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Board of Trustees

June 12, 2019 - Annual Meeting at the Holiday Inn Express in Latham, NY

PRESENT: Antonio Booth; Matthew Finn; Sarah Goff; Evelyn Greenstein; Jill Dugas Hughes; Herb Hennings; Janet Ivory; Susan Keitel; Jackie Marino; Michael Poost; Tara Ricard; Lisa Scoons; Yvette Terplak; Fred Wobrock, Jr.

EMERITI: LouAnne Lundgren; Mary Alice Molgard

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Rawdon Cheng; Amy DuBrey; Jona Favreau; Mary Fellows; Natalie Hurteau; Anne Pitlyk; Joe Sherry; Joe Thornton

## **58<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President T. Ricard welcomed everyone to the Annual Celebration. She acknowledged the attendance of the event's sponsor: Kathleen Swinegar and Alexandra Rhodes of NBT Bank. Other special guests include Jeremy Johannesen (NYLA), NYS Assembly Member Phil Steck and trustee emeriti LouAnne Lundgren and Mary Alice Molgard.

### **II. NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Report by E. Greenstein**

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

- Yvette Terplak – representing Small Libraries in Albany County  
(For a full 5 year term ending in 2024)
- Scott Wyner – representing Small Libraries in Rensselaer County  
(For a full 5 year term ending in 2024)
- Jacqueline Marino – representing Small Libraries in Rensselaer County  
(For a full 5 year term ending in 2023\*)

\*Jackie was appointed to a vacant position by the UHLS Board of Trustees since the 2018 annual meeting. This is the formal vote on her full 5 year term that started last year.

**MOTION:** The Nominating Committee presented the above slate. M. Poost seconded. Unanimous.

### **III. TRUSTEE 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 2018 or will be retiring in 2019:

Andrew Bechard (Albany Public Library)  
Bob Haggerty (Altamont Free Library)  
Michelle Stevens (Altamont Free Library)  
Joyce Becker (Bethlehem Public Library)

Ann Clemente (Brunswick Community Library)  
Tom Mahoney (Brunswick Community Library)  
Carrie Painter (Brunswick Community Library)  
Fred Wobrock, Jr. (Brunswick Community Library)  
Colleen Doyle (Cheney Library)  
Sue Hyde (Cheney Library)  
Priscilla McCaughin (Cheney Library)  
Samuel Whaley (Nassau Free Library)  
Joseph Boehlke (RCS Community Library)  
Antonio Booth (RCS Community Library)

#### **IV. BELLS LIBRARY RECOGNITION**

M. Fellows acknowledged the member libraries that had completed the board and staff training for BELLS: Benchmarking Early Literacy Library Success. Each library represented was invited to the front of the room for a round of applause and given a certificate of achievement.

#### **V. AWARDS PRESENTATION**

S. Goff, 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 statement:

Youth & Family Program of the Year:       Let's Make a Song! – Arvilla E. Diver Memorial  
Library  
Adult Program of the Year:               Adults with Special Needs Programs Series –  
Brunswick Community Library

A. Booth, Chair of the Administration Committee, read the list of Volunteer nominees and then presented the Volunteer of the Year Award to Margaret Pine from the Cheney Library.

A. Booth read the list of Trustee nominees and then presented the Trustee of the Year Award to Christopher Aldrich from the Guilderland Public Library.

A. Booth also presented the William Meredith Library Advocate Award to Jeremy Johannessen.

#### **VI. CONCLUSION**

T. Burke closed the Celebration by acknowledging the UHLS staff and noting that he enjoys working with a dedicated and talented group of people. He highlighted the UHLS Library Expedition program from 2018 as an outstanding example of community building for UHLS and all of its member libraries. He then presented M. Fellows a framed copy of the library icon poster as a thank you for spearheading such a successful program. The posters were also gifted to each attendee as they exited the event.

Jona Favreau  
6/27/19