

**CONNECTICUT DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MIDDLESEX COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY**  
Minutes of the Meeting on April 5, 2006

**Present:** Melissa Behney, Hal Bright, John Coleman, Patricia Daragan, Robin Dutcher, Nicholas Eshelman, Elizabeth Frechette, Irene Iwan, Anne-Marie Kaminsky, Carolyn Marcato, Deborah Salewski, Arthur Skerker, Kendall Wiggin

**Others:** Lynette Baisden, Steve Cauffman, Lorraine Huddy, Gail Hurley, William Sullivan

**Absent:** Jonas Zdanys

**1. Call to Order**

Patricia Daragan called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Introductions**

Pat Daragan stated that there was not a need to do introductions of the board at the present time. The board decided to wait until Robin Dutcher was present at the meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Kendall Wiggin MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> Hal Bright) to accept the minutes of February 1, 2006 as presented. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Kendall Wiggin MOVED (2<sup>ND</sup> Hal Bright) to accept the agenda of April 5, 2006 as presented.

**5. Public Comment**

There was none.

**6. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin**

Kendall Wiggin reported that ProQuest had done the filming of several thousand missing pages for the *Historic Hartford Courant*. The filming was done at the State Library and the Connecticut Historical Society. Sharon Brettschneider reported that Governor Rell would be at the State Library on April 20 to honor the winners of the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge Partnership Awards. The State Library and the Connecticut Library Association sponsored a display of over 150 pictures of public libraries in the concourse of the Legislative Office Building in honor of National Library Week. The legislature's Appropriations Committee budget includes a doubling of the Connecticut funding to \$1.2 million. The goal is to reach 5 million dollars which is the cost of the program to public libraries. A bid has been issued for the outsourced portion of the Connecticut service. The current contract with BeavEx will expire on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Based on a current survey, C-car moves over 3.5 million items a year. The State Library is partnering with WebJunction and the Bill & Melinda Gates foundation for Spanish Language Outreach training in Connecticut. Elissa Scudder, Danbury Public, Nancy Moscoso-Guzman, New Haven Public and Kellie O'Donnell-Bobadilla, Hartford Public, are conducting workshops at various locations across the state. They received training from WebJunction in the train-the-trainers program. The goal of the program is to empower library staff to reach out to Spanish speakers and increase their access to technology.

**7. Department of Higher Education Report – Jonas Zdanys**

There was no report made.

**8. Old Business**

a. Nominations Committee – CDLAB DOC 06-03 – Jonas Zdanys

Pat Daragan reported in Jonas Zdanys' absence. Jane Tonn, a library media specialist from Middletown High School, recommended Robin Dutcher to fill the K-12 or college student slot. Robin is an advanced placement student at Middletown High School. It was MOVED that the Connecticut Digital Library Board approves the appointment of Robin Dutcher to the Connecticut Digital Library

Advisory Board for a first term beginning in April 2006. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

## **9. Reports**

### **a. Database Committee – William Sullivan**

Bill Sullivan reported for Sharon Brettschneider that four bids for databases were received on February 28 (re: CDLAB DOC 06-05). Three of the bids responded to all three database categories and the last bid was for the business category. One of the three bids was rejected because it didn't meet the administrative requirements. The Reference USA bid for the business category was beyond our budget. The Thomson Gale bid was accepted because it was the least expensive and met our requirements. One disappointment was that Thomson Gale's bid response didn't include the History Research Centers which they currently provide free of charge. The proposal does include 5 additional multi-volume e-books. The new contract will be in effect for three years with three, one-year renewal options at the end of the initial three-year term. Since Gale's bid includes unlimited training, and as training is especially needed in the K-12 community since the RESCs are no longer actively doing iCONN training (due to lack of funding), we are exploring with Kris Aberly, the State Library's continuing education coordinator, the possibility of offering training by Gale both to the RESCs as well as to individual school districts.

### **b. Digital Library Progress Report – William Sullivan**

Bill Sullivan distributed an ad designed by *Connecticut Magazine* that will run in their May, September and November issues. The same iCONN ad will also run in the *Hartford Courant* on April 13 and April 27. Bill also distributed a full page article on iCONN that was published in the *CEA Advisor* (CEA's member newsletter). The *Hartford Courant* is working on an article about the *Historical Hartford Courant*. Bill e-mailed information about math & science resources in iCONN newsletter to math and science educators in the state. The CD-ROM tool kit was also mailed to all library media specialists. Bill has attended various educational meetings around the state to discuss using iCONN as a model to aid their educational tools. Bill also reported that he is representing iCONN on the eLearning committee of the Commission on Educational Technology. Gail Hurley discussed CDLAB DOC 06-06 which presented for Board input alternative discounted fee structures for reQuest participation by school libraries when there are many school libraries in one school district, by public libraries with branches, and by colleges with more than one library on a campus. It was resolved to survey school libraries through the CEMA listserv and to bring a recommendation to the Board's June meeting so that any change in participation fees could be announced by the Fall when libraries are preparing their budgets. Any new pricing structure would become effective in July 2007.

## **10. New Business**

### **a. Clarification of iCONN Authorized College Users – CDLAB DOC 06-04 – William Sullivan**

Bill Sullivan reported on a request for private occupational schools to be able to access for iCONN's academic databases. These schools want to access the Tier 2 databases. iCONN provides access to college-specific databases to private and public institutions of higher education. Private occupational schools are not eligible to access databases other than the public and school databases. The language pertaining to authorized users of iCONN needs to clarify which institutions can and cannot access the college-specific databases. It was MOVED that the Connecticut Digital Library Board approves limiting access to college-specific resources in iCONN to post-secondary, collegiate institutions accredited by the Board of Governors for Higher Education. VOTED UNANIMOUSLY.

### **b. Demonstration/discussion of Book Buying through Portal (new A-G product) – Stephen Cauffman, William Sullivan**

Steve Cauffman distributed an information sheet on the specifications of Auto-Graphics' implementation of the Baker and Taylor book buying program through AGent and also demonstrated the program. As proposed by Auto-Graphics, if a patron elects to purchase a book found in request through Baker & Taylor, the financial transaction would be mediated by Auto-Graphics (because legally Baker & Taylor cannot sell directly to patrons), including the application of state sales tax. There would be an upfront implementation charge of \$2,000 to implement the system. The

commission from the sale of the books would be spit 50/50 between Auto-Graphics and the State Library. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of the program with the consensus being that it would be acceptable to implement only if the State Library does not receive any commission from the sale and is not involved in the financial transaction.

## **11. Adjourn**

Kendall Wiggin MOVED (2<sup>nd</sup> Melissa Behney) to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held on June 7, 2006 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynette Baisden,  
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