Present: Sylvia Boyd, Karen Fecko, Sarah Gager, Joy Hansen, Diane Klare, Carol Kubala, Michelle Luhtala, Deborah Sanford, Kendall Wiggin
Absent: Franklin Edrich, Kate Sheehan, Mara Whitman
Others: Lynette Baisden, Sharon Brettschneider, Stephen Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Josiah Hills, Gail Hurley, Bill Sullivan

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. Introduction – Josiah Hills, CT Department of Education
Bill introduced Josiah Hills, who will be the representative from the State Department of Education, to the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes
Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd Sylvia Boyd) to approve the minutes of February 9, 2011. VOTED unanimously. All in favor.

4. Approval of Agenda
Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd Diane Klare) to approve the agenda as presented. VOTED unanimously. ALL in favor.

5. Public Comment
There was none.

6. Presentation of Enhanced PowerSearch (45 min.) – Gale Cengage
Phil Faust, Project Manager, InfoTrac and PowerSearch and Jason Bass, Associate Publisher, General Reference and Periodicals demonstrated the enhancements to Gale’s PowerSearch, which will be implemented this summer. The enhanced PowerSearch will for the first time cross-search all “In Context” resources (Biography, History and Science). Eric Hansen told the Board that if they had any further questions after the meeting to please send them on to him and he’ll forward them to Gale.

7. State Library Report – Kendall Wiggin
Ken reported that the Governor has submitted a budget proposal to the legislature with a reduction of 3 – 4%. Governor Malloy has proposed eliminating Ccard grants and Connecticar - not cuts that Ken would have proposed. Ken testified on the budget before the Appropriations Committee. Ken proposed to the Committee alternative reductions in order to stay within the same bottom line as the Governor’s budget. He proposed that iCONN and reQuest be reduced to approximately the level that they have been operating on in the current year with the holdbacks. Ken asked for slightly more funding in these lines. His proposal would have retained the Ccar positions and restored much of the funding for Ccard. He proposed taking some funding from state aid which would mean that every library will get a base of $1,200. The Governor has now asked all state agencies to submit a plan for an additional 10%. A large part of next year’s budget will depend on the outcome of the Governor’s negotiations with state employee unions. There is also likely to be a slight decrease in the federal budget from LSTA.

Sharon thanked Steve Cauffman for his help with the Ccar volume study. Libraries reported the numbers of items they received on Ccar for one week. The results show that we deliver over 3
million items a year! CLA will hold the legislative potluck supper on April 12 at the State
Library.

8. New Business
   a. E-Resources in reQuest – CDLAB Doc 11-01 – Gail Hurley
      Gail distributed a fact sheet for discussion on the library–specific e-resources in reQuest not
      licensed by iCONN. The discussion was centered on whether all e-resources that are not
      accessible by everyone be removed from reQuest or remain in reQuest. The comments leaned
      towards not including the items. Deborah Sanford indicated that the answer hinged on another
      question: what is the purpose of reQuest? iCONN staff will get feedback from other library
      systems with union catalogs to see how they are handling the e-resources, and will share the
      results at the next CDLAB meeting.

9. Reports
   a. Commission on Educational Technology – Kendall Wiggin
      Ken reported that the CET met last week and that their funding for next year looks okay for now.
      The CET will create a strategic plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband in the state.

   b. Database Committee – Eric Hansen
      Eric reported that the committee met on March 24. They discussed priorities for restoring
      databases if the budget is passed as the State Library proposed. It would allow iCONN to add
      back one or two of the lower cost databases. The committee participated in a webinar that
      demonstrated features coming with Gale’s enhanced Power Search interface. As interest in
      ebooks has increased, the question of local library catalog records in reQuest, not available to
      all users in Connecticut, was addressed with a suggestion to add a lending disclaimer to
      iCONN’s web pages. Eric is representing iCONN on a CCALD database committee.

   c. Digital Library Progress – William Sullivan
      Due to our inability to identify a cost effective alternative to our current statewide catalog using
      the bid process, we are now working to establish a sole source contract with Auto-Graphics.
      The contract would have a base term of one year (to 6/30/2012) plus an option to extend
      beyond the base term in one-year increments. This would ensure the continuity of the current
      service while we explore alternatives.

      Bill stated that if the alternative proposal that Ken presented to the Appropriations Committee
      becomes part of the final budget, we will be able to not only absorb expected rate increases for
      current databases, but also restore one or two databases that were lost due to budget
      holdbacks. At the last Database Committee meeting, public and school librarians strongly
      preferred to restore National Newspapers (esp. New York Times and Wall Street Journal) while
      academic librarians preferred to restore CINAHL Full Text. The academic preference will be
      reviewed at a subsequent CCALD meeting. We are also exploring the possibility of a statewide
      e-book collection. Ken indicated that this might be a good time to consider a cost sharing
      model.

10. Adjourn
    Carol Kubala MOVED (2nd Michelle Luhtala) to adjourn the meeting at 3:06 p.m. The next
    scheduled meeting will be held on June 1, 2011 at the Middletown Library Service Center.

    Respectfully submitted,

    Lynette Baisden
    Connecticut State Library