

**Northern New York Library Network
Board of Trustees Meeting
May 26, 2016
Lake Placid, New York**

The May 26, 2016 meeting of the Northern New York Library Network Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:00 A.M. at the Crowne Plaza Lake Placid, New York.

Trustees Present: Karie Doelger, President; Julie Wever, Vice-President; Mike Beccaria, Secretary; Marianne Hebert, Treasurer; Steve Bolton; Debra Kimok; Tom Lawrence; Sue Longshore; Jackie Madison; Brian O'Connor; Barbara Shaffer; Jane Subramanian and Michelle Young.

Trustees Absent: Peter Benson.

Staff Present: John Hammond and Phil Jones.

Agenda

Motion 15/16--23: Michelle Young (Marianne Hebert) moved to approve the agenda as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Minutes

Motion 15/16--24: Jane Subramanian (Debra Kimok) moved to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 meeting as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

Financial Statements

The Board reviewed and discussed the financial statements for April 2016. Staff responded to a number of general questions posed by Board members regarding the monthly statements.

Motion 15/16--25: Michelle Young (Brian O'Connor) moved to accept the financial statements for April 2016 as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Northern New York Resources Corporation

The Board reviewed and discussed the April 14, 2016 NNYRC Board of Directors meeting minutes. Steve Bolton noted changes recommended by the portfolio manager involved selling under-performing funds, replenishing cash after the NNYLN contribution, and shifting the ratio to 60% mutual fund stocks/40% mutual fund bonds.

Nominating Committee

On June 30, 2016 the term for Marianne Hebert expires and Barbara Shaffer has announced she will be retiring. In April, the Nominating Committee prepared a ballot that was mailed to the Network's membership. Michelle Currier, SUNY Canton and Mike Paxton, SUNY Oswego were elected to five-year terms on the Board of Trustees.

Motion 15/16--26: Nominating Committee Chair Jane Subramanian (Barbara Shaffer) moved to approve the 2016-2017 Network slate of officers: President, Karie Doelger; Vice-President, Julie Wever; Secretary, Mike Beccaria and Treasurer, Sue Longshore. Carried unanimously.

The Committee called for volunteers to serve on the Northern New York Resources Corporation Board of Directors. Mike Beccaria, Steve Bolton, Tom Lawrence, Sue Longshore and Julie Wever indicated they would be willing to serve on the board.

Motion 15/16--27: Nominating Committee Chair Subramanian (Marianne Hebert) moved to approve the 2016-2017 Northern New York Resource Corporation Board of Directors: Mike Beccaria, Steve Bolton, Tom Lawrence, Sue Longshore and Julie Wever. Carried unanimously.

John Hammond thanked out-going Board members for their hard work and dedication.

Executive Directors Report

The New York Library Association is seeking contributions to the NYLA Legal Defense Fund to assist the DeWitt Community Library in their legal struggle to maintain a tax levy on the local school district budget ballot. The DeWitt Library generates revenue through a tax levy as granted under the provisions of Education Law 259. In 2012, a community member brought suit contesting the statutory authority granted to DeWitt Community Library. Despite previous determinations by the State Comptroller, NYS Commissioner of Education, and the NYS Supreme Court that Section 259 does indeed confer this right, the petitioner has continued to challenge the statute. The petitioner has recently raised novel issues of Constitutional Law, and that part of the suit is now before the NYS Supreme Court. If the court finds in favor of the petitioner on the constitutional issues, it would

invalidate a crucial funding mechanism for dozens of free association libraries across the state.

Motion 15/16 --28: Michelle Young (Jane Subramanian) moved to contribute \$2,000 to the NYLA Legal Defense Fund for the benefit of the DeWitt Community Library's legal struggle to uphold provisions of Education Law 259. Carried unanimously.

The 2016 New York Archives Conference (NYAC) will be held at SUNY Plattsburgh June 8-10, 2016. The winner of the Researching the Empire State Writing Competition, Kelli Huggins Coordinator Chemung County Historical Society Elmira, will be a special guest presenter at NYAC.

The ACRL Assessment Immersion Program is being held at SUNY Plattsburgh August 1-3, 2016. There are still 10 seats available. Program costs are heavily discounted this year.

There will be an Academic Librarians' Conference July 14-15, 2016 at Syracuse University.

Through NNYLN's Training-On-Demand Grant Clinton Essex Franklin Library System received \$1,000 to host a NYLA Library Assistants/Small Library Directors Training Program scheduled for Fall 2016.

The Library Trustees Association 2016 LTA Trustee Institute was held May 6-7, 2016 at City Hall Plattsburgh NY.

Next Meeting

June 21, 2016 Tuesday 10:00 A.M. – Conference Call (call-in instructions will be included in the board packet)

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:40 A.M.

The May 26, 2016 meeting minutes were approved at the June 21, 2016 meeting.

∞ **Next Board Meeting** ∞
June 21, 2016, Tuesday, 10:00 A.M.
Conference Call