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**Board of Trustees
February 11, 2026**

PRESENT: Fred Wobrock, Jr.; Joe Burke; Camille Engel; Georgia Gray; Mark Kissinger; Yvette Terplak; Scott Wyner; Laura Tenney; Marcy Savage; Corie Dugas; Sara Macinski; Marie Gavazzi

Excused: Debbie Carr; Jackie Marino

UHLS Staff: J. Favreau; C. Sagaas

I. CALL TO ORDER

S. Wyner called the meeting to order at 4:30PM.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: M. Kissinger moved to approve the January 14, 2026 minutes. Y. Terplak seconded. Unanimously passed.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Library Advocacy Day felt like a success! We feel confident that we won't get less than what was approved last year.
- Special Legislative Grant funds were received last week from S. Bendett's office.
- DLD Annual Reports: we have a new vendor this year and they are still building the platform. The new deadline will be April 1 and we've been reassured that there will be no delay in funding this year. J. Burke asked if the previous year's data will be available in the report – unknown.
- UHLS hosted an event last month in coordination with state library in regards to ADA web compliance. We want to be a resource to our member libraries and will push information out to our directors soon. Compliance date is quickly approaching: April 24, 2026.
- We're proud to now offer ComicsPlus! In coordination with the League of Women Voters, we're kicking off March Manga Madness, where participants will learn about ranked voting.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted when looking at the Treasurer's Report, we're spot on to where we were last

year. Forty-thousand in special legislative grant funds were received this month instead of 2025, but they were also disbursed to the member libraries this month as well. UHLAN fees were collected on the income side. We have more than enough in the reserves to get us through the summer when we receive this year's monies. He also noted that the organization has \$504k in restricted funds that we can use upon approval if needed.

Reviewing the Purchase Journal, it was a pretty routine month. The second payment for the snow contract was made, the new ComicsPlus subscription was paid for, 4th quarter 2025 eCommerce payments were distributed to the member libraries, and the HVAC contract was paid for the year.

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the January 2026 Treasurer's Report and Purchase Journal. Y. Terplak seconded. Unanimous.

V. OLD BUSINESS

ED Evaluation Process: following this meeting, J. Favreau will email the UHLS Managers and selected member library Directors to notify them of an email coming from S. Wyner with the opportunity to review C. Sagaas. He will email out the evaluations by the end of the week.

S. Wyner is thinking of establishing a subcommittee to create the process in which the board reviews itself. If you're interested, please email him.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

S. Wyner will be sending out a short questionnaire to UHLS board trustees to know what your skillsets are so that if we have to reshuffle our committee assignments, we know who to tap into. S. Macinski asked if the committee meeting times are set in stone – no.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- S. Macinski (APL): Tonight is Library Date Night at Pine Hills and she's very excited; she had a lot of fun last year!
- J. Burke (ALTM): Had a fun meeting with the Dept. of Conservation re: composting. The Greenwich Free Library has a fantastic composting program, partnering with a local worm farm and he'd like to somehow replicate that within our system.
- M. Gavazzi (TROY): Later this month they'll be announcing the \$2mil grant received from Paul Tonko to finish their HVAC project!
- G. Gray (VOOR): Working on a partnership policy and discussing out of district library cards. She'd like to connect with C. Engel and D. Carr.
- M. Savage (COLN): Their 50th Anniversary Gala is being held on April 17th - they're hoping more than 100 people will come. They're reaching out to local restaurants to have tastings. Phil Steck will be there per C. Sagaas.
- S. Macinski (APL): Capital Spirits offers a discount to APL cardholders. This was NOT something the library has endorsed but the owner is now a HUGE fan!

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APL has announced they have a new partnership with UAlbany for interlibrary loaning.

M Kissinger (BETH):

Is there an opportunity re: the St. Rose Library? C. Sagaas has reported that Albany County has sent UHLS the RFP. There is no benefit to us because it's an academic collection and they weren't purchasing up to date items per C. Dugas, who was reviewing earlier this month.

Y. Terplak (ALTM):

The Altamont Free Library Gala is happening May 30th – Dolly Parton theme: Reading 9 to 5.

C. Dugas (GUIL):

They've had very low attendance for the volunteer foundation but they've been working hard to establish a friends group. They had a number of people volunteer last year for the book sale and it's exciting to take that energy and spin it into a useful group.

MOTION:

Y. Terplak moved to adjourn. M. Savage seconded. Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 5:26PM.

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