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**Board of Trustees  
October 8, 2025**

PRESENT: Carolyn Fagan; Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Marcy Savage; Joe Burke; Corie Dugas; Debbie Carr; Camille Engel; Jackie Marino; Georgia Gray; S. Macinski; M. Kissinger  
Excused: Yvette Terplak; Scott Wyner  
UHLS Staff: J. Favreau; C. Sagaas

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

M. Savage called the meeting to order at 4:31PM.

**II. OATH OF OFFICE**

M. Kissinger took the Oath of Office. J. Favreau will file with the Albany County Clerk.

**III. MINUTES**

**MOTION:** C. Engel moved to approve the September 10, 2025 minutes. C. Dugas seconded. Unanimously passed.

**IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- VEGA, the new catalog interface, is in progress and will roll out soon.
- Be on the lookout for NYLA actions via email.
- J. Burke asked for C. Sagaas to touch on the Baker & Taylor news: B& T will be no longer as of January. It is extremely disruptive and with vendors like Brodart expecting \$150K in minimum orders, that is simply out of reach for the majority of our member libraries. He has requested meetings with Amazon and Barnes and Noble and will share with directors as soon as he can.
- He will be testifying on Tuesday regarding libraries and technology
- S. Macinski asked if UHLS can offer more of the on-demand trainings to everyone – yes!

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that the Treasurer's Report reflects the Central Library Aid being received, but really no other changes.

Looking at the Purchase Journal, it was a light month of spending. UHLS purchased more bins for delivery (\$1,181), paid the commission to the broker for filling the Up-Stitch space (\$3,304), and almost \$150k sent to APL for Central Library Aid. J. Marino asked how ChatGPT was

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being used. J. Favreau shared that J. Thornton used it to code the new share library calendar on our website – shaved weeks off of the project. D. Carr asked about the solar payments. We do not own the panels on the roof. Light Energy Fund estimates how much energy they'll generate in a year, and that's what we pay monthly. If the panels generate more than expected, it's rolled in a "pool" for the months when we generate less.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee moved to adopt the September 2025 Treasurer's Report and Purchase Journal. D. Carr seconded. Unanimous.

The proposed 2026 budget was shared with the Finance Committee. If they don't have any questions or changes, C. Sagaas will share it with the full board, with the hopes of it being voted on at the November meeting.

Services Committee

C. Dugas shared that the committee reviewed the proposed 2026 central library aid budget. The Central Library Advisory Council has already seen and approved the budget. If approved tonight, it'll be presented to APL.

**MOTION:** The Services Committee moved to approve the presented 2026 central library aid budget. C. Engel seconded. Passed unanimously.

One library had to back out of their presented construction aid project, which resulted in those funds needing to be divided up among the other applications. This maximized awards for all.

**MOTION:** The Services Committee moved to approve the updated spreadsheet of award allocations for the 2026 Construction Aid grants. C. Dugas asked why the library had backed out – they didn't have enough funding on hand. Passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee

With S. Keitel's departure from the board, she made a glowing recommendation for Laura Tenney – C. Engel read that email to the group.

**MOTION:** The Nominating Committee moved to recommend Laura Tenney to the UHLS Board, representing the small Albany County libraries, filling S. Keitel's remaining term. J. Marino seconded. Passed.

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Included in the board packet was a proposed resolution acknowledging S. Keitel and making her trustee emeritus.

**MOTION:** C. Dugas moved to make S. Keitel trustee emeritus. C. Engel seconded. J. Marino noted that the UHLS library community should be in lowercase. Passed unanimously.

**VIII. TRUSTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

C. Engel (EGRN): The Friends of the Library are hosting a “Night at the Library” fundraiser on October 18 from 6-9PM. \$40 admission with a silent auction online and raffle items.

S. Macinski (APL): APL hosted a Banned Book Read Out last night and it was very well attended.

J. Burke (ALTM): If your schedule allows, please join us up in Saratoga for NYLA this year! Most of the trustee programming is being held on Thursday.

M. Savage (COLN): In yesterday’s TU, there was a piece titled, “*Instead of librarians, schools staff libraries with teachers, aides – or close them.*”

**MOTION:** D. Carr moved to adjourn. C. Dugas seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20PM.  
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