

Southern California Library Cooperative Executive Committee Meeting Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:00-2:00pm Virtual

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AGENDA

All items may be considered for action.

1. Opening Gary Shaffer

a. Chairperson's Welcome

b. Roll Call

2. Public Comment Gary Shaffer Opportunity for any guest or member of the public to address the Council on any item of SCLC business.

Consent Calendar (ACTION)

Gary Shaffer

All items on the consent calendar may be approved by a single motion. Any Council member may request an item be removed from the consent calendar and placed on the agenda for discussion.

a. Minutes from the November 30, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

Gary Shaffer

5. SCLC Personnel Update (DISCUSSION)

Gary Shaffer

Southern California Library Cooperative 254 North Lake Avenue #874 • Pasadena, California 91101 (626) 283-5949 • Fax (626) 283-5949 Website: http://www.socallibraries.org • E-mail: sclcadmin@socallibraries.org 6. Budget Status Report FY2022/23 (DISCUSSION)

Andy Beck

7. PLSEP FY2022/23 Grant Update (DISCUSSION)

Wayne Walker

8. Strategic Plan Update (DISCUSSION)

Elizabeth Goldman

9. PressReader and Los Angeles Times (DISCUSSION)

Gary Shaffer

10. Other Gary Shaffer "...that is, matters initiated in the present meeting." Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, III, p.21. Limited by Brown Act to discussion only. 2 minutes

11. Adjournment

Gary Shaffer

ACTION ITEMS



Meeting:	SCLC Executive Comm	nittee Meeting	
Date:	January 25, 2023		
Library:			
		Date:	
Agenda Item: _		Agenda Item:	
Aye	Motion	Aye	Motion
Nay	Second	Nay	Second
Abstain		Abstain	
Agenda Item:		Agenda Item:	
Aye	Motion	Aye	Motion
Nay	Second	Nay	Second
Abstain		Abstain	
Agenda Item: _		Agenda Item:	
Aye	Motion	Aye	Motion
Nay	Second	Nay	Second
Abstain		Abstain	



Southern California Library Cooperative
Executive Committee Meeting
Wednesday, November 30, 2022
1:00-2:30pm
Hybrid Meeting
Whittier Central Library
7344 Washington Ave., Whittier, CA 90602

Minutes draft

Attendance

Addington, Jennifer – Palos Verdes Billings, Cathy – South Pasadena Broman, Susan – LAPL Goldman, Elizabeth – Burbank Herbert, Mark – El Segundo Shaffer, Gary – Glendale Torres, Anita – Pomona Walker-Lanz, Jesse – LACo

Other

Graver, Lori – SCLC Shapiro, Caryn - SCLC Snodgrass, Nerissa – SCLC Walker, Wayne – SCLC

Absences

None

Opening
 Meeting called to order at 1:03pm.

Gary Shaffer

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- a. Minutes from the October 26, 2022 Executive Committee meeting.
 MSP (Walker-Lanz/Herbert) to pass the Consent Calendar.
 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain
- 4. Adoption of the Agenda Gary Shaffer Chairs adopts the Agenda, without objection.
- 5. SCLC Controller update (DISCUSSION)

Gary Shaffer/Wayne Walker

Carol Dinuzzo, SCLC Controller, accepted a position outside of SCLC in August leaving the position vacant. The Administrative Council at their August meeting authorized the Administrative Council Chair to enter into an agreement with a temporary agency or an accounting firm to fulfill controller duties on a temporary basis. In early September an agreement was entered into with contractor Caryn Shapiro, CPA, to assist with the Controller duties for a period of up to 3 months at \$72 per hour (nonbenefitted) up to 40 hours per week. In addition, the Administrative Council at their August meeting authorized the Administrative Council Chair to enter into an agreement for accounting consulting purposes with one of SCLC's sister cooperatives on an as-needed basis. An agreement was entered into with the Pacific Library Partnership (PLP) at \$150 per hour through December 2022. Recruitment for the permanent Controller was launched on October 7th, with application deadline of November 7th. Multiple applications were received and the process to review and evaluate the pool of candidates has begun. Caryn Shapiro, CPA contractor agreement value not to exceed \$37,440. PLP contract agreement value not to exceed \$12,000.

6. Budget Status Report FY2022/23 (DISCUSSION)

Caryn Shapiro

All approved CLSA allocations and current grant awarded amounts have been approved. Membership Dues have been collected at 90%. Rollover CLSA Funds are being expended. Grant Funds have been received. At this stage in the fiscal year, most expenditures have been personnel related along with a few operational costs. Potential shortfall in revenue for the current fiscal year. No additional payment to be made into the Pension

Liability fund. The Audit and Finance Committee will re-assess at their meeting on February 2, 2023.

