

**MINUTES**  
**THE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING**  
**The Library of Virginia**

January 14, 2013

The Library Board met on Monday, January 14, 2013, in the Board Meeting Room of the Library of Virginia located at 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

**I. CALL TO ORDER/QUORUM**

Dr. Mark E. Emblidge, vice chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. and announced there was a quorum present.

The following members were in attendance:

Mark E. Emblidge, Vice-chair

Peter E. Broadbent Jr.	Emily O'Quinn
John S. DiYorio	Mark D. Romer
Patricia Thomas Evans	Kathryn C. Watkins
Valerie Jean Mayo	Carole Weinstein
Su Yong Min	Clifton A. Woodrum III

Board members Ernestine Middleton, Jon Bowerbank, and Robert Chambliss Light Jr. were absent.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Clifton A. Woodrum III moved to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Peter E. Broadbent Jr. The Board approved the agenda with a unanimous vote.

**III. WELCOME TO VISITORS AND STAFF**

Dr. Emblidge welcomed visitors and staff who were present.

**IV. LETTER FROM BOARD CHAIR, MEYERA E. OBERNDORF**

Dr. Treadway read a letter from The Honorable Meyera E. Oberndorf written to the Governor and on which the Library was copied. Ms. Oberndorf submitted her resignation from the Board in the letter due to personal matters.

**V. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Woodrum reported that the Executive Committee met and nominated Dr. Emblidge to serve as Board Chair in light of Ms. Oberndorf's resignation. Mr. Woodrum moved for the approval of the nomination, which was seconded by Ms. Kathryn C. Watkins.

There being no discussion, Mr. Woodrum asked for vote of the full Board, and Dr. Emblidge was elected as Chair unanimously.

## **VI. RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF MEYERA E. OBERNDORF**

Dr. Emblidge read the following resolution on behalf of Meyera E. Oberndorf:

**WHEREAS** Meyera E. Oberndorf served with distinction on the Library Board from July 1, 2009 to December 10, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** she chaired the Library Board from July 1, 2012 until December 10, 2012; and

**WHEREAS** she was appointed to the Library Board by Governor Timothy Kaine in 2009; and

**WHEREAS** she is an avid and effective supporter of the Library of Virginia and the Commonwealth's public libraries; and

**WHEREAS** her passion for the role of libraries in a democracy was evident to all; and

**WHEREAS** her expertise with issues related to public libraries helped the Library Board move the Library of Virginia forward; and now therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Library Board on this the 14th day of January 2013 that we recognize Meyera E. Oberndorf for her service and leadership on the Library Board and for her distinguished and unwavering service to the Commonwealth; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and that a copy of it be given to Meyera Oberndorf, as a token of the Board's gratitude for her service to the Library Board and to the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Ms. Valerie Jean Mayo moved for approval of the resolution, and the motion was seconded by Dr. John S. DiYorio.

## **VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

- **Approval of the Library Board Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 24, 2012, Board meeting upon a motion made by Ms. Su Yong Min and seconded by Mr. Broadbent.

## **X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **A. Reports of Other Organizations**

For the benefit of the new Board members, Mr. Conley Edwards gave a brief history of the Friends of the Virginia State Archives, and explained how the organization partners with the Library. He also reported that the Friends' Straight to the Source program is scheduled for March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Library.

Mr. Broadbent reported on behalf of the Virginia Genealogical Society, and stated that the spring conference will be held in Richmond on April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **B. Committee/Division Reports**

- **Public Library Development Committee**

Ms. Mayo reported to the Board that state aid to local public libraries has not been cut in the Governor's budget. She also stated that the LSTA budget has been submitted, and the Library is moving forward with its projects that are funded through LSTA.

Ms. Carol Adams presented to the Board that the Library is now offering Literati Public, which is a highly customizable online program that promotes the mission of public libraries by combining Credo online reference service's content with newly developed platform technology. Programs that will be supported by Literati Public include family literacy, knowledge of Virginia history, personalized homework help, and increased use of public library services and resources.

