



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Board of Trustees

June 8, 2016 - Annual Meeting at The Hilton Garden Inn, Troy, NY

PRESENT: Antonio Booth, Phil Erlich, Sarah Goff, Herb Hennings, LouAnne Lundgren, MaryAlice Molgard, Mary Muller, Lisa Scoons, Marie Stasiak, Arlene Way, Judith Wines

EXCUSED: Ron Ginsburg, Janet Ivory,

ABSENT: Tara Ricard

Trustee Emeriti: Charles Diamond, Jim Reilly

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke, Deanna DiCarlo, Mary Fellows, Heidi Fuge, Anne Pitlyk, Joe Sherry, Joe Thornton

55th ANNUAL MEETING

I. P. Erlich acknowledged the special guests at the Annual Meeting: Charles Diamond and Jim Reilly, UHLS Trustee Emeriti; and Kathleen Swinegar and Elizabeth Santangelo from the NBT Bank. He also acknowledged all of the UHLS Trustees. He then read the list of those Trustees in the member libraries who earned Lifetime Service Recognition after having served at least two full terms on a member library board and who have retired or will be retiring in 2016.

II. Nominating Committee - Report by P. Erlich in the absence of J. Ivory
The Committee presented the following slate for the UHLS Board of Trustees:

- Sarah Goff: representing the Wm. K. Sanford Town Library (Colonie)
For her first five-year term ending in 2021.
- Herb Hennings: representing the Guilderland Public Library
For his first five-year term ending 2021.
- Susan Keitel: representing small Albany County libraries
For a five-year term expiring in 2021.
- Arlene Way: representing the Albany Public Library
To fill a vacancy for a term ending 2017

MOTION:

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

III. Administration Committee - Report by A. Booth, Chair.

He presented the **Trustee of the Year** Awards to Ralph Marino of the Valley Falls Library and David Wheatley of the Watervliet Library.

He then presented the **Volunteer of the Year** Awards to Nancy Bush of the Sand Lake Library and Holly McKenna of the Albany Public Library.

Each of the Award recipients gave a brief statement regarding their work in their local public library and were roundly applauded.

IV. Services Committee - Report by L. Lundgren, Chair.

She presented the **Youth Program of the Year** Award to the Wm. K. Sanford Town Library (Colonie) for their *CyberKids* Program and the **Adult Program of the Year** Award to the Guilderland Public Library for their *Hops to Home* Program.

Recipients gave brief explanations on the background and successes of their award-winning programs.

V. Resolutions

P. Erlich presented the following Resolution honoring M. Molgard for her years of service on the UHLS Board:

Whereas, *Mary Alice Molgard diligently and faithfully fulfilled her responsibilities as a Trustee of the Upper Hudson Library System from 2002 to 2016 and,*

Whereas, *she served in an exemplary manner as UHLS Treasurer, Chair of the Finance Committee, and a representative of small-size Albany County libraries;*

Therefore Be It Resolved, *that the Trustees and members of the Upper Hudson Library System express their appreciation to Mary Alice Molgard for her service and commitment on behalf of the System and the public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties and extend to her the rights and privileges of a Trustee Emerita.*

T. Burke presented a certificate from Assemblymember Santabarbara recognizing M. Molgard for her contribution to UHLS and public libraries.

VI. Conclusions

T. Burke acknowledged all of the UHLS staff and noted that he enjoys working with a talented and dedicated group. He then asked all of the dinner attendees "Why are public libraries important in our communities?" and asked each table to write down several answers and share them with the group. A spirited exchange followed.

P. Erlich then concluded the evening by noting that T. Burke was an exceptional UHLS Director and one with whom it was very easy for the Board to work.

9:08 PM Meeting adjourned.

Heidi A. Fuge
6/9/16