



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Board of Trustees

June 10, 2015 - Special Meeting and Annual Meeting at The Century House, Latham, NY

PRESENT: Antonio Booth, Phil Erlich, Ron Ginsburg, LouAnne Lundgren, MaryAlice Molgard, Mary Muller, Marie Stasiak, Judith Wines

EXCUSED: Alison Calacone, Janet Ivory, Tara Ricard

Trustee Emeritus: Charles Diamond

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke, Heidi Fuge

5:30 PM – Special Meeting called to order by P. Erlich, President.

I. BYLAWS

An official first reading of the proposed changes to the UHLS By-laws regarding trustee eligibility took place. The revision deals with Section II, membership, and that Section is proposed to now read:

UHLS is governed by a Board of Trustees, hereinafter called "the Board," consisting of 14 members (hereinafter called the "full Board") as follows: 5 members, one from each library chartered to serve 24,000 or more; 4 members, two from each county, from libraries chartered to serve 7,000 to 23,999; 4 members, two from each county, from libraries chartered to serve 6,999 or less; one member from the UHLS Directors Association. Representatives will be solicited from each of the above groups by the Nominating Committee.

To be eligible for service on the Board, an individual must maintain, throughout the term of service, residence in the service area of the library they are to represent (for library designated seats), or in the service areas of any of the libraries they are to represent (for representative seats). A member library may only have one individual from their service area serving on the board at any time, with the exception of the Directors Association representative.

When considering candidates for service on the Board, member libraries are encouraged to nominate individuals who are library users and have some familiarity with the work of libraries and/or library boards.

If a trustee serving on the Board does not maintain residency as described above, or if they resign from the Board, the UHLS Board President will request that the member library board (for library designated seats) or the boards of the represented libraries (for representative seats) recommend a replacement. If a Library Director serving on the Board resigns from a member library and/or the Board, the UHLS Board President will ask the Directors Association to recommend a replacement.

Exceptions to the rules for library representation may be made by a two-thirds vote of the full Board.

Consensus that this will be proposed for approval at the next Board meeting.

II. ANNUAL MEETING

Special guests at the Annual Meeting: Assemblyman Phil Steck: Jeffrey Cannell, Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education; Charles Diamond, UHLS Trustee Emeritus; Kathleen Swinegar and Elizabeth Santangelo from the NBT Bank.

Nominating Committee - Report by L. Lundgren, Chair

The Committee presented the following slate for the UHLS Board of Trustees:

- Philip Erlich: representing medium Rensselaer County libraries
For his second five-year term ending 2020.
- Tara Ricard: representing medium Albany County libraries
For her first five-year term ending 2020.
- Representative from Bethlehem Public Library (TBD)
For a five-year term expiring in 2020.
- Representative from Guilderland Public Library (TBD)
To complete a term expiring in 2016.
- Representative from WK Sanford Town Library (TBD)
For a five-year term expiring in 2020.

MOTION:

The motion was made and seconded to accept the slate as presented. Unanimous.

Administration Committee - Report by A. Booth, Chair. He presented the Trustee of the Year Award to Marion Burghart of the Berne Public Library.

Services Committee - Report by L. Lundgren, Chair. She presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Donna Gwin of the Berne Public Library. She also presented the Youth Program of the Year Award to the Brunswick Community Library for their T/Ween Club and the Adult Program of the Year Award to the Albany Public Library for their Albany History Race.

Following the presentation of the above Awards, T. Burke presented a Resolution sent by Senator Neil Breslin honoring the Albany Public Library for their Program of the Year Award.

Closing Remarks: T. Burke thanked trustees and staff for attending the dinner and meeting and for their interest and concern for public libraries.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

Heidi A. Fuge
6/11/15