



Agency of Administration

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BOARD OF LIBRARIES

MINUTES OF MEETING
July 14, 2009
10:00 a.m.

Conference Room
Department of Libraries
Pavilion Building
Montpelier, VT

Present: David Brown, Chair; John Rosenthal; Linda Williamson; Susan R. Bruce;
Martha Reid, State Librarian/Secretary

Also present: Deborah Matheson, Recorder; Marti Fiske, Vermont Library Association liaison; Lisa Moody, Montpelier (representing geographic naming petition)

Call to Order

David brought the meeting to order at 10:05. He welcomed Marti Fiske to the meeting, as the new Vermont Library Association Representative. The Board presented Deborah Matheson with flowers and a card with thanks for her service to the Department of Libraries and to the Board of Libraries and in recognition of her upcoming retirement from state service on July 31, 2009. [Susan Bruce had a prior commitment and joined the meeting at 11:00 a.m.]

Minutes

David Brown asked for corrections or additions to the April 14, 2009 minutes. Hearing none he suggested that the positions of "Chair" and "Vice-Chair" be recorded with the appropriate names at the beginning of the official minutes. After discussion it was decided "Vice-Chair" need not be identified. The Chair declared the minutes accepted as written.

State Librarian's Report

- (1) DOL lost four full time positions due to budget reductions in FY09. As a result the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin closed to the public on May 1, 2009 and to libraries and registered homeschoolers on June 26, 2009. No decision has been made regarding the book collection. The Northeast Regional Library is also now closed to the general public and will remain open to librarians and registered home-schooling families only three days a week. Interlibrary Loan service will continue at both locations.

- (2) On October 1 NELINET, the member-driven cooperative of New England libraries, will follow the lead of two other regional cooperative networks to join Lyrasis. As a member DOL looks forward to a wider range of services and continuing education offerings.
- (3) The Agency of Administration continues its efforts to restructure and centralize business functions. As a result the job description of the Executive Assistant to the State Librarian position (posted in June, and which now includes "Business Manager" duties) will be rewritten and the job will be re-posted. All business-related and accounting functions will be moved out of the Department later this year. This will include the transfer of one fulltime employee to the new Agency business office. This follows an earlier transfer of two fulltime IT employees out of the Department to the Department of Information and Innovation.

Geographic Naming

Petition: Barnes Brook

In October 2008 Lisa Moody submitted to the State Librarian a petition signed by 25+ citizens and requesting that the Board give the name of "Barnes Brook" to an unnamed brook which begins in East Montpelier and empties into the Winooski River in Montpelier. Fred and Avis Barnes made their home along this brook for many years. Mr. Barnes is now deceased; Mrs. Barnes remains in residence and Ms. Moody requested that the brook be named as a tribute to Mr. Barnes. After discussion, John Rosenthal made the motion to name said brook "Barnes Brook". All Board members voted in favor and the motion passed.

Meeks Peak

The U.S.G.S. asked the State Librarian for clarification regarding the name of Meeks Peak, which appears on state maps, but which naming has had a confused history. This issue was discussed at the April 2009 meeting of the Board of Libraries. Assistant Attorney General Jacob Humbert issued an opinion advising that this "high peak on the mountain range spanning the towns of Lowell and Albany is 'Meeks Peak.'" The Board accepted the legal opinion and an original ruling of the Board of Libraries and declined to make any name change or to engage in further discussion. Ms. Reid will send a copy of the legal opinion and notice of the Board's acceptance of the name "Meeks Peak" to the U.S.G.S.

Board Reports

Linda Williamson presented the first draft of the revised By-Laws of the Vermont Board of Libraries. The Board reviewed each Article and discussed the changes. Ms. Williamson will incorporate the changes and present the new document for approval at the October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at noon and the Board moved to Sarducci's Restaurant to celebrate Deborah Matheson's upcoming retirement.

The next meeting will be October 13, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at the Midstate Regional Library in Berlin.

Submitted by,

Martha Reid
Secretary