



OFFICERS:
President: Tara Ricard
Vice-President: Antonio Booth
Treasurer: Fred Wobrock, Jr.
Secretary: Sarah Goff

**Board of Trustees
July 10, 2019**

PRESENT: Antonio Booth; Matthew Finn; Evelyn Greenstein; Herb Hennings; Susan Keitel; Jackie Marino; Michael Poost; Tara Ricard; Lisa Scoons; Yvette Terplak; Scott Wyner; Fred Wobrock, Jr.

Excused: Jill Dugas Hughes; Sarah Goff

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau

4:39 PM – Meeting called to order by T. Ricard, President.

I. MINUTES

MOTION: M. Poost moved to approve the May and June 2019 Minutes. A. Booth seconded. Unanimous.

II. OATH OF OFFICE

T. Ricard administered the Oath of Office to Yvette Terplak (beginning her second five year term) and Scott Wyner (beginning his first five year term). J. Favreau will file the oath of office paperwork with each trustee's county of residence.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (full report attached)

T. Burke highlighted the following in his written report:

- Welcome, Scott Wyner! And thank you for stepping up to fill this position on the UHLS Board.
- Construction Aid update: The \$20 million was restored in the construction aid budget, bringing the total to \$34 million statewide. The Services Committee we'll be meeting in August to review applications.
- Advocacy: Legislative Grants-in-Aid (aka Bullet Aid): Senator Neil Breslin is the only Senate Democrat in the UHLS service area and he identified four of the library locations in his district for awards of \$6,000 each (APL – Arbor Hill, RENS, TROY and WTVT).
- UHLS Staff Shout Out and Thanks: M. Fellows was the Chair of the ALA Caldecott Medal Committee, which has the daunting task of selecting some of the most distinguished children's books of the year in several categories. He's attached a letter from the ALA Association for Library Service to Children thanking UHLS for Mary's time. T. Burke passed around a copy of the event's program (the publishers spent a lot of money!)

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Committee members reviewed the May Treasurer's Report. F. Wobrock Jr. noted that the balance is now just under \$500k, but spot on to where we were this time last year subtracting out the bullet aid payments that were distributed in January. Committee members reviewed the June Treasurer's Report. F. Wobrock Jr. noted that expenses are up slightly more than they were this time last year and we've started to dip into our reserves, despite receiving over \$100k in income over the last month.

The Committee members reviewed the May Purchase Journal which had been sent out to all trustees in advance of the meeting. F. Wobrock Jr. noted that the system paid for the first batch of MyCards for the member libraries and had three paydays. The Committee members also reviewed the June Purchase Journal which had been sent out to all trustees in advance of the meeting. F. Wobrock Jr. shared that the system purchased a new disk cleaner, paid for the annual celebration including the posters and annual reports, distributed \$34k to APL for ERO funds and that June was a 2 payday month.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the May and June Treasurer's Reports and Purchase Journals. A. Booth seconded. Unanimous.

Services Committee: Report by S. Goff:

Both houses passed legislation creating the option for a 90/10 match in the construction aid program for libraries serving "an economically distressed community" (eligibility for 90% of the total project cost to be covered by construction aid with only 10% from the library). This is not officially in place because the Governor hasn't signed the legislation. The Committee will review and define criteria when the law is officially in place.

Administration Committee: no meeting

Nominating Committee: Report by E. Greenstein, Chair:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following slate of Board Officers:

A. Booth – President
S. Keitel – Vice President
F. Wobrock Jr. – Treasurer
S. Goff – Secretary

MOTION: Y. Terplak moved to accept the slate of Board Officers as recommended by the Nominating Committee. L. Scoons seconded. Unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Booth shared that there's a vacancy on two of the Board committees. T. Burke will put out an open call to all trustees, if anyone has any interest in switching, please let us know. A. Booth will make appointments at the September meeting.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORTS

S. Keitel (WSTR): With some of the latest storms, we think the library was hit by lightning. Rawdon has spent some time at the library trying to fix the wifi connection.

The library expedition party is happening Tuesday, September 10 at the Crossings in Colonie from 4-7PM.

The Board agreed that an August Board meeting was not needed, however the Services Committee will meet to discuss construction aid applications.

MOTION: J. Dugas Hughes moved to adjourn. T. Ricard seconded.
Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:39 PM.

09/05/19 J. Favreau