

**MCLS Executive Committee Meeting
September 27, 2007
Cerritos Library**

HIGHLIGHTS

Approval of Minutes. The minutes of the June 27, 2007 Executive Committee meeting were approved as distributed.

Financial Update. Rosario Garza reviewed the September 2007 FY08 Forecast, noting that the budget projection for the end of the year is now positive by \$23,000 rather than a deficit budget. MCLS may be receiving an LSTA grant for a project titled Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros which will result in additional revenue not reflected in the forecast. Ms. Garza also mentioned other changes that have been made to help decrease costs, such as a change in conference call service to Simple Toll Free which charges \$.06 per minute and has resulted in savings of over \$100 per conference call. Committee members commended Ms. Garza on the positive budget report.

Ms. Garza then reviewed the MCLS Member Libraries FY06-07 Reserves Allocation showing each library's share of the reserve. The full Excel spreadsheet of historical data from 1974 was not included as it has been in the past but is available from MCLS Headquarters upon request.

Consolidation Meeting Report. Rosario Garza reported that South State directors have approached her regarding consolidation of South State with MCLS. Four systems in northern California are currently discussing consolidation and have formed a task force that has been meeting with consultant Maureen Sullivan. These systems will be forming a new 501c3 that will exist over the existing JPA's for each system. They have been receiving legal advice from attorney John Shupe who specializes in JPA law and also worked with the 49-99 system. Redesign of the CLSA law could affect future funding and is currently not being considered. Ms. Garza distributed a questions document initiated by Greg Mullen which provides some issues to be considered. The Santiago Library System has been contacted regarding consolidation with MCLS and South State and will be discussing it at their next Council meeting. The four northern California systems will have an all day meeting on November 30 to discuss the consolidation; MCLS representatives have been invited to attend. The four systems plan to file for a 501c3 and submit their letter of intent to the State Library in January; they intend to submit their proposal to the State Library and implement the new structure in spring of 2008; the proposal will be presented to the LoC Board for approval in August to become effective July 2009. Current programming, and existing JPAs, dues structures, and Plans of Service will continue for two years while work toward the transition takes place. System staffing and benefits also need to be considered. If MCLS is interested in pursuing consolidation, it was suggested that a task force be formed with representatives from MCLS, South State, and Santiago if they are interested. MCLS will apply for LSTA funding to assist with exploring the options for consolidation.