

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, October 28, 2011**

Board President, Jim Tuttle, convened the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:00 a.m., in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park New York.

I. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: John Bickford, Lisa Baker Brill, Jean Ehnebuske, Peter Hoffmann, Steve MacNish, Patricia Miller, Michael Minor, Roland Patterson, Janet Schnitzer, Jim Tuttle

Trustees Absent: Bill Conine, Martin Miller, Matthew Perry, Caroline Profera, Myrna Sameth

Liaisons: Erica Freudenberger, Manager, Red Hook Public Library, Tom Lawrence, Director Poughkeepsie Public Library District

Staff Present: List attached to official file

Others Present: List attached to official file

II. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Tuttle: *President opens meeting*

- welcomed guests and introduced, Jeff Urbin, Education Specialist for the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, who spoke briefly about the history of the facility and its ongoing renovation project, and thanked attendees for their dedication to libraries.
- called the 52nd Annual Meeting to order and welcomed special guests, Senator Steve Saland and Assemblyman, Marcus Molinaro, who spoke briefly of their ongoing commitment to libraries on the state and local levels.
- introduced MHLS Board members, Liaisons, and staff;
- introduced special guests, Terry Kirchner, Executive Director, Westchester Library System, John Shaloiko, Executive Director, SENYLRC, Robert Hubsher, Executive Director, Ramapo Catskill Library System, and Colleen Williams, Aide to Senator Cahill.

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

Following introductions, President Tuttle turned the meeting over to Patricia Miller, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, who conducted the election of five trustees to the MHLS Board. *Miller conducts election*

From Columbia County

Perry nominated

Matthew Perry was nominated for a three-year replacement term by Jennifer Post, a trustee of the Clavarack Free Library, and seconded by Gary Spielmann, a trustee of the Kinderhook Memorial Library.

From Greene County

Brill nominated

Lisa Baker Brill was nominated to a first five-year term by Dorothy True, a trustee of the Cairo Public Library, and seconded by Fran Wolfe, a trustee of the Cairo Public Library.

From Putnam County

Morini nominated

Regina Morini was nominated for a first five-year term by Donald Haney, Board President of the Kent Public Library and seconded by Joseph Tock, trustee of the Mahopac Public Library.

From Ulster County

Minor nominated

Michael Minor was nominated for a second five-year term by Sally Colclough, a trustee of the Saugerties Public Library, and seconded by Phil Meagher, a trustee of the West Hurley Public Library.

From Ulster County

Sameth nominated

Myrna Sameth was nominated for a one -year term by Lisa Terwilliger, a trustee of the Kingston Library, and seconded by Lynne Ridgeway, Board President of the Plattekill Public Library.

There being no additional candidates for any of the five positions, Ms. Miller called for a motion to direct the secretary to cast a single ballot. Ms. Miller moved and Mr. Tuttle seconded THAT A SINGLE BALLOT BE CAST FOR EACH OF THE FIVE POSITIONS. **The motion carried.**

Single Ballot cast for five positions

IV. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBER

President Tuttle, introduced Putnam County Board Representative, Patricia Miller, and thanked her for her 10 years of service on the Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees. He then presented her with a parting gift in recognition of her exemplary advocacy efforts on behalf of libraries during her tenure.

Pat Miller recognized

V. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Mr. Nyerges presented employee service awards to the following employees in recognition for their outstanding service to the System: Tom Finnigan, Delivery, AV & Media Services, Supervisor (20 yrs.) Kerstin Cruger, Marketing & Programming Assistant (10 yrs.); Gerry Formby, Computer Specialist (5 yrs.), and Tara Stohr, Interlibrary Loan Assistant (5 yrs.).

Staff awards presented

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Tuttle announced his retirement as Board President and extended his heartfelt thanks and appreciation to System staff and fellow trustees for their support during his tenure.

Tuttle speaks

