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June 12, 2024 – Annual Celebration held at the Albany Country Club

PRESENT: Evelyn Greenstein; Yvette Terplak; Lisa Scoons; Susan Keitel; Marcy Savage; Fred Wobrock; Jackie Marino; Joe Burke; Scott Wyner; Arlene Way; Camille Engel; Debbie Carr; Lisa Scoons

Absent: Tara Ricard

UHLS Staff: Tim Burke; Jona Favreau; Joe Thornton; Judith Wines; Mary Fellows; Amy Jeansonne; Alexandra Ostwald; Anne Myers; Rob Carle

63rd Annual Meeting

I. CALL TO ORDER

T. Burke welcomed everyone to the Annual Celebration. S. Keitel called the meeting to order at 6:42pm and began by acknowledging and thanking all of the UHLS Trustees for their dedicated service to the UHLS Board and to the member libraries.

II. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Report by C. Engel, Nominations Chair. The Committee presented the following slate for the UHLS Board of Trustees:

- Y. Terplak from the Altamont Free Library, Representing Small Libraries in Albany County (For a full 5-year term ending in 2029)
- Scott Wyner from the Stephentown Memorial Library, Representing Small Libraries in Rensselaer County (For a full 5-year term ending in 2029)

D. Carr moves approval of the slate. J. Burke seconded. Carries unanimously.

S. Keitel read a list of trustee names who have served two or more full terms on a member library board and who have retired, or will be retiring in 2024. The group gave a round of applause for their dedicated service to their library.

III. ANNUAL AWARDS PRESENTATION

Y. Terplak, Chair of the Services Committee, read the list of Program of the Year nominees in each category (Adult and Youth & Family) and then presented the following awards with staff from the awarded libraries providing a brief presentation about the program:

Adult Program of the Year:	Practicing Conversational English – WK Sanford Town Library
Youth & Family Programs of the Year:	Period Party! – Albany Public Library

M. Savage read the list of Volunteer of the Year nominees and announced that the committee was presenting two volunteer awards this year. She then presented the first award to Tom Madison of Cheney Library. He unfortunately could not attend that evening. The second award was presented to Ann Marie Price from the East Greenbush Community Library. She was unable to attend the event but Susan Bell of the EGRN staff graciously accepted for her.

M. Savage presented the Trustee of the Year Award to the entire board from the Bethlehem Public Library. The board members accepted the award and Board President Mark Kissinger shared a remark.

IV. A DIRECTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Nick Matulis, Director of the Arvilla E. Diver Memorial Library shared a personal story and wanted take a moment to acknowledge all of the hard and wonderful work we all do each and every day to make libraries the place where a person can use their real name.

V. CLOSING REMARKS

S. Keitel took the time to acknowledge T. Burke for all of the hard work he and his staff do throughout the year to keep our member libraries running smoothly – and to highlight his choice of socks!

T. Burke closed the Celebration by acknowledging the UHLS staff and noting that he enjoys working with a dedicated, fun, funny and talented group of people. He thanked all attendees for coming to the annual celebration; was wonderful to be back in a familiar location on a beautiful evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.

06/26/23 J. Favreau