CALIFA BOARD MEETING
May 20, 2013
Buena Vista Branch Library
Burbank, CA

I. Call to Order - President

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

A. Introductions/Quorum

Califa Board: Califa Staff:
Kathy Gould Linda Crowe
Maryruth Storer Donna Truong
Danis Kreimeier Heather Teysko
Eleanor Uhlinger Wayne Walker
Rick Burke Tanya Novak
Stephanie Beverage
David Dodd (call in)

B. Approval of May 20, 2013 Agenda. MSP: Storer, Kreimeier

C. Approval of December 4, 2012 Minutes. MSP: Uhlinger, Kreimeier

II. Old Business

A. Number of Board Members and Term Change – Maryruth Storer reported that since there are not enough Special Library members to have 2 representatives for that category. As a result, we would reduce the number from 12 to 9 Board members. Since the By-Laws require that the number of Board members be divisible by three, Rick Robison’s term as an appointed Academic member was extended to 2016. MSP: Uhlinger, Kreimeier

B. Elections Report – Danis Kreimeier and Rivkah Sass were elected to second 2-year terms. Rick Burke was termed out as an Academic Library representative, and Maryruth Storer was termed out as a Special Library representative. Storer was appointed to finish Rosario Garza’s 1-year term. Storer will be considered a Public Library member since county law libraries are considered public libraries. MSP: Uhlinger, Kreimeier

C. Election of Officers – Eleanor Uhlinger was nominated for President and Rivkah Sass for Vice President, term beginning July 1, 2013. MSP: Storer, Gould
D. **Finance Committee**
   1. Financial statements through April 30 were reviewed.
   2. Budget adjustments for 2012/13 were considered. MSP to approve year-end adjustments for 2012/13. (Uhlinger, Kreimeier)
   3. 2013/14 management contract with PLS was reviewed. MSP to approve Califa contract with PLS for 2013/14. (Uhlinger, Kreimeier)

III. **New Business**

Rick Burke reported on project WEST. A group of academic librarians are discussing archiving at least one copy of bound/print journals. There is a need for and the group is considering looking for repositories. David Dodd reminded the Board that the Internet Archive is a repository, and perhaps they might be investigated. Burke wanted to know if public libraries would be interested in participating in the group and was there interest in being included in the discussion. There was agreement that there was interest in the whole area and that public libraries would like a seat at the table. At the next meeting of WEST, Burke will convey Califa’s interest.

IV. **Staff Reports**

A. **Ebook Content Server Initiative** - Ebook content server, Enki, was launched on Monday, May 6. Contra Costa County Library, Califa’s technical partner, and SFPL went live; and so far all is well, and about 200 titles have been checked out without any marketing. Oakland Public Library and Berkeley Public Library will go live this week. Library Journal’s Digital Shift did a great piece on Enki, and we are looking to tell people about it at BEA where Califa and Douglas County Library will share a “cool” booth.

B. **Play and Learn Islands** - Play and Learn Islands are sold out, thanks to the California State Library offering them to libraries through a Healthy Family Program supported by LSTA funding. L.A. County also ordered 10, making it one of our success stories this year. What’s next for PALS? There have been some inquires and requests for information from out-of-state libraries. The problem is that the PALS are large and expensive to fabricate and ship.

C. **Other Projects**

Books4U – All of the public libraries have been allocated LSTA funds to buy books in broadly designated areas. This project was developed by the State Library when they surveyed needs of the libraries due to recent cutbacks. The libraries will select the books, and all the invoices will be sent to Califa for payment. Books must be ordered by June 30.
Scholastics will be partially funded by the State Library this year. It will be ordered through Califa, and Califa will pay the invoices.

There are extra ChromeBooks left from last year’s purchase. The State Library will develop a plan to give them to the libraries that got them last year through the grant that Califa managed.

The State Library is also interested in working with Califa on a ZIP book grant for rural libraries. A library would buy a book for patron if they didn’t have it in their collection. The book would be sent to the requester who would return it to the library or purchase it.

Linda Crowe explained the legislative initiative to connect public libraries to the Calren broadband network. This would be a game changer for all public libraries in California.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.