

Director's Association

Upper Hudson Library System

Friday, May 05, 2000 at Albany Public Library

**Attending:** Jeff Cannell (APLM), Bobbi Crowther (VAFL), Judy Felsten (RCSC), Carol Gaillard (HOOF), Paul Hicok (TROY), Bob Jaquay (COLN), Helen King (ALTM), Barbara Kubli (STEP), Daryl McCarthy (NGRN), Margie Morris (POES), Pat Nonamaker (EGRN), Nancy Pieri (BETH), Gail Sacco (VOOR), Barbara Schoen (WTVT), Carol Trager, (BRUN), Archa Wachowicz (RVLL)

**Visitors:** Sara Dallas (UHLS)

Meeting convened 9:10 am.

**RVVL News, A. Wachowicz**

Half of RVVL's non-fiction collection required re-location because of structural defects in the building.

**Minutes**

Judy Felsten requested the Services section of minutes be changed to show that the Directors Services Review Group will be developing a survey and measurement tool for UHLS services in the upcoming year. Motion (Schoen, King) to approve April 7, 2000 minutes as amended.  
Carried.

**UHLS, S. Dallas**

*Incentive Grant* deadline May 5.

*Adult Literacy grants* due at DLD 5/19.

*Gates* info has been sent to all libraries. Some will receive cash to purchase discounted Gates computers, licenses and training. Others receive the opportunity to purchase these items.

*NYS Budget:* Still no word on what was passed.

*Regents Commission on Library Services* hearings were held at APL. Sara spoke on broadening support to include all city libraries, not just large ones downstate.

*Automation Survey* by Saffady is on the Intranet in its final form.

**UHLS Board, J. Cannell**

No report.

**UHLS Finance, J. Cannell**

No report.

**UHLS Administration, N. Pieri**

DA suggestions to Personnel Evaluation Survey were accepted. 3% COLA increase for UHLS staff in 2001. Trustee of Year selected. Personnel Manual revisions begun.

### **Interest Groups, P. Nonamaker**

*A/V: Times Union* music critic Greg Haymes spoke April 21 at BETH. Group prepared a letter for Sara asking that the importance of an a/v consultant be kept in mind when consultant's positions are re-evaluated. N. Pieri suggested that the letter be sent from co-chairs, not "AV Interest Group." Motion (Sacco, Jaquay) for DA to take no action on the A/V Interest Group letter.  
Carried.

YS: Meets May 17 with Sue Rokos, MVLA YS Consultant, as guest speaker. Sara will be in attendance to discuss public performance videos.

REF: Met May 4, Siobhan Quinn, Arts Center of the Capital Region described grants from ACCR.

### **Services, J. Felsten**

Programs of Year selected (CAST and COLN).

### **Automated Services Committee, N. Pieri**

Bill Saffady discussed his draft survey. Conclusions:

1. DRA is antiquated.
2. Alpha server is at end of its lifespan.
3. New system should include the ability to display local vs. system holdings, have easy to customize reports, provide more user-friendly OPAC interface, and flexible circulation module.
4. Three major vendors to consider are TAOS, III, Gaylord.
5. UHLS needs two more FT automation staff, trainer and backup systems mgr.
6. Cost is \$200,000 - \$250,000.

### **Central Library, J. Cannell**

Jeff would like the Advisory Committee to begin meeting this summer. G. Sacco thanked Jeff and the Advisory Committee for support of Web 2.

### **UHLS Director Search Committee, J. Cannell, J. Felsten, A. Wachowicz**

Committee reached consensus quickly and offered the position to one of the candidates who should be reaching a decision by May 8. B. Jaquay thanked the members of the DA who worked on the committee.

### **Nominating Committee, J. Cannell**

N. Pieri is chairing the DA Nominating Committee for 2000-2001 officers.

### **Fall Conference**

P. Hicok and B. Schoen offered to serve on the committee. A chair is still needed.

### **Nuts & Bolts**

B. Jaquay - if anyone has a remote drop box please contact Bob. He would like feedback on how it works (or doesn't). Public Libraries Directors Association of New York State is reviving and looking for directors to serve on the Board. If you are interested let him know. Look for a newsletter this summer with further info.

H. King - McNaughton...is it worth it? BETH, COLN, APLM said no.

E-book - does anyone have one yet? COLN is considering, Bob recommended going to [www.glassbook.com](http://www.glassbook.com) to download their version of what an e-book looks like.

Meeting adjourned 11:00 am. **Next Meeting: Friday, June 2, 9 am. At COLN**