

**SWING  
Membership Meeting  
Williamsburg Marriott, Williamsburg  
20 October 2005**

The SWING membership met Thursday, 20 October 2005 at the Williamsburg Marriott in Williamsburg at 9 am during the Virginia Library Association conference.

**Business Meeting**

Following a continental breakfast, Dot Ogburn called the business meeting to order at 9:07 am.

Attending were Dot Ogburn, Pulaski County Library System, president, Beth Horn, SWING contracts administrator, Pat Hatfield, Smyth-Bland Regional Library, Janis Augustine, Salem Public Library, Avery Hicks, Williamsburg Regional Library, Cindy Church, Virginia Department of Correctional Education, Rosann Meagher, Bryant & Stratton College, Sherry Bright, Buchanan County Public Library, Libby Lewis, Carol Adams and Wayne Modlin, Library of Virginia, Maggie Shanley, Radford Public Library, Juanita Wysang and Esther Blythe, National College of Business Technology, Jacque Dessino, Tidewater Community College, Ann Matthews, Washington County Public Library/Southwest Virginia Mental Health Institute, Barbara Ecton, Samuels Public Library, Ophelia Payne, JSR, Peggy Bias, Bedford Public Library, Chrissie Peters, Northeast State Technical College, Julia Rawle, Meherrin Regional Library, Jayne McQuade, Northumberland County Public Library, Julie Short, Lonesome Pine Regional Library, and Laurie Roberts, Tazewell County Public Library.

The minutes of the Spring 2005 membership meeting, distributed via email and print, were approved as prepared.

Pat Hatfield presented the treasurer's report, showing a balance of \$34,599.36 as of 14 October. Upon motion by Esther Blythe, seconded by \_\_\_\_, the report was accepted as prepared.

Upon a motion by Jayne McQuade, seconded by Julie Short, the budget for 2005-06 was adopted as presented.

**Committee Reports**

Scholarship Committee

Dot recognized Julie Short as SWING's current scholarship recipient. Julie, who is attending Florida State University, concentrating on children's services, thanked the organization for this assistance. Dot reminded attendees that 1 November is the deadline for the next round of applications and encouraged participation.

### Legislative Report

Janis Augustine reported that VLA is supporting the Library of Virginia request for \$2.8 million more in state aid as part of the stepped program to return to full funding, and \$1 million for Find It VA to reduce dependence on federal funding which is uncertain, as well as the LVA budget request. VLA supports maintaining local Acceptable Internet Use policies and opposes adding any new filtering requirements. An approach to the issue of certification of librarians is being developed. Sam Clay and Janis will be contacting directors to visit their legislators the week after the election, and will be distributing talking points based on this agenda.

### Continuing Education

Dot reported for Kelly McBride that registration for the workshop on book repair is full with a waiting list. SWING is working on programs on PC Troubleshooting and Reference 101. The consensus is that FISH training, in which there has been some interest, would be more effective as a workshop than as a program for the spring meeting. Additional topics of interest are marketing, perhaps as a joint partnership with VLA, the balanced scorecard, and downloadable audio. Dot announced the spring 2006 meeting is scheduled for 7 April, with location to be determined. She also said that holding the fall membership meeting at VLA is an experiment to permit members around the state to attend and participate.

### Children's Group

Dot reported for Maggie Shanley that 30 had attended the August meeting of children's librarians. The next meeting is scheduled for 27 January.

### Newsletter

Chrissie Peters will be producing a newsletter for SWING and requested submissions for this from the membership.

### Membership

Pat Hatfield noted that membership in SWING remains strong, and she encouraged attendees to promote membership with their colleagues. She advised consulting the website for the membership form and details, or contacting Cathy Hanshew, SWING Business Manager, or herself, for information. Pat also noted that since SWING has become a statewide organization, it might take on the role recommended by the Himmel & Wilson study of developing a promotion program for libraries.

### Library of Virginia Update

Libby Lewis reported that the Himmel & Wilson study of the future of public library service in Virginia had been mailed to the Library of Virginia Board and would be posted to [www.vpl.lib.va.us](http://www.vpl.lib.va.us) next week. The view held by some laypeople that libraries are a "nicety, not a necessity" was a surprising outcome of their survey. She said a steering committee will be appointed to help work through a plan of action, and noted that this report could lead to significant change. The Bibliostat report of annual data is due 5 December. LVA will interview candidates for Library Development and Networking Division director, to replace Nelson Worley, in November.

### Contracts

Beth Horn, Contracts Administrator, summarized SWING's purchasing contracts service in a PowerPoint presentation. For books, SWING has contracts with 23 vendors, including 9 audiovisual vendors, with processing and discounts up to 45%. For serials, discounts range up to 17.5% for school libraries. The current book contracts expire December 2006, and serials continue through June 2007. Consult the website for details. She noted that SWING negotiates collectively for purchasing discounts, but does not handle orders for members. She encouraged members to submit evaluations of current book vendor performance by 19 November, and also asked for recommendations for additional vendors to solicit during the upcoming RFP process.

Beth is now able to update the website directly with contracts information. The next books contract cycle will be scheduled so as to coincide with the fiscal year and will run January 2007 through June 2009. Contract approval will be addressed at the fall 2006 meeting to allow members to plan their budgets for the following year. Beth will assist members to identify sole source vendors to enable them to comply with procurement law. She is considering contracts for library supplies, perhaps by seeking discounts from catalog retail prices rather than by individual items. She wants to develop a survey of interests in electronic databases to identify gaps between coverage provided by VIVA, TennShare, and Find It VA, and plans to distribute this through the SWING listserv and direct mail. She is looking for a pool of volunteers to help with a proposal for the Board's January meeting.

Dot thanked everyone for coming. There being no further business before the membership, the meeting adjourned at 9:45.

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Laurie S. Roberts, Secretary