

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, October 18, 2013**

Board President, Peter Hoffmann, convened the 54th Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 10:00 a.m., in the Terrace Ballroom of the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel Banquet and Conference Center.

Executive Director, Mike Nyerges, then introduced Senator Terry Gipson who presented the a New York State Public Library Construction Grant Award to the System for its auditorium basement asbestos abatement project, and spoke briefly about the important role libraries play in communities and his ongoing commitment to work in partnership with his constituents to advocate for increased funding for library projects.

I. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: John Bickford, Lisa Baker Brill, Peter Hoffmann, Stephen Mac Nish, Martin Miller, Regina Morini, Roland Patterson, Lynne Ridgeway, Myrna Sameth, Janet Schnitzer, Jim Tuttle, Camilla W. von Bergen, Mark Wilson

Trustees Absent: Bill Conine, Carolyn Profera

Liaisons: Tom Lawrence, Director, Poughkeepsie Public Library District, Frank Rees, Director, Kent Public Library

Staff Present: List attached to official file

Others Present: List attached to official file

II. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

President Hoffmann called the 54th Annual Meeting to order, welcomed attendees and special guests, and introduced MHLS Board members, Liaisons, staff and the incoming Executive Director, Tom Sloan.

President opens meeting

III. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

President Hoffmann turned the meeting over to Lisa Baker Brill, member of the Nominations and Elections Committee, who conducted the election of four trustees to the MHLS Board.

Brill conducts election

From Columbia County

John Dax was nominated for a first five-year term by Alice Platt, a trustee of the Clavarack Library, and seconded by Diane Tucker, a trustee of the North Chatham Free Library.

Dax nominated

Mark Wilson was nominated for a one-year by Gary Spielman a trustee of the Kinderhook Library and seconded by Sally Alderdice, Director of the Clavarack Library.

Wilson nominated

From Putnam County

Ment nominated

Michele Ment was nominated for a first five-year term by Donald Ferraro, a trustee of the Patterson Library, and seconded by Otto Romanino, a trustee of the Kent Public Library.

From Ulster County

Rolfe nominated

David Rolfe was nominated for a first five-year term by Stuart Auchincloss, a trustee of the Woodstock Public Library, and seconded by Darlene Plavchak, a trustee of the Highland Public Library.

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

Single Ballot cast for positions

Staff awards presented

IV. PRESENTATION OF SERVICE AWARDS

Mr. Nyerges presented employee service awards to Merribeth Advocate, Assistant Director/Continuing Education/Outreach Coordinator (15 years) and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Growth & Sustainability (15 years), in recognition of their outstanding service to the System, and thanked them for their dedication and exemplary service.

Parting gifts presented

V. RECOGNITION OF RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Nyerges thanked retiring Board members, Jim Tuttle, Martin Miller, and Peter Hoffmann for their years of service to the Board and for their ongoing dedication to libraries. He then presented them with parting gifts in recognition of their service.

VI. RECOGNITION OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

E.D. recognized

President Hoffmann, on behalf of the System's fifteen member Board of Trustees, thanked Executive Director, Mike Nyerges for his years of service, and presented him with a parting gift.

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

D.A. leaders recognized

The Executive Director then noted the dedication of the Directors Association Steering Committee and the Chairs of the five advisory committees and thanked them for their continued collaborative efforts with System staff throughout 2013:

Steering Committee:

Carol Briggs, Roeliff Jansen Community Library (Columbia);
Tom Lawrence, Poughkeepsie Public Library District (Dutchess);
Linda Duebert, Heermance Memorial Library (Greene);
Frank Rees, Kent Public Library (Putnam);
Jim Cosgrove, Marlboro Free Library (Ulster);

Advisory Committee Chairs:

Central Library/Collection Development:

Margie Menard, Kingston Library

Continuing Education/Professional Development:

Susan Totter, Dover Plains Library

Marketing:

Gillian Thorpe, Butterfield Memorial Library

Resource Sharing:

Julie Dempsey, Highland Public Library

System Services:

Frank Rees, Saugerties Public Library

VIII. BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

President Hoffmann confirmed that notification was sent to all library directors and board presidents in July regarding the three proposed amendments to the System's Bylaws (appended to file), and announced that by majority consent, the amendments to the Bylaws are ratified.

Bylaws amendments adopted

IX. ADJOURNMENT OF BUSINESS MEETING

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

Business Meeting closed

X. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Nyerges introduced [Sue Considine](#), Director of the Fayetteville Free Library, Fayetteville, New York. Ms. Considine, Library Journal "Mover & Shaker" and White House "Champion of Change", shared the strategies for innovation and success that has gained her library national recognition. A lively question and answer period followed.

Considine speaks

XI. CLOSING

At, 12:05 p.m., Mr. Nyerges thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned

The next meeting of the Mid-Hudson Library System Board is Saturday, December 8, at the MHLS Auditorium, at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Lisa Baker Brill
Secretary

Approved 2013
by the MHLS Board of Trustees

