

Statewide Consortium of Ohio County Law Library Resource Boards

Friday, June 23, 2017 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Judge Charles Schneider, at 10:04 am. Attending in person are board members Judge Charles Schneider, Board Member Ken Kozlowski, Board Member Shara Parkomaki, Executive Director Judith Maxwell, Assistant Director Angela Baldree, Council Kari Hertel, Susan McGrew, and Jennifer Jones. On the phone were Bill Weiss, Joanne Beal, Lauren Morrison, Ardis Stein, and Susan Boland.

With no objections or additions the minutes of the April 26, 2017 were passed.

Ken Kozlowski moved, Shara Parkomaki seconded, and the financial reports of April and May, 2017 were unanimously approved. Judge Schneider noted that the net worth as of May 31, 2017 of \$241,000 was significantly higher than May 31, 2016.

Shara Parkomaki moved, Ken Kozlowski seconded, and the Matthew Bender/OverDrive renewal proposal was unanimously approved. Angela Baldree explained that the new proposal was for three years and in line with the last three year contract. Two prepacked groups of eBooks are being offered to libraries for purchase. They are the same groups as before except that in Group 2, *Ohio Traffic Law* is being replaced with *Ohio Elder Law*.

Judith Maxwell explained that Matthew Bender is no longer publishing *Ohio Traffic Law Handbook*, which is one of the titles currently being purchased by the consortium for the 88 law libraries. After discussion, the board decided not to purchase 88 copies of the *Ohio Traffic Law Handbook* from its new publisher, Blue 360. The Board recommended that they revisit the title in 2018 as they feel purchasing every two years might be useful.

Judith Maxwell updated the Board on possible training. She floated the idea of training specifically for CLLRB Board Members but only six people expressed an interest. She suggested tabling this training for now and reminded librarians to make suggestions for training they are interested in attending. Judge Schneider suggested the consortium partner with the County Commissioners Association.

Discussion was had regarding a rollback or offset of the 2% statutory contribution each law library makes toward the consortium. Judge Schneider showed a graph of net worth for the last 16 months. If spending in 2017 is similar to spending in 2016, the consortium should have a net worth in December, 2017 at more than \$300,000. Shara Parkomaki reminded the board that they had discussed a "cushion" of \$200,000 by October. Judge Schneider suggested the board table their vote until October, at which time he feels they can discuss three options: 1) doing no offset, 2) reinstating the 33% offset which costs the consortium about \$100,000, or 3) giving a 25% offset which would cost the consortium about \$80,000.

Judith Maxwell mentioned that ORC 3375.481 (E) (1) states that the "...board may recommend in writing and submit to each county law library resource board an increase or decrease in the percentage of the funds that must be deposited into the statewide consortium fund by county treasurers pursuant to the division. Upon receipt of written approval of the recommendations from a majority of county law library resource boards, the recommendations shall become effective January 1 of the succeeding year.

The statewide consortium board of the county law library resource boards shall make any recommendations not later than the first day of April for the preceding fiscal year..." Her concern was that we needed to make a decision on any offsets by April. Council, Kari Hertel will review the statute and give her answer by October.

Judith Maxwell shared that Susan Boland, Ron Vest, Laura Doutsas, and Judge Shriver have expressed an interest in serving on the Advisory Board. Ken Kozlowski moved, Shara Parkomaki moved, and it was unanimously approved to accept their request and begin a brand new Advisory Board with these four members.

Judith Maxwell shared with the Board that Mark Altier is the new representative from the Auditor of State's Office to work with the consortium.

Laura Doutsas attended a meeting regarding pro se patrons and creating a statewide portal for legal assistance, in conjunction with OLAF. As a member of the new Advisory Board, it was recommended that she continue to work with this group and report updates to the consortium board.

Judith Maxwell told the Board she was withdrawing her proposal to serve as Executive Director. Judge Schneider thanked her for her service and invited her to apply to serve on the Advisory Board.

At 10:53 Judge Schneider moved, Ken Kozlowski seconded, and it was unanimously approved to enter into executive session to discuss procedures on interviewing and selecting the next Executive Director and Assistant Director; and to discuss employment or appointment of the next Executive Director and Assistant Director. Executive session is for deliberation only.

At 11:41 Judge Schneider moved, Ken Kozlowski seconded, and it was unanimously approved to return from executive session and back into a public hearing.

Judge Schneider then congratulated Jennifer Jones on being selected as the new Executive Director and Angela Baldree as the Assistant Director. He thanked Susan McGrew for her interest in the position and invited her to apply to be on the Advisory Board. Judge Schneider also wanted it noted that he is not a voting member of the Franklin County Law Library Resource Board and after speaking with Keri Hertel prior to the meeting, confirmed that it was proper for him to participate in the consortium board's vote for FCLLRB employees.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:46.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela T. Baldree