

**Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resources Board
Minutes**

April 5, 2019

ORALL County SIG Meeting, Cincinnati, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Schneider at 9:30 am. Other board members in attendance were Mr. Kozlowski, Ms. Parkomaki, and Ms. Morrison. Director Jones and Assistant Director Baldree were in attendance along with Ms. Hertel from the OAG.

The following county law libraries were represented via telephone: Jefferson, Columbiana, and Muskingum. The following county law libraries were represented at the meeting: Hancock, Cuyahoga, Clermont, Richland, Wood, Delaware, Stark, Tuscarawas, Ottawa, Washington, Hamilton, Lucas, Union, Brown, and Mercer.

Chairman Schneider announced the approval of minutes of the December 12, 2018, regular meeting, barring any objections.

Director Jones shared the 2018 financial review. She also reported that 70 statutory payments have been received as of February 28, 2019. She pointed out that while some libraries saw fluctuation in their income in 2018, the overall total for the state is very close to where it was a year ago. Mr. Kozlowski moved, Ms. Morrison seconded, and the financial reports were unanimously approved.

Director Jones gave her 2018 year-end report. She was most proud of the amount of feedback received during 2018 after direct phone calls from her and Assistant Director Baldree, as well as the Advisory Council.

Ron Vest reported that the Advisory Council did, in fact, reach out to several libraries about their satisfaction with the consortium, and specifically the grant process. The council continues to meet and is hopeful to have a written report to the board by summer.

Director Jones presented updated contract terms for *Ohio Jury Instructions*. The board already approved the purchase, but Matthew Bender submitted an updated contract that fits within the consortium's fiscal cycle. No vote was necessary.

Chairman Schneider gave an update on *OJI* and the section on self-defense. The legislature made drastic changes to the self-defense statutes so the Ohio Judicial Conference held an emergency meeting to make changes to that section of *OJI*. Those changes have not been published yet, but copies are available through the Judicial Conference.

The current MOUs with Director Jones and Assistant Director Baldree will expire on June 30, 2019. Chairman Schneider moved and Mr. Kozlowski seconded a motion to approve new two-year MOUs with Director Jones and Assistant Director Baldree, including all terms in the current MOUs. The vote

to approve was unanimous, with Chairman Schneider abstaining due to his position on the Franklin County Law Library Resources Board.

Assistant Director Baldree outlined the 2019 optional grants awards and the Grant Committee report and recommendations. The committee was excited to receive 24 grant requests, including six requests from first time libraries. The total requested was \$96,680.32. The committee recommended granting \$79,549.56. The amount is more than the \$50,000 budgeted by the board, but Ms. Baldree explained that the money was available and that 2020 would be a year without refund grants, giving the consortium and extra \$100,000. Also, the board used to budget \$80,000 until interest dropped off. The committee and the board are hopeful this is a sign interest is picking back up. Chairman Schneider moved, Mr. Kozlowski seconded, and the board voted unanimously, with Ms. Parkomaki abstaining, to approve the grant for Ashtabula County. Ms. Parkomaki moved, Mr. Kozlowski seconded, and the board voted unanimously, with Ms. Morrison abstaining, to approve the grant for Hamilton County. Ms. Morrison moved, Ms. Parkomaki seconded, and the board voted unanimously to approve the remainder to the grants per the committee's recommendations.

Director Jones reminded everyone that the next meeting would take place in June. She would contact board members to determine a date.

Mr. Kozlowski moved, Ms. Morrison seconded, and the board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela T. Baldree
Assistant Director



Charles A. Schneider
Chair