



OFFICERS:
President: Tara Ricard
Vice-President: Antonio Booth
Treasurer: Philip Erlich
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Board of Trustees

June 14, 2017 - Annual Meeting at the Albany Country Club

PRESENT: Antonio Booth; Evelyn Greenstein; Sarah Goff; Herb Hennings; Susan Keitel; LouAnne Lundgren; Tara Ricard; Lisa Scoons; Judith Wines; Fred Wobrock, Jr.

Excused: Phil Erlich; Janet Ivory; Yvette Terplak; Arlene Way

EMERITI: Charlie Diamond, MaryAlice Molgard, Mary Muller, James Reilly

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke, Deanna DiCarlo, Rob Carle, Rawdon Cheng, Mary Fellows, Heidi Fuge, Joe Sherry, Joe Thornton

56th Annual Meeting

I. President Tara Ricard welcomed everyone to the Annual Celebration. She acknowledged the attendance of several local and State legislators: Kerry Dineen, Altamont Mayor; Ingrid Gundrum, Supervisor from the Town of Grafton; Vasilios Lefkaditis, Supervisor from the Town of Knox; and retired State Senator Hugh Farley. Other special guests included Kathleen Swinegar and Elizabeth DiMidio (NBT Bank), Jeremy Johannesen (NYLA) and 4 trustees emeriti: Charlie Diamond; MaryAlice Molgard; Mary Muller and James Reilly.

II. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE** - Report by T. Burke in the absence of J. Ivory.

The Committee presented the following slate:

- Jill Dugas Hughes - representing the Directors Association (for her first five-year term ending 2022)

MOTION: The Nominating Committee presented the above slate. Carol Clingan seconded. Unanimous.

T. Burke noted that the other open positions on the Board do not yet have candidates.

- Representative from a medium Rensselaer County Library (To complete a 5-year term ending 2020)
- Representative from a small Rensselaer County Library (For a first 5-year term ending 2022)
- Representative from the Albany Public Library (For a first 5-year term ending 2022)

III. LIFETIME SERVICE RECOGNITION

T. Ricard acknowledged the following member library trustees who have served two or more full terms in their respective libraries and who retired in 2016 or will be retiring in 2017:

Nancy Burstein (Petersburgh)	Marilou Pudiak-Town (Schaghticoke)
Pat Carlson (Brunswick)	Amy Shawver (Petersburgh)
Philip Erlich (Rensselaer)	Marie Stasiak (Brunswick)
Kathy Jones (Poestenkill)	Yvette Terplak (Altamont)

IV. AWARDS PRESENTATION

L. Lundgren, Chair of the Services Committee, read the list of Program nominees in each category and then presented the following Awards and the recipients each gave a brief statement:

Adult Program of the Year: Muslim Journey - Troy Public Library

Youth Program of the Year: Beat Bots - Albany Public Library

Resolutions from Senator George Amedore were presented to each of the Award winners and each was roundly applauded.

A. Booth, Chair of the Administration Committee, read the list of Volunteer nominees and then presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Alan Dai from the WK Sanford Town Library. Resolutions from both Assemblymember Phil Steck and Senator George Amedore were presented to Alan Dai and he received a hearty round of applause.

T. Ricard stepped to the podium to present the Trustee of the Year Award to Antonio Booth from the RCS Community Library. A Resolution from both Assemblymember Pete Lopez and Senator George Amedore was presented to Antonio Booth and he received a hearty round of applause.

A. Booth returned to the podium to present the William Meredith Library Advocate Award to retired State Senator Hugh Farley. Senator Farley received a standing ovation.

V. RESOLUTIONS

T. Ricard presented the following Resolutions honoring Philip Erlich and LouAnne Lundgren:

Whereas, Philip Erlich diligently and faithfully fulfilled his responsibilities as a Trustee of the Upper Hudson Library System from 1988 to 2004 and then again from 2010 to 2017;

And Whereas, during all of those years, he served in an exemplary manner as UHLS Board President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Chair of the Administration Committee, Chair of the Finance Committee, Chair of various sub-Committee and successfully guided UHLS through many projects and changes;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Trustees and members of the Upper Hudson Library System express their appreciation to Philip Erlich for his long and invaluable service, leadership and commitment on behalf of the System and the public libraries in Albany and Rensselaer Counties and reaffirm his rights and privileges as a Trustee Emeritus.

Whereas, LouAnne Lundgren diligently and faithfully fulfilled her responsibilities as a Trustee of the Upper Hudson Library System from 2003 to 2017 and,

Whereas, she served in an exemplary manner as UHLS Board President, Vice-President, Secretary, Chair of the Services Committee, and a representative of small-size Rensselaer County libraries;

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

VI. CONCLUSION

T. Burke closed the Celebration by acknowledging the UHLS staff and noting that he enjoys working with a dedicated and talent staff. He then asked all of those who knew that UHLS moved over 2.5 million items through the courier in 2016 to raise their hands. He was using this to demonstrate the value and importance of word of mouth, since prior to the meeting he mentioned this fact to one person and asked that person to tell three people, etc. The exponential increase was a good example of the way in which Trustees could circulate valuable information about their libraries in their own communities.

Heidi A. Fuge
6/19/17