

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM  
MINUTES  
of the  
ANNUAL MEETING  
Friday, October 19, 2012**

Board President, Peter Hoffmann, convened the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 9:50 a.m., in the Henry A. Wallace Center at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, New York.

Executive Director, Mike Nyerges, then introduced Senator Steve Saland and Assemblywoman Didi Barrett. The legislators spoke briefly about the important role libraries play in communities, and their ongoing commitment to continue to advocate for increased funding.

**I. ROLL CALL**

Trustees Present: John Bickford, Lisa Baker Brill, Bill Conine, Peter Hoffmann, Steve Mac Nish, Martin Miller, Roland Patterson, Caroline Profera, Jim Tuttle

Trustees Absent: Matthew Perry, Caroline Profera, Myrna Sameth, Janet Schnitzer

Liaisons: Erica Freudenberger, Director, Red Hook Public Library

Staff Present: List attached to official file

Others Present: List attached to official file

**II. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

President Hoffmann: *President opens meeting*

- called the 53rd Annual Meeting to order, welcomed attendees and special guests;
- introduced MHLS Board members, Liaisons, staff.

**III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES**

Following introductions, President Hoffmann turned the meeting over to Bill Conine, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, who conducted the election of four trustees to the MHLS Board. *Conine conducts election*

**From Dutchess County**

John Bickford was nominated for a second five-year term by Wayne Herr, a trustee of the Pleasant Valley Library, and seconded by Linda Beyer, a trustee of the Poughkeepsie Public Library District. *Bickford nominated*

**From Putnam County**

Camilla W. von Bergen was nominated for a first five-year term by Otto Romanino, a trustee of the Kent Public Library, and seconded by Donald Ferraro, trustee of the Patterson Library. *von Bergen nominated*

**From Ulster County**

Myrna Sameth was nominated for a first five-year term by Stuart Auchincloss, a trustee of the Woodstock Public Library, and seconded by, Bill Bizovi, a trustee of the West Hurley Public Library.

*Sameth nominated*

Lynne Ridgeway was nominated for a four-year term by Richard Metzger, a trustee of the Town of Ulster Public Library and seconded by Barbara Shepard, a trustee of the Highland Public Library.

*Ridgeway nominated*

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

*Single Ballot cast for positions*

**IV. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS**

Mr. Nyerges presented an employee service award to Karen O'Brien, Cataloging Specialist (20 years) in recognition of her outstanding service to the System and thanked her for her dedication and exemplary performance.

*Staff award presented*

**V. RECOGNITION OF ADVISORY COMMITTEES DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION AND STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

The Executive Director then noted the dedication of the Directors Association Steering Committee: Carol Briggs, Roeliff Jansen Community Library (Hillsdale); Tom Lawrence, Poughkeepsie Public Library District; Linda Duebert, Heermance Memorial Library (Coxsackie), Frank Rees, Kent Public Library, and thanked them for their continued collaborative efforts with the System. He then introduced the Chairs of the System's four Advisory Committees and thanked them for their service during 2012: **Central**

**Library/Collection Development:** Margie Menard, Kingston Library

**Continuing Education/Professional Development:** Susan Totter, Dover Plains Library

**Marketing:**

Barbara Flack, Greenville Public Library

**Resource Sharing:**

Julie Dempsey, Highland Public Library

*D.A. leaders recognized*

**VI. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING**

At 10:45 a.m., President Hoffmann adjourned the business meeting.

*Business Meeting closed*

**VII. PANEL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Nyerges introduced Bridget Quinn Carey, John Hammond and Gerald Nichols, who discussed the Regents Advisory Council recommendations for the future of public libraries culled from the report: ***Creating the Future: a 2020 Vision Plan for Library Service in New York State.*** The panelists stressed the importance of advocating for Library Systems by educating the public about the indispensable role they play in providing services through "economies

*RAC panel discussion*