- **Archival, Collections, and Records Management Committee**

Mr. Broadbent deferred to Dr. John Metz to present the committee report. Dr. Metz reported that Mr. Tom Camden, Director of Special Collections, resigned from the Library and accepted a curator job at Washington & Lee. Dr. Metz relayed that with Mr. Camden's departure, Special Collections will be thinking of how to restructure their business model. Dr. Metz invited Ms. Kathy Jordan and Mr. Roger Christman to report on a project they have been working on regarding the release of Governor Kaine's email collection. The Library is expecting to do some publicity surrounding the release of the collection.

- **Education, Outreach, and Research Services Committee**

Dr. DiYorio deferred to Mr. Mark Howell to give the committee report. Mr. Howell stated that the Library intends to hold a genealogical stakeholders meeting inviting a cross-section of genealogical researchers who use the Library and Library staff who assist the researchers to obtain feedback on how the Library does in that area and what it could improve upon. He stated that there are also strategic planning workgroups researching the programs at the Library and surveying its users to determine what programs are effective and what are not. Mr. Howell updated the Board on the Strong Men & Women Program, which is a new collaboration with Dominion that combines the Library's African American Trailblazers program and Dominion's Strong Men, Strong Women program. The collaborative program will be held in February.

- **Legislative and Finance Committee**

Dr. Sandra Treadway reported that there were no significant reductions to the Library's budget in the budget proposed by the Governor. She reported that there are a couple of library-related bills coming up in Session, and the Library is keeping tabs on them.

Dr. Treadway also reviewed with the Board the Library's statement of financial condition.

- **The Library of Virginia Foundation Committee**

Ms. Carole Weinstein gave a brief overview of the Foundation and the Foundation Board for the new Library Board members. She discussed the Literary Awards celebration, as well as the Adopt-A-Book program, in addition to other sponsorship and fundraising opportunities through the Foundation.

Ms. Weinstein reported that the Library and the Foundation would be hosting a legislative spouses' reception later that week, and that the event would include Mr. Earl Hamner, Mr. David Baldacci, and Ms. Adriana Trigiani. Dr. Treadway added that Mr. Hamner has agreed to donate his personal and working papers to the Library of Virginia for its collections.

Mr. Dan Stackhouse informed the Board of the behind-the-scenes tour the Foundation facilitated for a daytrip tour group at the Smithsonian library. These daytrips will be a regular event for the Foundation, with the next one occurring in March. He invited Board members to attend.

Mr. Stackhouse announced a new book to be published by the Library in March entitled *Changing History: Virginia Women Through Four Centuries*, which tells the important and inspiring stories of women, both famous and lesser-known, who have influenced the course of history in Virginia.

### **C. Report of the Librarian of Virginia**

Dr. Sandra Treadway updated the Board on the strategic planning process going on at the Library. She reported that one of the workgroups that is tasked with assessing the Library's current physical spaces will be making recommendations for changes that will be given to the chosen architectural firm to be incorporated into its redesign of the Library's public spaces. She stated that she would be spending the next year preparing the legislature for a monetary ask, and providing substantive reasons for state support of any recommended modifications to the building.

Dr. Treadway informed the Board of her involvement with the 2012 Virginia Electoral College. Having been asked to bring a related item from the Library's collection to display, Library staff found the signed document certifying the very first Electoral College vote in Virginia. She relayed the excitement of prominent government officials who were present over the document that she brought, and stated that for the next Electoral College, the Library would provide copies of the document with a description for those who would like to have it. Dr. Treadway stated that the Library's role in the 2012 Electoral College proved to be excellent publicity, and it was a reminder to those present of the importance of the Library's preservation of the documents related to these important events for posterity.

### **XI. OLD OR NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Weinstein asked if there could be a face book of Board and staff members for Board members' use. Dr. Treadway stated that staff would produce one for the next meeting.

### **XII. ACTION ITEMS**

None.

### **XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:27 pm.