Present: Andrea Buka, Pamela Graham, Christopher Hemingway, Barbara Johnson (Chair - via phone), Rob McCoole, Matthew Puhlick (via phone), Frank Skornia, Jenna Stebbins, Kendall Wiggin, Janice Wilson  

Absent: None.  

Others: Dawn La Valle, Stephen Cauffman, Eric Hansen, Gail Hurley  

1. Call to Order  

Barbara Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:03.  

2. Approval of Minutes  

Andrea Buka MOVED (2nd Frank Skornia) to approve the minutes of June 7, 2017. APPROVED.  

3. Approval of Agenda  

Christopher Hemingway MOVED (2nd Jenna Stebbins) to approve the agenda. APPROVED.  

4. Public Comment  

There was none.  

5. State Library Report  

Ken Wiggin reported that there is still no state budget. The State Library is operating under an executive order allocation plan. The goal is to try to keep the services, such as the databases, going with little disruption. Other areas are more challenging like the radical cut to the book budget and effect on the legal database subscriptions. There is a federal budget and so far IMLS has survived two committee votes. Dawn added information about the Future's Conference in September in Atlantic City, which is sponsored by several state library partners including the Connecticut State Library.  

6. Old Business  

Steve Cauffman gave an update on findIT CT, and reported that the requestIT (ILL) pilot had been temporarily suspended but has resumed. A conference call is planned with the pilot libraries in August to discuss any problems that occurred and any enhancement requests. ILL training for libraries and a statewide rollout for requestIT will be scheduled for September.  

Eric Hansen gave an update on eGO announcing that the New York Public Library staff has now developed a multi-tenancy model circulation manager for Connecticut libraries so that they can be hosted on a single server. This model can apply to network libraries and others sharing a same vendor system. He also reported that all regional system library questionnaires, privacy policies and vendor license information are in. Eric demoed Short Reads from Plympton which is an eBook short story service geared towards public transit commuters. This is a potential content source for eGO and they are also interested in having us contribute content.  

7. New Business  

Gail Hurley reported that there was a vacancy on the CDLAB in the school librarian position due to the resignation of Jenifer Smolnik. A solicitation for applications to fill this position was made in July, and a nominee was brought forward. Frank Skornia MOVED (2nd Andrea Buka) to approve the appointment of
Brynden Mutch of Coventry High School in the category of School Librarian for the term October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2019. APPROVED. This will move on to the State Library Board for final approval in September.

In addition, Jenifer’s resignation left the CDLAB Vice-Chair position vacant. Pamela Graham volunteered to fill this position on the Board. All approved.

Cynthia Sanders resigned her position on the CDLAB in the category of representative from the business community or library user. A nominations committee of Barbara Johnson, Pamela Graham, and Gail Hurley will solicit applications to fill this position and will bring a nominee forward at the October 4th meeting.

Eric Hansen reported on the researchIT CT usage for FY17. Most of the usage is in the genealogy databases. All usage including these is up 133.6%. Without these databases included, the overall usage is down 11%. A survey was done recently to see which resources were most used and useful to librarians. Eric suggested it may be worth asking vendors if they would agree to an ala carte ordering of specific databases rather than a bundle of many that are not used.

8. Reports

Ken reported that the Commission on Educational Technology’s next meeting is in September. They are looking at Open Educational Resources (OER) for K-12 and academic libraries, but Ken was also arguing for public library inclusion as well. There are many homeschooled students, non-traditional students, and some charter or parochial schools without good libraries. There is also an IMLS grant out there on how OER is used in schools, and we would like them to include public libraries as well. Dawn La Valle added that she and Barbara Johnson are on an advisory council for CEN and they will be looking at levels of standards for content to be shared.

Eric Hansen reported that the eResources Advisory Task Force met in July. He reported that one of the task force members reported that their school district now requires vendors to sign a form to comply with an act that protects student privacy and that not all vendors are willing to sign it, because the act requires that all data be housed in the U.S. The Connecticut State Legislature will issue text message updates on the progress of bills. Eric reported that the usage is slightly down for RBDigital except for eBook checkouts which were greater than FY16. Jenifer Smolnik, formerly of Ellington High School produced a video with some of her high school students to promote researchIT CT. The Task Force approved uploading the video and linking it to researchIT CT. Eric played the video for the CDLAB.

Dawn La Valle added that ACLPD is forming a standing committee on resource sharing representing different library groups to look at our various programs such as researchIT, deliverIT, etc. Some of the work will overlap with the CDLAB. Meetings will be set up for later in the year.

9. Adjourn

Pamela Graham MOVED (2nd Andrea Buka) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:47.

The next meeting will be October 4, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hurley, Connecticut State Library