

FRIENDS OF THE STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES OF FLORIDA INC.

MINUTES

October 7, 2022

Via webinar

Present

Board of Directors

David Benjamin
Gloria Colvin
Claire Dygert
Ramona La Roche
Kathleen Malloy
Jinfang Niu
Taryn Rodriguez-Boette
Rachel Walton

Division Staff

Lindsey Harrington
Amy Johnson
Tom Peña

Absent

Gene Coppola

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. Eastern on October 7, 2022, by Secretary Rachel Walton in the absence of President Gene Coppola. Roll was called and a quorum was noted.

Adoption of agenda

Jinfang Niu moved to adopt the draft agenda. The motion was seconded, and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

Approval of minutes from the June 27, 2022, meeting

Taryn Rodriguez-Boette moved to approve the draft minutes. The motion was seconded, and the minutes were approved.

Financial report

Director's office staff presented the year-to-date budget to the board and an update of the current account balance via the profit and loss worksheet. Staff announced the ability to accept electronic payment. The board requested that separate line items be added to the budget for reimbursements and electronic payment transaction fees. The board requested a status update on parking garage income. Secretary Walton provided information on special projects of the Friends for new board member David Benjamin.

Director's comments

Division Director Amy Johnson updated the board on the status of Florida libraries affected by Hurricane Ian. She also reported on the cancellation of the fundraising ad hoc committee meeting that had been scheduled for August 15, 2022; the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. held September 3, 2022; the upcoming annual Public Library Directors Meeting in Tallahassee December 7-8, 2022; the upcoming DLIS discussion on October 17, 2022, regarding Hurricane Ian aftermath and response; and the status of the Archives Research Stipends.

The board entered a discussion on marketing the research stipends.

A recommendation was made that the fundraising ad hoc committee meeting be rescheduled for a future date so that all members could be present.

Business items

Secretary Walton requested that Taryn Rodriguez-Boette and Dr. Ramona La Roche speak about the purpose and work of the ad hoc committee. The board further discussed the hurricane aftermath and ways in which they might be helpful. They agreed to add this to the conversation regarding the updating of the long-range plan, scheduled for the March 2023 meeting.

The board asked if the Division would like to have any staff present at the next meeting. Amy Johnson stated that a Bureau of Archives and Records Management staff person will be present to update and give an overview on the Southeastern Archives and Records Conference (SARC) taking place October 16-18, 2022, in Tallahassee.

New business

The board requested a report on the digital initiative and Amy agreed to ask Dolly Frank, Bureau of Library Development, to present.

Next meeting

The board will meet virtually on January 6, 2023, from 9 a.m. to conclusion.

Public comment

A call was made for public comment and there was none.

Adjourn

Gloria Colvin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded, unanimously approved, and the meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m. Eastern on October 7, 2022.