7. Strategic Plan Update (DISCUSSION)

Elizabeth Goldman

FY2022/23 activities identified in the Plan are:

Segment 1: Executive Director

- Hire an Executive Director (ED)

Segment 2: Transparency •

- Develop SCLC 101 guide to the organization
- Explain budget and revenue sources as part of SCLC 101

Segment 3: Planning •

- Review the SCLC mission and vision
- Conduct an annual membership survey
- Hold an annual planning session

Segment 4: Member library engagement

- Review and expand staff-driven interest groups
- Provide report on interest groups to Administrative Council

An ad hoc committee for the ED is wrapping up its work. The new ED will develop SCLC 101, responding to Segments 1 and 2. Two new ad hoc committees are proposed to respond to Segments 3 and 4. For Segment 3, Planning, the ad hoc committee should consist of AC members. For Segment 4, the ad hoc committee could partly or primarily be made up of SCLC member library staff who participate in interest groups, with an AC member serving as chair and/or liaison to the AC. Both committees would have a term of service of December 2022-June 2023.

8. PressReader and Los Angeles Times (DISCUSSION)

Gary Shaffer

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revenue we provide them, and asking them to please enter into negotiations with PressReader.

3) Conduct any follow up negotiations with the LA Times.

The survey was distributed to and completed by all SCLC members libraries. A letter was drafted by the Council Chair and shared with member libraries for feedback and to provide each of their signatures for the final copy of the letter. Shaffer made appeal for outstanding signatures to be submitted by Directors.

Baker & Taylor has updated SCLC staff that talks are still ongoing between PressReader and the LA Times concerning this issue, but no details were made available.

Other Gary Shaffer "...that is, matters initiated in the present meeting." Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, III, p.21. Limited by Brown Act to discussion only. SCLC is closing the Deposit Accounts, monies held for jurisdictions in a dedicated bank account. Contact Walker for balances and to request dispersal of funds.

SCLC received a federal summons filed by an individual named Arogant Hollywood. Dozens of additional defendants, mostly public agencies, are named on the court filing. The case is expected to be dismissed.

Adjournment Gary Shaffer MSP (Addington/Billings) to adjourn meeting at 1:24pm.



EC Agenda Item 05

DATE: January 25, 2023 TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Gary Shaffer, Administrative Council Chair SUBJECT: SCLC Personnel Update – (DISCUSSION)

BACKGROUND: Last year, both the Executive Director and Controller positions became vacant, requiring SCLC to launch recruitments for both positions. By the end of the calendar year, SCLC was successful in finalizing the candidate for each position. Christine Powers was hired as the Executive Director, starting on January 1, 2023. Andy Beck was hired as the Controller, and started on January 9, 2023.

Special thanks to Kelly Behle (Simi Valley), Hilda LohGuan (Alhambra), Paymaneh Maghsoudi (Whittier), and Jennifer Patterson (Thousand Oaks), for serving on the Recruitment Committee to assist in securing SCLC's Executive Director. Additionally, special thanks to Glynis Fitzgerald, Executive Director of the Black Gold Library Cooperative, and Andrew Yon, Controller of the Pacific Library Partnership, for serving on the Controller hiring interview panel.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is anticipated that the overall expenses for staff salaries in this fiscal year will be lower than what was approved for the FY 22-23 budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational



DATE: January 25, 2023

TO: SCLC Executive Committee

FROM: Andy Beck, Controller

SUBJECT: Budget Status, FY2022/23 – (DISCUSSION)

BACKGROUND: The Budget Status Report for Fiscal Year 2022/23 is attached for your review and reflects the reconciled bank statements through December 31, 2022.

REVENUE: All approved CLSA allocations have been received and current grants awarded are reflected in the Budget Status Report. Membership Dues remain collected at 90%. Rollover CLSA Funds are being expended. The PLSEP 22/23 grant has been approved, but funds have yet to be received.

EXPENSES: Grant expenses have been updated to reflect the cost of the Digital Navigators and the Home Connectivity Kits grants.

