Exhibit 3.a.

North Suburban Library System

Meeting, Board of Directors 2009-2010
Monday, January 25, 2010
System Center

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Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Caudill called to order the regular January meeting of the NSLS Board of Directors at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors physically present: Baker, Bartholomew, Berman, Caudill, Forte-Scott, Garland, Kaplan, Lohfink, McWilliams, Pilat, Polep, Siegel, Stewart

Absent: Lake, Lee

Present: Illinois State Library Consultant, Cyndy Colletti

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

*a. THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (2009-2010 Board) on November 23, 2009 (Exhibit 3.a.) accepted as presented. The motion was seconded and approved with a unanimous voice vote.

4. REPORTS: OFFICERS

a. President Caudill reported on:

1. A reminder of the upcoming legislative breakfast set for Feb. 15th.

2. Kathy Ryg's presentation to the Public Library Directors Forum.

3. Being asked to serve on the Library System Administrative Rules Review Group that will begin meeting in Springfield on Feb. 5th to discuss the proposed administrative rules and proposed system standards.

4. The effectiveness of the e-mail campaign to Governor Quinn and Comptroller Hynes.

5. Board reorganization strategies after the recent system layoffs, including seeking the board's approval to try moving to an electronic format (rather than paper packets) and the plan for the secretary to prepare the initial draft minutes after the meeting.

b. Vice President Stewart – No report.

c. Secretary McWilliams – No report.

*d. Treasurer Baker introduced the TREASURER'S REPORT (Exhibits 4.d.1. – 4.d.5.)

1. Wire Transfers for the months of November and December 2009 (Exhibit 4.d.1.)

2. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from November 1 – December 31, 2009 (Exhibit 4.d.2.)

3. Schedule of Expenditures – Budget and Actual from November 1 – December 31, 2009 (Exhibit 4.d.3.)

4. Statement of Revenues and Expenditures from November 1 – December 31, 2009 (Exhibit 4.d.4.)

*5. A vote is needed to ratify Checks/Voucher Register issued from November 1– December 31, 2009 (Exhibit 4.d.5.)

Director Kaplan moved to RATIFY THE CHECKS/VOUCHER REGISTER (Exhibit 4.d.5.) as presented. The motion was seconded and carried with a unanimous voice vote.

5. REPORT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

a. Update on Innovation Experts (formerly known as Library Partnership Trust) board meeting from earlier this evening. Approved checks, discussed bylaws amendments required for non-profit organizations, banking matters, membership, and planned new website. The next meeting: February 22, 2010 at 5 p.m. at NSLS.

b. "Save Illinois Libraries" Campaign update.
   1. NSLS layoffs occurred on January 19th – Supervisor, Delivery, Building and Grounds; Public Library Liaison; Administrative Assistant; and Assistant to Executive Director. Updates on the financial situation will continue as information becomes available to share with the board.
   2. E-mail campaign success. One-third of system funds were received on the Friday following the campaign which generated over 20,000 e-mails, approximately 10,000 each to Governor Quinn and Comptroller Hynes.
   3. Feb. 10 – ILA library snapshot project.
   4. Responsible Budget Coalition promotion of HB 174 from the last legislative session.

c. Legislative breakfast. 2-15-10

d. Update on the Illinois libraries "Summit." Held last November, volunteers are sought for follow-up committee work.

e. Proposed new standards and proposed new administrative rules. Copies of the proposed standards and proposed administrative rules were distributed and board comments solicited (Exhibit 5.e.).

f. NSLS System Director, NSLS Board President, will be joined by two board members to attend a meeting with the DLS System Director, DLS Board President, and DLS Treasurer at the meeting on Feb. 3rd to discuss the possibility of the two systems working together more closely.

6. REPORTS: COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES, LIAISONS

a. Board Development Committee; Richard Lee, Chair

Did not meet.

b. Executive Committee; Kathy Caudill, Chair

Did not meet.

c. Executive Session Ad Hoc Review Committee; Kathy Caudill, Chair

Did not meet. Will be meeting in March.

d. Finance Committee; Stu Baker, Chair

Did not meet.

e. Legislative Committee; Kathleen Pilat and Leora Siegel, Co-Chairs

Provided an update on legislative happenings.

f. Management Affairs Committee; Christopher Stewart, Chair

Recommended Board approval restatements of the NSLS Money Purchase Plan 401 (a) and Deferred Compensation Plan 457. The Board of Directors unanimously approved the restatements on a roll call vote.

g. Nominating Committee; Chair to be Determined by Committee

Did not meet.

7. REPORT: CONSULTANT, ILLINOIS STATE LIBRARY, CYNDY COLLETTI

a. Consultant Cyndy Colletti reviewed her report on various State of Illinois initiatives (Exhibit 7.a.).

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

Board members shared news of their member libraries. Director Forte-Scott spoke about the paintings of David Gista currently on display at NSLS. Siegel mentioned the protests over the closing of Evanston library branches. Vice President Stewart reported that the Evanston library board adopted a resolution in support of the library's branches. Executive Director Long discussed recent trends and issues facing municipal public libraries. Director Berman mentioned the NSLS program on library graduate programs scheduled for Feb. 2. Director Polep offered to deliver the board's "thank you" notes to Governor Quinn and Comptroller Hynes.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT

Member representatives from Skokie, Northbrook, Arlington Heights, Lincolnwood, Glencoe, Wilmette and Indian Trails public libraries were present in the audience and reported on what is going on at their respective libraries.

12. OTHER

*13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

* This symbol indicates that a vote was needed; r* indicates a roll call vote was needed.

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MaryBeth McWilliams, Secretary

Approved at the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2010