

**LION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**9:30 a.m.**  
**December 13, 2016**  
**Russell Library, Middletown, CT**

**Present:** Bonny Albanese (MA), Marian Amodeo (HA), Colleen Bailie (WH), Deb Barberi (MD), Gale Bradbury (LE) Melissa Canham-Clyne (BE), Lew Daniels (WE), Jane Fisher (WA), Janet Flewelling (WA), Andy Gardner (LION), Michael Gilroy (EH), Alan Hagyard (LION), Katie Huffman (OL), Bob Hull (NB/NT), Samantha Jasulavic (OR) Karen Jensen (BL) Pat LaTerza (NH), Jess Lobner (ML) Suzanne Maryeski (NL), Cornell McNair (NW), Katie Nazarian (MC), Tom Piezzo (HA), Alice Pentz (ST), Karen Roesler (ME), Sandy Ruoff (GU), Kathleen Sasso (ELHS), Cyndi Shirshac (DU), Justin Strickland (LION), Lisa Timothy (EL), Michele Van Epps (OS) Eric Werthmann (WD), Rick Widlansky (LION)

- I. Call to order: Jane Fisher called the meeting to order at 9:42
- II. Additions to agenda: Following auditor's report there will a vote for the vacant Vice President position
- III. Public Comment: None
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 25, 2016. Lisa T. moved to approve. Katie N. seconded. Approved.
- V. Treasurer's Report: Bob Hull reports that finances look fine.
- VI. ACTION/DISCUSSION
  1. Auditor's report: Michael Solakian, CPA presented an independent auditor's report on LION's financial statements: a clean report with no issues of concern.
  2. Introductions of members present. Sandy Ruoff nominated Colleen Bailie as Vice President and President Elect for July 2018. Seconded by Melissa C and approved by the Board.
  3. Annual Reports: Jane Fisher thanked the LION Staff and the Committee chairs for their good work over the past year. She announced that Kathleen Sasso and East Lyme High School are leaving LION.

Justin reported that the Minecraft server is up and running and the Chromebox pcs have been successfully installed at OPACs.

Rick reported a busy year on the CEN Committee and dealing with CIPA filtering issues. Andy reported that he worked with the Best Practices Committee, added the Levi Coe Library to LION, worked on State Library issues and the release of Shoutbomb with Sierra.

Alan said it was a year of unexpected issues dealing with the delivery system and the CEN Network. Alan also announced his upcoming retirement in June 2017. He spoke of his reluctance about leaving a job that he loves and working with a wonderful staff. He hopes to move closer to his family on the west coast. He recommended Andy Gardner as a replacement. Alan has been Executive Director of LION since 2006.

4. Fees: Bob Hull explained the formula for establishing the Member fees and Overdrive and Zinio fees for 2018. Karen R. made a motion to approve. Sandy R. seconded. Approved.
5. Overdrive Pricing Guidelines: Deb B. presented a detailed analysis of the Overdrive Committee's efforts to build the ebook collection within the LION pricing guidelines. She initiated a discussion about giving the Overdrive committee the authority to make exceptions to the pricing rule or to raise the limits. She presented a spreadsheet highlighting many popular titles that have not been ordered because they were priced above the allowed level. Alan gave a synopsis of the history of ordering ebooks and pricing issues. After some discussion Bob H. made a motion to increase the pricing guidelines: Maximum price of not limited circs raised from \$65.00 to \$95.00 and for limited circs raised from \$40.00 to \$70.00 and to allow exceptions as approved by the Chair of the Overdrive Committee. Gale B. seconded the motion. Approved.
6. deliverIT: Durham and North Branford libraries are still experiencing large backlogs. There was some discussion to clarify if libraries are still pulling items to fulfill holds. Richard C. sent in a report from the State Library that the new deliverIT employee has started and is sorting items. There is a plan to adjust routes after the delivery survey results are calculated. The next State Library Board meeting is January 23 at 1:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend. It is possible the Consultant hired by the State will deliver a report at that meeting. Results of a statewide survey are posted on the State of CT website showing the volume of materials in transit was down 16%. Melissa C. is on the Long term Committee Task force which is developing a 10 year plan for delivery.
7. Next Meeting: February 14, 2017. Due to many pending issues, the Board will meet monthly starting in February 2017.

VII. REPORTS:

1. LION staff: Shourtbomb is up. Promotion on LION website will begin in January. Rick reports that a recent announcement from CEN of adjustments in pricing. They are offering more flexible monthly pricing rates. Libraries should email Rick to schedule site visits as soon as possible.
2. LION Committees:
  - Nominating-- no report
  - Finance—no report
  - Personnel—no report
  - Planning—Karen R. Executive Committee will meet with a consultant to discuss an Executive Director search . The Strategic Planning committee will report at the next meeting.
  - Bibliographic –no report
  - Circulation-will meet on December 15
  - LUX—Shoutbomb will be publicized on LION website. If staff have questions ask Janet or Alan. The new Overdrive website has reinstated patron requests. There will be additions to Zinio of Time/Life books. The committee is looking at RBDigital's core audio collections.

-Shared Objects—Alan has a scheduling website ready. Brittany will be ready to launch in January.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS—No

IX. NEW BUSINESS—no

X. ADJOURNMENT: Lisa T. made a motion to adjourn Eric W. seconded. Approved. Meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alice Pentz.