FISCAL IMPACT: Salaries and wages are at 35% of the budget due to the vacancies in personnel, with total personnel expenses at 43% of the budget.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational

	December 31, 2022									
REVENUES/EXPENSES		Approved Budget FY 22/23	ı	Prior Year		rrent Year to ate Actuals		Balance	%	Notes
REVENUE										
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CLSA Communications & Delivery	Ś	563,338	\$	568,881	\$	563,338	\$	_	100%	Received
CLSA System Administration			\$	342,926	\$	343,401	- 1	_	100%	Received (SCLC portion \$140,833)
System Supplements to CLSA		-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	_	0%	N/A
Grant Project Revenue		3,364,024	\$	3,395,065	\$	1,253,002	\$	2,111,022	37%	Actual grants awarded
Grant Indirect (All Systems)		286,970	\$	271,409	\$	75,447	\$	211,523	26%	Actual grants awarded
Grant Staffing (All Systems)			\$		\$		ب \$	29,238	69%	Actual grants awarded
		94,078 210,681	\$	90,641	-	64,840 191,235		-		Approved 03/15/2022
SCLC Member Dues SCLC Califa Memberships	- 1	13,590	\$	203,984	\$ \$	11,430	\$	19,446 2,160	91% 84%	
·		•		13,320	- 1		\$	-		Approved 03/15/2022
Investment Income	\$	18,750	\$	18,750	\$	15,844	\$	2,906	85%	_Projected FY22/23
TOTAL REVENUE	¢	4,894,832	\$	4,904,976	\$	2,518,537	\$	2,371,229		
Unrestricted	_	953,880	-	927,710	_		_	263,113		Used toward Personnel/Overhead
		-	\$,	-	690,767		-		
Restricted	>	3,927,362	\$	3,963,946	\$	1,816,340	\$	2,111,022		CLSA and Grant Passthrough Funds
EXPENDITURES										
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Personnel Services										See Unrestricted Revenue - line 16
Salaries & Wages	\$	652,945	\$	589,377	\$	227,525	\$	425,420	35%	SCLC Staff
Retirement Benefits		71,453	\$	68,050	\$	17,886	\$	53,567	25%	CalPERS
Health Insurance - Current Employees	\$	50,280	\$	48,000	\$	14,879	\$	35,401	30%	Health Stipend
Health Insurance - Retirees	\$	80,448	\$	76,800	\$	23,082	\$	57,366	29%	Actuals
Dental/Vision	- 1	6,552	\$	6,552	\$	2,417	\$	4,135	37%	Ameritas
Life Insurance		1,224	\$	1,224	\$	509	\$	715	42%	Dearborn
CalPERS Unfunded Accrued Liability		154,223	\$	133,737	\$	152,775	\$	1,448	99%	CalPERS - Annual Prepayment
Other Personnel Expenses	¢	3,101	\$	3,101	\$	3,364	\$	(263)	108%	Worker's Comp / Payroll taxes
Personnel Service Subtotal	ر	1,020,225	\$	926,841	\$	442,437	\$	577,788	43%	Worker's Compy Fayron taxes
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Operating Expenses										
Office space Lease	Ś	32,000	\$	32,000	\$	12,858	\$	19,142	40%	Lease TBD (unrestricted)
Professional & Contract Services		65,000	\$	65,000	\$	54,045	\$	10,955	83%	Legal, Payroll/HR, Consulting, etc. (Unrestricted)
Telecommunications	Ċ	30,000	\$	30,000	\$	3,374	\$	26,626	11%	IT Support, Software, Internet, Phone, Website (CLSA*) and Communications
	Ċ	•			•	-				Allowance
Delivery		66,500	\$	66,000	\$	38,044	\$	28,456	57%	Reliant (CLSA)
Audit Fees		12,200	\$	12,270	\$	9,760	\$	2,440	80%	Fedak & Brown (CLSA)
Software Licenses		3,479	\$	3,479	\$	3,744	\$	(265)	108%	Keeper, Intuit (paid biennially)
Office Supplies & Printing		8,500		8,500		2,190	\$	6,310	26%	Office Supplies, Printing, etc. (Unrestricted)
eResources		•	\$	137,180		-	\$	445,338	0%	\$368,435 PressReader; \$1,212 Gale Archives; \$75,691 TBD
Memberships	- 1		\$	14,500		13,590		910	94%	Califa, CLA, etc. (Unrestricted)
Travel & Conferences		15,000	\$	10,000		2,588		12,412	17%	Travel for meetings, conference, and audit (Unrestricted)
Postage		800	\$	800		675	\$	125	84%	
Other		350	\$	350	\$	954	\$	(604)	273%	Bank Analysis Fees
Operating Expenses Subtotal	Ş	693,667	Ş	380,079	Ş	141,822	Ş	551,845	20%	
Grant Expenses										Passthrough Funds
Grant Projected Expenses	\$	3,364,024	\$	3,187,565	\$	1,276,196	\$	2,087,828	38%	Projected FY22/23 - Actual grants pending
Grant Expenses Subtotal	\$	3,364,024	\$	3,187,565	\$	1,276,196	\$	2,087,828		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	5,077,916	\$	4,494,485	\$	1,860,455	\$	3,217,461	37%	
Surplus (Deficit)	Þ	(183,084)	Ş	410,491	Þ	658,082	ş	(846,232)		

