

Braille and Talking Book Library User Advisory Council  
Saturday, March 7, 2020  
10:30 AM to 3:00 PM  
Minutes

1. Welcome and self-introductions

Roslyn McCoy, Chair, Mt. Shasta  
Janet Snow, Vice Chair, NFB representative, Redding  
Gayle Miller, Secretary, Winton  
Shannon Dillon, at large representative, Folsom  
Alan Smith, Concord  
Lenore Presley, Deaf/Blind representative, Sacramento  
Donna Scales, Readers Advisory Supervisor  
Heather Hamm, Reader Advisor  
Mike Marlin, Director BTBL, Sacramento

Phone Attendees

Maile George, CCB representative, Concord  
Thomas Foley, North Berkley, Guest

Absent

Richard Rueda, Sacramento  
Andy Anderson, Cottonwood

Ground rules:

\*Social distancing, courtesy when someone is speaking, not interrupting, state name before speaking, respond quickly to Donna's emails, make contact prior to absence

2. Approval of Agenda

A. Approved- Alan Smith moved, Janet Snow seconded

3. Approval of minutes

A. Approved- Maile George moved, Shannon Dillon seconded

4. Remarks from the Chair

A. Communication with the Chair is encouraged

5. BTBL Director's report, Mike Marlin

A. Appreciation of Council members

B. Staff updates- Mary Jane Kayes retirement, replacement search for Mary Jane, Circulation Department vacancy

C. Card for Mary Jane within - email comments to Donna or Mike, ACTION ITEM

D. Duplication on Demand

\*Technical difficulties with Integrated Library System (ILS), Sacramento roll out date for DOD is mid-May, PCC department is down due to crash

E. Innovations

\* Braille eReader pilot project to be launched in four states. HumanWare and Zoomax braille displays will be distributed.

\*The next talking book machine- with consideration to wireless or cellular connectivity, talking menus, voice activated password protection.

F. Pilot for organic reading certification changes-started in January in Texas and Pennsylvania.

G. NLS update- new facility on Library of Congress campus in future

H. Postal service handling of books- experiencing slow return, mishandling

I. Creating new braille books from old copies- conversion ease not known

J. BookShare grant-searching for other funding to keep the grant going, Voice Dream app also works, purchase available

K. Commercially produced books- not able to be rated due to the amount added yearly, NLS also has contracted producers

L. Heather and Outreach-local events participation such as Society for the Blind, CHP at the Capitol, California Library Association, Sac Super Fest, etc. Heather would like to reach less active institutions and much of northern California because BTBL is underutilized by those who have print disabilities.

An outreach event roster is being created.

Outreach meetings at BTBL are held every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday. The BUAC Outreach Committee would like to participate in the meeting. Mike will get approval and notify the BUAC committee. ACTION ITEM

Marketing targets include outreach at conferences, disability organizations such as MS, optometrist conventions, etc., disability fairs, NFB, CCB, BVA, public libraries. A volunteer ambassador program is desirable.

#### 6. NLS Collection Development discussion

A. Dominick Spinelli slated for next BUAC meeting by phone, will be answering questions

B. NLS Collection Building Policy link will be sent to everyone by Mike:  
<https://www.loc.gov/nls/about/organization/standards-guidelines/collection-building-policy/>

ACTION ITEM

C. Email questions for Dominick to Mike

#### 7. Committee Reports

##### A. Recruitment/Selection Committee

\* No applications received

\* Maile sent recruitment letter to CCB

\* Membership is a rolling membership, a two year term

\* Tom Foley was encouraged to apply for membership online

##### B. Outreach Committee

\*To be included/invited to the BTBL Outreach Committee

\* Senior programs and centers meeting, BTBL brochure distribution

suggested

##### C. Legislation Committee

\* IMLS funding letters have been sent with one response, no California Senators have signed on

\* Mike will send out funding letter to BUAC ACTION ITEM

\* Suggestion to send funding letters written in braille

\*Award considerations-Braille Institute permanent funding sponsor, ?

Agulara-Curry, info from Ann Neville, Chief, California Research Bureau, ACTION ITEM, Mike

## 8. Old Business

A. Julius Jefferson, Jr. visit- Tentatively Saturday, August 8, 12:00 PM

B. Attendance – letter to Osvaldo Martinez from Chair, communicate absence in timely manner

\* May meeting- May 30<sup>th</sup>, notify D. Spinelli

\* October 31<sup>st</sup> fall meeting

C. Speakers- Senators Nancy Skinner, Bill Dodd, and Lois Wolf?, Mark D? Alan's Senator via phone. Alan will schedule speaker for May meeting.

## 9. New Business

A. Meeting changes- duration not a problem, possible one virtual 2 hour meeting per year

10. Member updates

11. Action item and 2020 dates

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 PM.

\* There are 5 ACTION ITEMS

1. Card for Mary Jane within - email comments to Donna or Mike. A few days later MJK passed away, council members sent comments to Donna who compiled them and sent card to MJK's family.

2. Monthly BTBL outreach Team Meeting: Mike will get approval and notify the BUAC committee re participation

3. Email NLS Collection Development questions for Dominick Spinelli to Mike

4. Mike will send out funding letter to BUAC: was this the ALA Dear Appropriator letters or Braille Institute funding appeal or some other information for local politician communications? Please advise him!

5. Legislative Committee follow up for Legislator of the Year award for 2020/2021?