



# Sacramento Public Library Authority

## ACTION SUMMARY

### SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

**Thursday, April 24, 2014 – 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm**  
**Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street**  
**Sacramento, California**

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#### **1.0 Call to Order**

In attendance: Angelique Ashby, Eleanor Brown, Steve Cohn, Roberta MacGlashan, Kevin McCarty, Don Nottoli, Bonnie Pannell, Barbara Payne, Jay Schenirer, Jeff Slowey, Robert Trigg and Jimmie Yee. Linda Budge, Gary Davis and Phil Serna were unable to attend the meeting.

Board Chair Ashby declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Director Schenirer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **2.0 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda**

Chair Ashby opened the meeting for public comment by addressing Library Director Rivkah Sass, saying, "I don't know why, Rivkah, but when the audience looks like 'The Wizard of Oz,' I get nervous about public comment." In preparation for a volunteer recognition event following the meeting, many library officials and audience members attended the meeting dressed as various characters from the classic story, including Sass as the Wicked Witch of the West.

First on the dais was Faye Wilson-Kennedy, who spoke about the upcoming Sacramento Black Book Fair from June 6-8 in Oak Park. She asked that visitors wear comfortable shoes to enable them to visit the seven venues that will host the event. Wilson-Kennedy said the book fair, which is free of charge, will feature more than 80 authors of African descent, along with a children's activity area, art gallery and possibly a parade. She thanked her endorsers and sponsors, along with the Library staff and the Friends of the Library, for helping to publicize the event.

Mary Ellen Shay, president of the Sacramento Public Library Foundation, presented the Library with a check for \$312,000, which she said was possibly the largest gift the Foundation has ever made to the Library. She said a sizable portion of the money will go toward the Foundation's signature project, Children's Literacy.

The check was also earmarked for other areas as follows:

- \$110,000 for Summer Reading
- \$34,901 for children's areas at various branch locations
- \$18,000 for the Read & Feed Community Gardens at the Colonial Heights and Rancho Cordova libraries
- \$11,500 for a facelift of the library's bookmobiles

- \$1,000 for children’s books
- \$3,200 for general books
- \$110 for the Lucky Day Collection
- More than \$1,000 for Adult Literacy
- \$400 for Basic Literacy
- \$1,200 for Early Childhood Programs
- \$6,000 for the Central Library’s Sacramento Room

Shay said that the Foundation has given almost \$10 million to the Library since the organization was formed in 1985. She posed for a photo with Director Sass, fellow Foundation members Wendy Wood and Beth Southorn, and Executive Director April Butcher.

### **3.0 Director’s Report**

After referring the Board to her written report, Director Sass announced that former Library Facilities Director Don Tucker recently resigned from his position after 7 years in order to accept a job with the City of Sacramento. She said that Gerry Calderon, who manages the IT Department, has stepped up to help out with Facilities and will be wearing two hats for the time being.

On March 3, the Library was named a finalist for a National Medal by the Institute for Museum and Library Services. Though not victorious in the National Medal competition, the Library did win the John Cotton Dana Award for public relations and marketing efforts connected to the 2013 One Book celebration featuring the works of Edgar Allan Poe.

Sass drew the Board’s attention to Senate Bill 1455, which is similar to the legislation that was enacted in 2000 and used to build the North Natomas Library. Funding ran out before construction could be started on a new Orangevale Library, which had been next on the list. Sass thanked Board member Roberta MacGlashan for her support of the legislation. “Supervisor MacGlashan has really stepped up and helped express how important this is to our area,” Sass said. “We are grateful for her leadership role.”

She also announced that the Library would be renewing its legal services contract with the City of Sacramento after enjoying the tremendous service that the city has provided.

In a preview of the summer ahead, Sass told the Board about the Summer Reading Program and its theme, “Paws to Read.” Sass said the Library is expected to break all previous records, thanks in part to the generous support of both the Foundation and the Sacramento Kings, who are donating 40,000 complimentary Kings tickets to the first 40,000 people who sign up for summer reading.

### **Information**

- 4.0** Monthly Financial Report – January 2014
- 5.0** Monthly Financial Report – February 2014
- 6.0** Monthly Treasurer’s Report – January 2014
- 7.0** Monthly Treasurer’s Report – February 2014

The foregoing items were presented for information purposes only, and required no action by the Board. There was no discussion by the Board.

## **Consent**

- 8.0** Action Summary – February 27, 2014
- 9.0** Letter of Understanding, Updating the Salary Schedule and Classifications with the International Union of Operating Engineers, Stationary Engineers Local 39, AFL-CIO, Supervisory Unit
- 10.0** Revised Job Description for Information Technology Technician
- 11.0** Contract Renewal with Staples for Office Supplies
- 12.0** Suspension of Competitive Bidding for Video Surveillance Maintenance (2/3 vote)
- 13.0** Second Amendment to the 2008 Contract with EnvisionWare, Inc. (2/3 vote)

There was no discussion on the Consent Calendar.

**Board Action:**

**Nottoli/Slowey**

**Approved (12/0)**

## **14.0 Presentations**

### **14.1 Proclamation honoring Robert Gorham, past president of the Sacramento Friends of the Library**

Director Sass read a proclamation honoring Robert Gorham, who she said has been extraordinary in his support for the library. Gorham modestly accepted the proclamation, saying, "I really didn't do much of anything. It was all those people out there (in the audience) who did the hard work." Chair Ashby said, "We know better. Thank you, Bob, for everything you do."

### **14.2 Presentation in Recognition of Sacramento Public Library Volunteers.**

Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Crosthwaite came to the podium with teen volunteer Mira Garcia to do a presentation in recognition of Sacramento Public Library volunteers. Before she began, Director Don Nottoli asked her if she was dressed as the Great and Powerful Oz. "No, sir," said Crosthwaite. "I am the mayor of Munchkin Land." When Nottoli observed that Crosthwaite had substantially exceeded the height requirement for Munchkins, Crosthwaite quipped, "We all enjoyed Will Ferrell in 'Elf.'"

Garcia, who has logged more than 300 volunteer hours at the Library since 2011, is currently president of the Library's Teen Advisory Board. She received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award in 2013 and the N Factor Award for Outstanding Teen Service in March 2014. After Garcia read the presentation, Sass added her grateful thanks. Chair Ashby also extended her thanks, saying that Library volunteers have "been there for the Library every step of the way."

## **16.0 Chair's Report**

Director Phil Serna's birthday, which fell on the same day as this Board meeting, was celebrated. Even though Serna himself was not present, Rivkah asked the audience to sing "Happy Birthday" to him, noting that Serna was in good company with a birthday sandwiched between William Shakespeare's birthday, which was the previous day, and Al Pacino's birthday, which would be the following day. She also presented a card and birthday tarts to be given to Serna.

## **17.0 Reports, Ideas and Questions from Board Members**

## **18.0 Adjournment**

This meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rivkah K. Sass  
Secretary to the Board

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