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May 13, 2026

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

Excused:

Absent:

UHLS Staff: J. Favreau; C. Sagaas

I. CALL TO ORDER

S. Wyner called the meeting to order at 4:32PM.

II. MINUTES

MOTION: C. Engel moved to approve the April 8, 2026 minutes. L. Tenney seconded. C. Dugas abstain, 13 ayes. Passed.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Not mentioned in his report: C. Sagaas is now on the CDLC Board, replacing M. Fellows. His first meeting is Friday.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

J. Burke presented the slate of candidates:

- Marcy Savage from the WK Sanford Town Library (for a full 5-year term ending in 2031)
- Joseph Otter from the Guilderland Public Library (for a full 5-year term ending in 2031)
- Margaret (Meg) McClellan, representing small libraries in Rensselaer County (for a partial 2-year term ending in 2028)
- Gaye McCafferty, representing small libraries in Albany County (for a full 5-year term ending in 2031)
- Camille Engel, representing medium libraries in Rensselaer County (for a full 5-year term ending in 2031)

For probably the first time ever, there were 3 nominations for small Rensselaer County libraries. There were no guidelines for how to choose amongst the candidates, so the committee had to set up a structure.

MOTION: Y. Terplak moved to have the presented slate voted on at next month's annual meeting. L. Tenney seconded. Passed.

Thank you J. Burke, Alicia and Athena for your work on this! S. Wyner mentioned that maybe in the future we have the libraries the seat is representing pick the trustee vs. having our board committee choose. We need to further set up that structure or criteria. The nominating committee will continue to work on this.

Finance Committee

F. Wobrock noted that our Treasurer's Report tracks to where we were this time last year. Total income for the month was \$111k. Looking at the Purchase Journal, we issued eCommerce checks to the member libraries. Our fuel surcharge has crept up to over 20% and we paid the lock reimbursement to two of our libraries (Arnoff will reimburse UHLS).

MOTION: The Finance Committee moved to adopt the April 2026 Treasurer's Report and Purchase Journal. M. Gavazzi seconded. Unanimous.

The committee asked J. Favreau to review the restricted accounts and the amount of interest they're earning now that we've invested with NYCLASS. The retirement, automation and equipment accounts haven't been utilized in a number of years. She proposes that any interest above what the board approves as the cap should be incorporated into the operating budget. M. Kissinger asked why'd we limit ourselves to just that interest amount. A larger discussion followed and the group agreed that it should go back to committee for further thought.

Services Committee

Y. Terplak shared that they had the pleasure of reading through and reviewing the applications and chose the following winners:

Adult Program of the Year – All Abilities Social Groups by APL

Youth and Family Program of the Year – TWO! Arbornauts by APL and Flower Festival by GUIL

Administration Committee

M. Savage shared that they had the pleasure of reading and reviewing the applications submitted and chose the following winners:

Volunteer of the Year – Matthew McCurvin from APL

Trustee of the Year – Jennifer Peabody from STEP

V. OLD BUSINESS

ED Evaluation Process: S. Wyner still needs to complete the written evaluation for C. Sagaas.

Board Purpose: S. Wyner circulated via email the last review from ten years ago. D. Carr, S. Macinski, and S. Wyner will be on that committee.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION: C. Dugas moved to appoint M. Tacke as Manager, Youth and Family Services. M. Kissinger seconded. Passed.

VII. TRUSTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Y. Terplak (ALTM): Their annual gala is happening on the 30th at the Altamont Fairgrounds. Theme is Reading 9 to 5 in honor of Miss Dolly.

S. Macinski (APL): At their staff development day, they got a travel mug with Bleeker on it! The meet the candidates forum is next Tuesday. There are 9 people running for 3 spots. D. Carr noted that RCSC has 3 openings but only 1 candidate. M. Kissinger noted that in BETH, there have been some spirited write-in candidates.

L. Tenney (WSTR): Their 40th Anniversary is next month, June 8 from 5-7PM. They'll be food and music and an open house.

J. Burke (ALTM): They've opened up a free library store online for branded merchandise and it's been well received.

M. Kissinger (BETH): They're hosting a book sale on Saturday!

MOTION: Y. Terplak moved to adjourn. S. Macinski seconded. Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46PM.
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