

***Minutes of the Meeting of the
Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards
May 13, 2014, 10:00 a.m.
Ohio Supreme Court, Columbus, Ohio***

The Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards (hereinafter "Consortium") held a meeting on May 13, 2014 at the Ohio Supreme Court Law Library Conference Room in Columbus, Ohio. The following Board Members were in attendance: Judge Charles Schneider; Ken Kozlowski; George Baker; and Kathleen M. Dugan. Also in attendance were Executive Director Judy Maxwell and Associate Assistant Attorney General Angela M. Sullivan. Advisory Council Members Judge James A. Schriver, Mary Jenkins, Dick Baker, and Susan Boland participated by telephone, and Galen Avery arrived in person at 10:30 a.m. County law librarians participating by telephone included: Ron Vest; Ardis Stein; Sue Behnfeldt; Erica Jones; Bill Weiss; Kendel Croston; and Erin Bartle.

Judge Schneider began the meeting at 10:05 a.m. and called for approval of the April 17, 2014 Minutes. Hearing no objections, Judge Schneider stated that the Minutes would stand as approved.

Judy Maxwell then reviewed a chart showing which County Law Libraries had remitted their 2% statutory dues to the Ohio Supreme Court, including grant off-sets or refunds, and noted that five (5) counties (Adams, Greene, Harrison, Morgan and Noble) had not yet paid. She also presented a Quick Books chart showing that the Consortium made a payment on the current state audit and indicated that she will enter April data when she receives it from the Ohio Supreme Court.

Judy Maxwell then indicated that the Consortium has a 2014-2016 budget, but the Board needs to ensure that it has sufficient appropriations to meet its needs. Ken Kozlowski added that new MOU's have been submitted for approval. Judy then asked every county law library that is owed funds to let her know as soon as possible.

Judy Maxwell then introduced a revised Public Records Policy to include additions to page 3 which Mary Jenkins found were erroneously excluded from the first version that the Board adopted. Upon motion of George Baker, seconded by Ken Kozlowski, the Board unanimously voted to adopt the revised Public Records Policy.

Judy Maxwell then introduced a proposal for the Consortium to purchase 88 copies of a book entitled *Defending Veterans in Criminal Court*. She indicated that both she and Angela Baldree recommended the resource, and various librarians, including George Baker, Dick Baker, and Mary Jenkins, agreed. As a result, Ken Kozlowski made a motion to approve \$15,400 for the purchase of the books at a discount with the understanding that the vendor will waive shipping costs and ship books directly to all county law libraries. George Baker seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved by the Board.

Judy Maxwell then introduced a revised ebook platform proposal from Lexis. Kathleen M. Dugan confirmed that the proposal was for the Consortium to purchase the platform for interested libraries, with the libraries purchasing their individual content. No one was aware of what the corresponding discount would be on books included within this content. Angela Sullivan added that clauses were revised to alleviate Board concerns with regard to the confidentiality of the proposal, the forum selection clause (now Ohio), non-appropriation of funds, and third-party beneficiary language. Kathleen M. Dugan noted that Consortium would only be able to post a notice about the offer on the cocll website, but not the actual proposal itself. Dick Baker noted that if the Consortium ceased to exist, libraries would have to pay their own costs for the platform, and Judge Schneider stated that such a policy seemed reasonable. Mary Jenkins asked about the term of the contract, and Judge Schneider indicated that it was for three (3) years to gauge reaction from county law libraries. Upon motion of George Baker, seconded by Ken Kozlowski, the Lexis ebook platform proposal was unanimously approved.

Judge Schneider then stated that as a member of the editorial board of Ohio Jury Instructions ("OJI"), he has been working with Judge Mark Schweikert to try and obtain a Consortium discount for the print edition of OJI, which Judy Maxwell thought was updated twice a year. Kathleen M. Dugan indicated that the list price for OJI from Lexis is \$598 and that the Consortium might want to negotiate a 33 1/3% discount. Potential costs to the Consortium were estimated at approximately \$35,200.

Judy Maxwell then indicated that she is still negotiating with Lexis to try and reduce the price of its online offer for Lexis Advance.

After indicating that the Board previously approved grants for staff development and multi-agency cooperation, Judy Maxwell then introduced a proposal regarding remaining technology grant requests. She indicated that there was a balance of \$65,833.78 left to spend from the \$80,000.00 which the Board originally allocated this year for grants. She also stated that she worked with a committee comprised of both Susan Boland and John Leutz to review all requests. They filtered out all requests for furniture because the Board felt counties should provide those necessities and treat county law libraries like any other county agencies and departments. Judy Maxwell stated that the proposed chart of grants mistakenly awarded furniture costs to Sandusky County Law Library, but that this allocation would be removed in final calculations. Susan Boland added that all technology grant requests were well-written, and the grants committee wished it could have funded everything permissible. Nevertheless, Judy Maxwell made a proposal to fund all technology grant requests, excluding furniture purchases, at the rate of 85% of the remaining sums requested. Upon motion of Ken Kozlowski, seconded by George Baker, the Board unanimously adopted this proposal.

Judge Schneider then provided an update on the Wayne County legislative proposal regarding law library funds. After having spoken with a lobbyist named Victor Hipsley, the Judge learned that the proposal is not going anywhere in the Ohio State Legislature. He added that he also found an ally in the Ohio Legislature who was not interested in revisiting all of the hard

work that resulted in the creation of the county law library resources boards and Consortium in 2009. The Judge also commented that the fund which had been paying Mr. Hipsley was virtually exhausted. As a result, the Judge said he would personally send letters to law libraries soliciting donations to replenish the fund previously created by a collaboration of Ohio law library associations to fund Mr. Hipsley's work.

Judge Schneider then mentioned that he would like the Board to spend some time thinking about its future and suggested a one-day public retreat centrally located in Ohio. Discussion ensued about whether to hire a facilitator, and Kathleen M. Dugan offered to send the Judge the name of someone who recently helped her library with strategic planning.

There being no further business before the Board, Judge Schneider adjourned the meeting at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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