

**Library Services and Technology Act Advisory Council Meeting**  
**New Jersey State Library Talking Book and Braille Center**  
**March 19, 2018**  
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**Present:** Amy Babcock-Landry, Livingston Public Library; Philip Berg, MAIN; Andrew Brenza, Free Public Library of Audubon; Richard Kearney, David & Lorraine Cheng Library, William Paterson University; Allan Kleiman, Montville Twp. Public Library; Susan Quinn, Ocean County Library; Joseph Toth, Richard E. Bjork Library, Stockton University; Leslie Wise, Von E. Mauger Middle School, Middlesex NJ

**Absent:** Mary K. Lewis, Kawameeh Middle School, Union, NJ; Jeffrey G. Trzeciak, Newark Public Library

**NJSL Staff:** Mary Chute, Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer, Robert Keith, Eileen Morales, Sheri Shafer

**Reporting:** Ruth Pallante, NJSL

**Guest:** Pat Tumulty, Exec. Director, NJLA

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) Advisory Council was called to order by Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer at 10:10 a.m. She noted that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act. Members of the Council then introduced themselves

**Minutes of last meeting:** A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 29, 2016 meeting minutes.

**Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

Since the LSTA does not have by-laws for appointment/election of Chair and Vice-Chair Kathleen said members of group could volunteer or a member could be nominated and elected by ballot. Joseph Toth and Richard Kearney volunteered to co-chair. A motion was made and seconded to accept their co-chairing and a voice-vote carried the motion.

**Reports:**

Mary Chute, State Librarian's report:

Mary passed out a copy of the NJSL Annual Report that is available on our website. Another Annual Report, without pictures is presented to the TESU Board each year.

TESU has a new President, Merodie Hancock. She began on March 5. Dr. Hancock sees it as a plus to have the State Library affiliation.

Public Library Construction update - Draft 13 of regulations have been forwarded to TESU for review. There are many players involved in the public library construction bond act: Treasury, General Counsel, Bond Counsel, and the Educational Facilities Authority. We have no MOU with EFA at this point but anticipate we will have one with them. We anticipate, if all goes well, a fall date call for applications with an end of the year deadline, although it is all guesswork at this point.

Career Connections – Peggy Cadigan and Jen Apgar, who has been helping out with the Career Connections program the last three months, have made many site visits during the last month. The programs are going well and, although not definite, it looks like the LWD grant may continue. Peggy has also been in contact with Parole Boards on re-entry programs and libraries helping parolees find jobs. Specifically looking at the Fresh Start Program at Long Branch.

DPLA – The four working groups are still working. The next meeting will be on the organizational structure. We are still looking to an April/May submission. There will not be portal as such. Meta-data will link back to where the item lives. Add ons – meta data training, digitization training, helping small libraries, organizations, possibly a digitization lab.

Technology Study – Carson Block has several more interviews in April. He will be the primary speaker at the State Library’s program at NJLA. Besides the study, he will discuss network and technology trends as libraries plan for the future.

The deadline for the Public Library Surveys has been extended. They are due March 30.

The New Director’s program went well. It went back to a two-day program so topics could be given more in-depth coverage. It was agreed that the section on purchasing needs more time.

An IMLS grant submission was made. We won’t hear whether there will be a grant award or not until spring.

**(Question on TESU search – whether it was open or not – don’t know if you want to put in)**

Sheri Shafer – LSTA budget update: Three handouts were shared with the Council regarding the LSTA and network budgets. Sheri explained that the LSTA award is a two year award in terms of expenditures, but is received annually from IMLS. We have completed expenditures from the FY16 allocation; we are now spending the FY17 allocation; the FY18 grant has not yet been awarded due to the continuing resolution in Congress.

Bob Keith – Review of statewide database statistics: Bob shared these statistics with the Council. There was a good discussion by the Council members of the difficulty of “selling” the use of these electronic resources to customers. Kathleen will discuss both ease of use (perhaps a “discovery layer”) and marketing with our vendors Ebsco and RefUSA.

Adam Szczepaniak – Talking Book and Braille Center update: Adam reported on TBBC initiatives in concert with the National Library Service. He also reported that Audiovision service was discontinued in 2017; that Bookshare is a national initiative regarding accessible textbooks; and that LEAP is a new project between TBBC and NJ public libraries.

Kathleen Moeller-Peiffer – Update on LSTA Annual Report and Five-Year Plan 2018-2022: A handout was shared with the Council covering both of these topics.

**New Business:** Visitor Patricia Tumulty, Executive Director of NJLA, mentioned National Library Legislative Day attendance by academic librarians, as well as the need to call your federal legislators to sign on to the LSTA and IAL letters.

**Old Business:** None

**Proposed date for next meeting:** TBA. Probably a joint meeting with LNRB in fall - late August or early September (school and academic librarians would prefer to avoid early September)

**Meeting Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.