

Central Library Advisory Council (CLAC)
Upper Hudson Library System (UHLS)
May 17, 2005

Present: Paul Hicok, Jeff Cannell, Deborah Canzano, Jane Minotti, Lenny Zapala,
Barbara Nichols Randall, Pat Sahr, Jo-Ann Benedetti, Phil Ritter (notes)

Chair P. Hicok called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. in the Meeting Room at UHLS.

It was reported that this meeting was necessary because of a recently discovered problem with access to the Albany Times Union (TU). During April 2005 a patron at one of our libraries received access to the TU and downloaded over \$1,000 worth of obituaries and articles, effectively using up the entire annual budget of \$1,500 that we had set aside for this purpose. This kind of usage is an aberration and has never occurred during our contract with the TU. When this occurred, access to the TU was immediately terminated and all passwords were changed. The issue that needs to be resolved today is how we provide for access to the TU for the remainder of 2005.

After some discussion, J. Cannell moved and P. Sahr seconded that an additional \$1,500 be added to the budget to pay for access to the TU for the remainder of 2005 and that we discuss and reconsider our subscription to the TU at our Fall meeting. This motion received unanimous approval.

J. Benedetti will send out the new passwords to the contact people at each member library and will include some instructions on how to restrict access and to avoid such inappropriate access to the TU database.

The next meeting of CLAC will be scheduled at a later date to be during September 2005 at APLM.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.