

**BOISE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Minutes of the Special Joint Board Meeting
October 23, 2001**

The Boise Public Library Board of Trustees met for a special joint meeting with the Ada Community Library Board of Trustees at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, in Conference Room B of the Ada Community Library.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Boise Public Library Board of Trustees

Ms. Helen Lowder, President; Ms. Carol Bounds, Vice President; Ms. Martie Brennan; Mr. Eric Litster.

Ada Community Library Board of Trustees

Ms. Karen Forrey, Chair; Ms. Pat McGlothin, Vice-Chair; Ms. Kelly Stinson-Mullins, Treasurer; Ms. Mary Ann Hurt; Ms. Julie Oberle.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Boise Public Library

Marilyn Poertner, Library Director; Alec Andrus, Boise City Budget Director; Denise McNeley, Boise City Budget Analyst; Kevin Booe, Assistant Library Director and Technical Services Manager; Toni Hansen, Administrative Assistant; Susannah Price, Youth Services Division Manager; and Julie AutumnCook, Sr. Secretary.

Ada Community Library

Dian Hoffpauir, Library Director; Terri Wear, Assistant Director and Head of Information Services; Cheri Rendler, Head of Circulation Department; Mary DeWalt, Head of Youth Services Department; Martha Beller, Administrative Assistant and Bookkeeper.

Ms. Marj Hooper, Library Consultant, Idaho State Library, and other interested parties were also present.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Forrey called the meeting of the Ada Community Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:05 p.m. She welcomed the Boise Public Library Board and staff, and invited them to introduce themselves. Introductions followed.

II. PRESENTATION

Ms. McGlothin gave the presentation of the ACL Board of Trustees to the BPL Board of Trustees, asking for their support of ACL's request for compensation for serving residents of Boise City, and for monies lost due to annexation.

III. PRESENTATION BY ALEC ANDRUS, BUDGET MANAGER, CITY OF BOISE

Mr. Andrus first noted that the City of Boise wants ACL to continue to succeed. He then gave his presentation, explaining the limitations of the City of Boise's FY02-03 budget, and how recent national events have affected, and will continue to affect it. Mr. Andrus expressed his concern that a budget holdback may be required, depending on the economy. Discussion followed. Ms. Hoffpauir and Ms. Poertner were directed by the respective Boards to work with Mr. Andrus and Ms. McNeley on a compensation amount for Ada Community Library for 2002. Ms. Forrey suggested that a motion be made by both Boards to state the intent of the libraries to work together to serve the patrons and protect against degradation of services. Ms. Stinson Mullens moved and Ms Oberle seconded that the Ada Community Library Board of Directors and the Boise Public Library Board of Directors work in cooperation to serve BPL patrons and ACL patrons, and prevent degradation of services. Four in favor, none opposed. Ms. Lowder called the meeting of the Boise Public Library Board of Trustees to order at 4:48 p.m. Ms. Bounds moved and Ms. Brennan seconded that the Boise Public Library and Ada Community Library work toward cooperation of the two libraries, and that the libraries work together without degradation of service to patrons. Discussion followed. The motion was amended to read that the Boise Public Library and Ada Community Library work toward cooperation of the two libraries, and work together with the goal of preventing degradation of service to patrons. Two in favor, none opposed.

IV. DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN ACL AND BPL

Ms. Marj Hooper of Idaho State Library facilitated a brainstorming session with the desired outcomes of developing a list of preferred or possible options, and forming a working committee to incorporate the options into the long-range plans of both libraries. At the end of the session, Ms. Forrey suggested that a committee be formed of two Trustees from each Board and the Directors of each library, to further discuss the options and make recommendations. The name "Library Futures Committee" was decided upon. Ms. Forrey, Ms. Oberle, Ms. Bounds and Ms. Brennan volunteered to be on the committee with Ms. Hoffpauir and Ms. Poertner.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Boise Public Library Board of Trustees

Ms. Bounds moved and Ms. Brennan seconded to adjourn the Special Joint meeting. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Lowder adjourned the meeting at 6:12 p.m.

Ada Community Library Board of Trustees

There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Forrey adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

APPROVED

Marilyn Poertner
Library Director

Helen Lowder
President, Board of Trustees