SCLC FY2022/23 Budget Status December 31, 2022

SCLC ACCOUNT BALANCES

As of December 31, 2022 \$ 2,103,776 As of December 31, 2022 \$ 1,839,072 As of September 30, 2022 \$ 82,304 Pacific Western Bank Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF)

California Employer's Pension Prefunding Trust (CEPPT)

SCLC MEMBER DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

As of December 31, 2022 \$ 131,542

Pacific Western Bank

CARRY OVER CLSA FUNDS

FY2020/21 CLSA Communications & Delivery - Projected (Restricted)

	Estimated	Expended	Balance	Notes
E-Reources	\$ 65,848	\$ -	\$ 65,848	Reallocation from Resource Sharing per CLSB 10/5
Resource Sharing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Digilabs - Approved on 10/5 by CLSB E-Resources
Delivery	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Reliant
Telecommunication	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	TBD
Total Estimated Carry Over	\$ 65,848	\$ -	\$ 65,848	Internet, website, IT support, phone/fax/VOIP/telecomm equipment and software

FY2021/22 CLSA Communications & Delivery - Projected (Restricted)

	Estimated	Expended	Balance	Notes
E-Reources \$	288,419 \$	-	\$ 288,419	To be allocated
Resource Sharing \$	35,000 \$	-	\$ 35,000	Digilabs - to be reallocated?
Audit \$	6,905	6,905	\$ -	To be used toward finalized audit reports
Delivery \$	22,013	22,013	\$ -	To be used toward future delivery expenses
Telecommunication \$	21,742	3,374	\$ 18,368	Internet, website, IT support, phone/fax/VOIP/telecomm equipment and software
Total Estimated Carry Over \$	374,079	32,292	\$ 341,787	



EC Agenda Item 07

DATE: January 25, 2023 TO: Executive Committee

FROM: Wayne Walker – Deputy Director

SUBJECT: PLSEP 22/23 Grant Update – (DISCUSSION)

BACKGROUND: Each year the CA State Library offers the Public Library Staff Education Program (PLSEP) Grant to cooperative systems. The grant offers tuition reimbursement to library staff currently enrolled in classes working towards a library degree. The application period to manage the FY22/23 PLSEP grants ran through December. The Federal grant awards system SAM.gov no longer recognizes the DUNS number assigned to each system and now requires each system to register for a Unique Entity Identification (UEI) number, even if an entity is registering to be a sub awardee through the CA State Library. Only SCLC met the minimum requirements to be validated as an entity with SAM.gov in order to be assigned a UEI. The other 4 systems SCLC manages do not currently have the proper documentation available to verify a physical business address to be validated and assigned a UEI.

SCLC staff worked with the State Library to join all 5 systems applications under SCLC to be managed by SCLC as one larger grant. The CA State Library is looking to make the PLSEP grant program one comprehensive grant combining all systems to be managed by one single fiscal and administrative agent, versus the grant being assigned currently system by system.

FISCAL IMPACT: \$332,248 total grant value, of that \$20,250 for SCLC Staff Time and \$30,750 for Indirect will go to SCLC if the grant is fully expended.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational

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FROM: Gary Shaffer, Administrative Council Chair

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Baker & Taylor has updated SCLC staff that talks are still ongoing between PressReader and the LA Times concerning this issue, but no details were made available.

Subsequent to our last meeting and after nearly all signatures were collected and the letter finalized, the directors of Los Angeles Public Library and Los Angeles County Library, have graciously offered to intercede on behalf of the Administrative Council and make our case to the LA Times. We are hopeful for an update by the time this report is presented.

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FISCAL IMPACT: There is no additional fiscal impact at this time, as the contract has already been approved using grant funds from a previous year.

RECOMMENDATION: Informational



SCLC Meeting Dates 2022/23

Approved 05252022 Updated 10212022

Friday, July 22, 2022 - Special 4:00pm Executive Committee Via Zoom

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

1:00pm Executive Committee 2:15pm Administrative Council Alhambra

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 1:00pm Executive Committee, only Glendale

Wednesday, November 30, 2022

1:00pm Executive Committee 2:15pm Administrative Council Whittier

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 1:00pm Executive Committee, only Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

1:00pm Executive Committee 2:15pm Administrative Council Signal Hill

Wednesday, May 24, 2023

1:00pm Executive Committee 2:15pm Administrative Council Location TBD