



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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X	APLM – Melanie Metzger	X	NGRN – Mary Klimack
X	ALTM - Joseph Burke		PTRB – Anita Wilson
X	BRLN – Sara Rogers	X	POES – Donna Riley
X	BERN – Kathy Stempel		RCSC - vacant
X	BETH – Geoff Kirkpatrick		RENS - Jane Chirgwin
X	BRUN – Sara Hopkins	X	RVLL – Heidi Carle
X	CAST – Melissa Tacke		SNLK - Melinda Fowler
X	COHS – Christiann Gibeau	X	SCHG - Nick Matulis
X	COLN - Evelyn Neale	X	STEP - Kim Roppolo
	EGRN - Jill Dugas Hughes		TROY - Paul Hicok
X	GRAF – Leanna Sweet		VAFL - Kelly Akin
X	GUIL - Tim Wiles		VOOR – Tracey Pause
	HOOV – Danny Yetto	X	WTVT – Debbie Scott
	MEND – Laura Cernik	X	WSTR – Amy Powarzynski
	NASS – Tracey Clague	X	UHLS - Tim Burke

Chair: Sarah Clark

Vice Chair: Mindy Fowler

Secretary: Sara Hopkins

Directors' Association

Date: May 6, 2022

Others in Attendance: J. Favreau; M. Fellows; J. Thornton; J. Wines

Meeting called to order by S. Clark at 9:38AM.

The Directors on location at UHLS identified themselves for the minutes as J. Favreau was remote.

Minutes

MOTION: N. Matulis moved to accept the April 1 minutes. H.Carle seconded. Unanimous.

Updates from UHLS

Tim

- The UHLS Board just finished the Racial Equity Training (5 sessions total). It was a positive experience for the group, especially because we had members that had never been in the same room as a whole since being elected due to COVID.
- Friday, June 3 at 5PM is the UHLS Annual Celebration at COLN. The keynote speaker of the evening following our annual meeting will be Martin Garnar, an intellectual freedom cheerleader. Registration will be sent out early next week via email.
- Construction Grants – more money was awarded to us by DLD to given to bring every project up to full funding. We'll have the same \$1.09 million to spend in 2022; the portal opens usually around June 1.
- Open Meetings Law – the new changes to take effect immediately, with June 8 being the 60 day window for transition. A board still needs a quorum in person where the public can come to participate in the meeting – the online option is for unforeseen circumstances only.

Judith

She's noticed that the Adult ListServ is outdated – she'll be emailing each member library individually to make sure contacts are up to date.

Jona

Annual Celebration Report narratives are due to me next Wednesday, May 11.

Old Business

New Business

The DA has to vote for a new DA Representative to the UHLS Board, as J. Dugas Hughes' term is expiring in June. J. Burke has thrown his name into the ring!

MOTION: G. Kirkpatrick moved to nominate J. Burke as the DA representative to the UHLS Board. N. Matulis seconded. Unanimous.

T. Burke thanked J. Dugas Hughes for her service on the UHLS Board.

Committee Reports

UHLS Board & Finance Committee – T. Burke reported that the financials were routine. The Board has been focusing a lot on the Racial Equity Training.

UHLS Administration Committee – no meeting

UHLS Services Committee – no meeting

Racial Equity Committee – T. Wiles reported that ProjectReady is ready and under evaluation, and they're excited to announce the Juneteenth collaborative program being held on June 20 "We Who Believe in Freedom" – everything was emailed out earlier this week.

Automation Advisory Committee – no report

Central Library Advisory Committee – no report

eContent Advisory Committee – J. Wines reported that they did not meet but will be meeting on Tuesday to elect a new chair. The monthly spending spreadsheet was distributed at the meeting and will be emailed soon following for those who aren't in attendance. RLA feedback has been positive for UHLS, our per library use is higher for us than the other system!

Open Forum / Library Status Updates

J. Burke asked if they can get a monthly read-out of what was automatically renewed. His circulation has skyrocketed since auto-renewals kicked in. G. Kirkpatrick will send out the BETH analysis of this to the group following the meeting.

N. Matulis has been having email issues but thinks it's been resolved – please resend or call if you've been trying to reach him.

T. Wiles noted that GUIL hasn't been charging for copies due to the pandemic / construction and they received a comment card thanking them for not charging. He's curious if others are considering this, especially because they've been receiving more via donations when they aren't charging. The first 5 copies are free at WSTR and they don't charge for faxes; CAST also eliminated charges during COVID closures and aren't in a rush to re-implement because they too have a donation jar that's making more than the fees; NGRN has also been receiving more donations vs. when they were charging; at APL the first three copies are free; at BRUN they allow 10 free copies a day and do have a donation jar.

J. Burke shared that the NYLA Spring on the Hill is happening on Tuesday, May 17 at the Hilton in Albany; registration is free.

MOTION: M. Metzger moved to adjourn the meeting. C. Gibeau seconded. Unanimous.

10:37AM meeting adjourned.

Next meeting to be held Friday, June 3 at 9:30AM