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LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

MEETING OF THE LIBRARIES BOARD OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Monday 13 September 2021

Minutes No. 863

The meeting was held in the Bronwyn Halliday Learning Studio, State Library and started at 10.02am.

1 Welcome

1.1 Present

Bruce Linn (Chair), Professor Amanda Nettelbeck, Janet Finlay, Bronwyn Lewis, Scott Hicks, Megan Berghuis, Professor Joanne Cys and Jillian Whittaker.

In Attendance:

Hanlie Erasmus (Acting Director, State Library of South Australia)

Jo Bayly (Associate Director, State Library Services)

Marissa King (Manager, Finance Risk and Compliance, State Library & Public Library Services)

Tracey Parnis (State Library of SA – Minutes)

1.2 Apologies

Geoff Stempel (Director, State Library of SA)

1.3 Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair made an acknowledgement of Country.

1.4 Conflict of Interest

LGA nominated members declared a standing conflict of interest regarding negotiations for a new MOA between State and Local Governments.

2 Starring of Agenda Items

Motion: That all non-starred items be received and all recommendations contained therein are adopted and carried.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: J Whittaker

3 Minutes

3.1 Minutes of previous meeting

Motion: That the minutes of the Board meeting held on 9 August be confirmed with the following corrections:

- Item 5.1 – seconded by Amanda Nettelbeck – last name corrected.
- Item 13 – day of the next meeting was Monday.

Moved: J Cys Seconded: A Nettelbeck

3.2 Action List – September 2021

No updates provided.

3.3 Unstarred. Matters dealt with out of session

No matters were dealt with out of session.

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4 Strategic Matters

4.1 Memorandum of Agreement Negotiations Update

The Chair provide an update on the latest MOA negotiations:

- At the time of the meeting the LGA had not signed the agreement. The LGA would like to negotiate the agreement further.
- The Chair has sent a letter to library managers to reassure the Network about available funding for 2021.
- The Chair is meeting with Angela Evans, LGA President, to further discuss the agreement. The MOA Negotiating Committee is also meeting.
- An area of engagement to focus on in the future is how does the Board engage with elected council members.

Action: Circulate an update to the Libraries Board after the meetings with the LGA President and the MOA Negotiating Committee have been held.

Motion: The Libraries Board notes the update.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: A Nettelbeck

[Scott Hicks arrived at 10.12am]

5 For Decision (Strategic)

No report was provided.

6 For Decision (Operational)

No report was provided.

7 Standing Items

7.1 Philanthropic and Corporate Partnerships

Discussion was held about reinstating the previous Foundation:

- The Director spoke to the former Chair of the Foundation, Albert Bensimon, about reinstating it and he was in favour of this.

Reinstating the Foundation requires several issues still to be resolved:

- membership issues of Foundation
- the Library doesn't have the paperwork to complete the financial details. The bank account still exists but there have been difficulties contacting the signatories to the accounts.

Work has been completed on documenting what has happened in terms of the former Foundation's financial data. Bronwyn Lewis has provided a paper to the Director, out of session, about how to progress reinstating the Foundation.

Action:

- **Combine both papers that have been completed about the future of the Foundation into one report and circulate to the Board for comment.**
- **Scott Hicks and the Chair to assist the Director with meetings with Albert Bensimon and other former members and/or bank signatories to resolve the remaining issues.**
- **Add to the agenda of the November meeting – discussion about the report.**

Moved: B Lewis

Seconded: J Cys

7.2 Unstarred item. Mortlock Strategy

No update was provided.

8 Acting Director's Report

The following points were covered in the report:

- I Work for SA Survey – staff focus groups are now underway.
- Renegotiating contract with SirsiDynix Library Management System.
- Visitor experience project.
- ACU Partnership – working on a research collaboration proposal '*The Line: a transcultural history*'.
- Indigenous workforce update.
- SLSA is partnering with the History Trust, University of Adelaide and Wakefield Press to present the 2021 History Conference.
- Former staff member, Cynthia Fleming – Executive Assistance to 5 Directors, has passed away. A tribute notice will be put in The Advertiser on behalf of the Library.

Action: A letter of condolence on behalf of the Board is to be sent to Cynthia's family.

Moved: M Berghuis Seconded: J Whittaker

9 For Noting

9.1 Local and Family History Project

Comments and suggestions on the report include:

- Consider partnership with AIATSIS.
- Tim Sherratt's GLAM Name Indexes is a project in development, bringing together family history sources from all the state jurisdictions.
- Key Family History Resources section - there are more recent key sources that would be useful to add.
- Katie Barclay, University of Adelaide, whose field is family history might be a valuable member of a new steering committee on family history.
- The 'Leadership and governance' section should also include existing family history people in the network, not just people from the State Library.
- Strategic Alignment to include reference to the objectives of the *Arts and Culture Plan South Australia 2019-2024*, particularly how this strategy will fulfill some of the digital and collaboration objectives.
- Need to be mindful that not all family history programs are run out of libraries.
- Partnerships could include connecting with schools to help with the older population to scan photos etc.

Action: Amanda Nettelbeck to send:

- **list of updated family history resources**
- **a link to the GLAM Name Indexes resource.**

Motion: The Libraries Board notes the completion of the Local and Family History Project Phase 1, and the commencement of the digitisation of the South Australian Public Library Network (SAPLN) local and family history collections, Phase 2.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: J Whittaker

9.2 Preliminary PLS Financial Performance for the period ending 30 June 2021

Motion: The Libraries Board notes the:

1. Preliminary Financial Performance Report for PLS for the period ending 30 June 2021.
2. Development of a Public Libraries Innovation Grant for Board approval in October 2021.

Moved: M Berghuis Seconded: B Lewis

9.3 Unstarred item. Libraries Board Draft Financial Statements – 2020-2021

Motion: The Libraries Board notes the Draft Financial Statements – 2020-2021.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: J Whittaker

9.4 Unstarred item. Libraries Board Regional Tour Itinerary – 13-15 October 2021

Motion: The Libraries Board notes the Regional Tour Itinerary – 13-15 October 2021.

Moved: B Lewis Seconded: J Whittaker

[Professor Jo Cys left the meeting at 11.38am]

10 Any Other Business

- The Regional Board Tour finishes in Whyalla and there is an opportunity to tour the Super School if Board members are interested.
- Scott Hicks has a Board meeting on the Wednesday night and would like to check the hotel has internet access for that to occur.
- Megan Berghuis is unable to take part in the Board Tour and would like to attend the October Board meeting via Teams. The Board will be meeting in Port Lincoln.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next Libraries Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 14 October 2021** as part of the Regional Tour to Eyre Peninsula on Wednesday 13 October to Friday 15 October 2021.

The meeting closed at 11.51pm.

Chair:

Date: