

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
NORTHEAST KANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM and CONFERENCE CALL
LAWRENCE, KS
January 20, 2011

The regular monthly meeting of the Northeast Kansas Library System Executive Board was held in the System Office in Lawrence, KS, and via conference call on January 20, 2011, due to adverse winter weather conditions in the System area. Two Board members participated from the NEKLS offices, and eleven participated via conference call. President Emily Baker called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

The President called for additions or deletions to the agenda. The financial reports for November and December 2010, and the warrants for December 2010 and January 2011, were removed from the consent agenda since the Board treasurer was unable to review the records prior to the meeting.

MOTION: Wade Edwards moved that the consent agenda be accepted as revised to include the November 18, 2010 Executive Board minutes. M. E. Grosdidier seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Jim Minges presented his Director's report and discussed two items:

- 1) NExpress has had a malfunction of the overdue notice delivery system. PTFs and the NEKLS staff are working on a resolution to this problem.
- 2) Osawatomie library was notified by Hans Fischer that he would no longer be providing advice and architectural services. At issue is the relationship between the City of Osawatomie and the library board.

The other monthly reports were accepted as printed.

The first item of business regarding conflict of interest disclosure statements and the loyalty affirmation were tabled until the February meeting.

As the second item of business, Mr. Minges reviewed the term changes for 2011. Three Executive Board members, Wade Edwards, Barbara Blachley, and Laurie Wilson, will be leaving the NEKLS Executive Board in April 2011. Mr. Minges will be contacting the libraries in Brown, Nemaha and Miami County regarding new member candidates. Barbara Pressgrove and Alice Smith have agreed to serve their first complete terms on the Board, and Leslee Bowers has agreed to serve a second term on the Board.

Mr. Minges reviewed the three NExpress regional catalog hosting/support proposals that were received as the third items of business. NUCSOFT is a company based in India, ByWater Solutions is based in California, and Equinox Software is based in Georgia. The NExpress team used a weighted quantitative scoring system to evaluate the three proposals. The recommendation from the evaluation process is that NEKLS contract with ByWater to provide support and hosting for the NExpress regional catalog.

MOTION: Marilyn Daniels moved that the Board approve the contract for services between ByWater Solutions LLC and the Northeast Kansas Library System for a period of two years, from 2/1/2011 through 1/31/2013, with two automatic renewals possible. Leslee Bowers seconded and the MOTION WAS APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Library Advocacy and State Library issues were the fourth item of business.

- 1) The State Library budget will be cut an additional 5.8%, which will also reduce the amount of state aid to libraries.
- 2) Jo Budler has been reappointed as the State Librarian of Kansas for the next four years.

Mr. Minges reviewed the information collected from Fall Assembly and other focus group meetings regarding continuing education as the fifth item of business. As a result of the information collected and staff discussion, there will be some changes made to the NEKLS CE program. There will be New Librarians training in February, and the trustee workshops will be held in March this year, with the topic to be budget development and advocacy. A school librarian's workshop will be added in 2011 and regional meetings will be held in the fall, replacing Fall Assembly.

The sixth item of business was a discussion of the Accreditation standards and the formation of an Accreditation standards review committee. Mr. Minges will be sending out information about the formation of this group.

The final item of business was a discussion of the statues and regulations related to withdrawal from a regional system taxing district. Discussion on this item was deferred to the February 2011 meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. The next Executive Board meeting will be on February 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the NEKLS office in Lawrence, KS.

Marilyn Daniels, Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Roger Gormley	Doniphan County	Thad Hartman	Shawnee County
Kenneth Woods	Franklin County	Kimberly Beets	Wyandotte County
Leslee Bowers	Jackson County	M. E. Grosdidier	At-Large Schools
Wade Edwards	Brown County	Steven Gromatzky	Atchison County
Marilyn Daniels	Governor's Appointee	Pamela Tull	At Large - Academic
Barbara Pressgrove	Douglas County	Jim Minges	NEKLS
Emily Baker	Johnson County	Laura DeBaun	NEKLS
Kelley Weber	At-Large		