program; and

WHEREAS, Peter Mindnich also had a long career in the financial services industry in various leadership roles, including Managing Director at BlackRock, Inc. and Goldman, Sachs and Company before retiring in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Peter Mindnich’s professional dedication and perspective have proven invaluable to the California Library Services Board;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that

the California Library Services Board
extends its sincere appreciation and deep regard to

Peter A. Mindnich

for his contributions and service

to the libraries and people of the State of California

on this day of June 25, 2020