



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Chair: Melissa Tacke

Vice Chair: Tim Wiles

Secretary: Joe Burke

x	APLM – Scott Jarzombek /Melanie Metzger	x	NGRN – Mary Klimack
x	ALTM - Joseph Burke		PTRB – Anita Wilson
	BRLN – Sharon Vogel	x	POES - Margie Morris
x	BERN – Kathy Stempel	x	RCSC - Judith Wines
	BETH – Geoffrey Kirkpatrick & Catherine Stollar Peters	x	RENS - Jane Chirgwin
	BRUN – Sara Hopkins	x	RVLL – Heidi Carle
x	CAST – Melissa Tacke	x	SNLK - Melinda Fowler
	COHS – Hannah Stahl		SCHG - Nick Matulis
	COLN - Evelyn Neale	x	STEP - Kim Roppolo
x	EGRN - Jill Dugas Hughes	x	TROY - Paul Hicok
x	GRAF – Leanna Sweet	x	VAFL - Kelly Akin
x	GUIL - Margaret Garrett	x	VOOR – Tracey Pause
x	HOOF – Sara Yetto	x	WTVT – Kelly Vadney
	MEND - Lenny Zapala	x	WSTR - Debbie Scott
x	NASS – Tracey Clague		UHLS - Tim Burke

Directors' Association

July 24, 2020

Others in Attendance: J. Thornton; M. Fellows; N. Hurteau

M. Tacke called DA meeting to order at 10:00 am**T. Burke reported on the following UHLS updates:**

- Update on delivery - now a 96 hours quarantine period for delivery based on new REALM reports.
- PULISDO updates: Opening meeting law has been extended to August 5 (seems to be on a 30 day basis of extension). Encourage your library boards to get comfortable in virtual meetings because they will be part of life for a while.
- Construction Grants, initial application is due August 1. Remember this is just a narrative, a quote and your project cost. Remember to put a placeholder in the "required" documents field so you can submit. Feel free to reach out to T. Burke or N. Hurteau about construction grant questions.
- There is still PPE available. If your library needs to be replenished, please reach out to Amy Dubrey.

S. Jarzombek read a statement on behalf of the Albany Public Library board in regards to the UHLS Board's approved criteria for construction grants on the 90/10 option.

S. Jarzombek will be sharing this statement via email once it's finalized. J. Dugas Hughes asked S. Jarzombek, on behalf of the board, to give them time to read through the statement and come together for more negotiations before things move beyond the UHLS Board. T. Burke also stated that the criteria for the 90/10 option has been approved, but can always be changed by the UHLS Board. S. Jarzombek acquiesced to this request but made APL's stance clear, that "they would not stay quiet" and they will also be taking their concerns to the UHLS ARLS.

REALM Project update: Lots of discussion from the DA on the new 96 hour quarantine and procedures on what other libraries are doing with their items. S. Jarzombek expressed the frustration of lack of State Library leadership, and that there have been no clear guidelines provided for NY's libraries. Discussion on whether quarantine periods should be reduced to get materials out quicker.

J. Wines and J. Dugas Hughes both mentioned that wait times are longer than we want and if we are going to be doing this type of service for the long haul, we need to make it quicker. Agreement amongst the members present that some research needs to be conducted to find out what libraries are doing regarding quarantines as a starting point. J. Burke to send out a survey to all DA to examine the quarantine procedures.

E-Content: J. Wines reported that the committee met on Monday and discussed the future of Hoopla. N. Hurteau is still awaiting answers from Hoopla regarding options for member libraries once the October deadline approaches, if all the member libraries do not choose to continue with Hoopla as a system. N. Hurteau will report back to ECAC and J. Wines will report back to DA. Libraries should be thinking about whether or not they plan to stay on with Hoopla. RB digital was bought out by Overdrive, GUIL is the only library that is affected. Overdrive numbers are at an all-time high (checkouts, and hold wait time). In response to the ARLS community discussions, ECAC will be reviewing the overdrive purchasing policy.

Coordinated Reopening Committee- did not meet

ARLS: T. Wiles not present but T. Burke did note that Mary Fellows has finalized the task force, and an email has been sent out to the library community. Even if your name was not picked for the task force, there will still be plenty of opportunities to participate.

Open Form: M. Tacke inquired how long were libraries planning on scheduling staff on the 50/50 schedule? DA consensus was that it would stay until there was another executive order from the Governor.

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 am

Next DA meeting is Friday, July 31 at 10am