

**MID-HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM
MINUTES
of the
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Friday, October 16, 2015**

1. ROLL CALL

Trustees Present: John Bickford, Lisa Baker Brill, Dean Lavin, Michele Ment, Regina Morini, Roland Patterson, Caroline Profera, Lynne Ridgeway, Myrna Sameth, Janet Schnitzer, Richard Swierat, Camilla W. von Bergen, Mark Wilson

Trustees Absent: John Dax (e)

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

Staff Present: Merribeth Advocate, Robert Drake, Joan Kay, Tom Sloan, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Linda Vittone, Peggy Winn

Others Present: List attached to official file

2. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

At 9:45a.m., President Patterson convened the 56th Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees in the Terrace Ballroom of the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel Banquet and Conference Center.

President opens meeting

3. INTRODUCTIONS

President Patterson introduced System Board representatives, and Board Liaisons, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Sloan who introduced staff, library trustees, library directors and special guests.

Introductions

Mr. Sloan thanked elected officials in attendance, Senator Sue Serino (*Senate District 41*) and Assemblymember, Didi Barrett (*Assembly District 106*), for their commitment to libraries and their ongoing advocacy for increased funding for libraries and library programs. The legislators spoke briefly of their appreciation for libraries and ongoing commitment to advocate for increased funding for library programs. A representative from Assemblyman Kevin Cahill's office was asked to extend the System's gratitude for his support of libraries and his role in securing a \$25,000 grant for the Summer Reading Programs at 17 member libraries in his district.

4. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

President Patterson introduced Lisa Baker Brill, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, who conducted the election of three trustees to the MHLS Board.

Election of trustees

From Columbia County

Sharon Davis was nominated for a first five-year term by Karen Garafalo,

Davis nominated

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Director of the Philmont Public Library/Chair of the Greene County Library Association, and seconded by Julie DeLisle, Director of the Chatham Public Library.

From Dutchess County

Barry Ramage was nominated for a first five-year term by Carol Fortier, Director of the Beekman Library/Chair of the Dutchess County Library Association, and seconded by Casey Conlin, Director of the Pawling Free Library.

*Ramage
nominated*

From Greene County

Debra Wilcox was nominated for a first five-year term by Sue Ray, Director of the Catskill Public Library/ Chair of the Greene County Library Association, and seconded by Ellen Manfredi, Trustee of the Mountain Top Library.

*Wilcox
nominated*

Ms. Brill welcomed each candidate and asked them to introduce themselves and address the audience briefly regarding their qualifications and interest in serving as a Mid-Hudson trustee.

*Candidates
speak*

There being only one candidate nominated from each county, Ms. Brill, Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee, declared the election of: Sharon Davis for a 5-year term, Barry Ramage for a 5-year term, and Debra Wilcox for 5-year term, commencing January 1, 2016.

*Candidates
elected*

5. REPORT OF BOARD PRESIDENT

Board President, Patterson, reported on a number of issues addressed by the Mid-Hudson Board in 2015 (*appended to file*), and thanked and recognized library trustees and System staff for helping to insure the well-being of the Mid-Hudson Library System and its 66 member libraries.

*President's
report
presented*

6. REPORT OF BOARD TREASURER

Board Treasurer, Morini, reported on the success of the 2014 Audit of the System's financial statements, performed by Sedore & Company, CPA's, P.C., Certified Public Accounts, and the System's total revenues and expenses (*appended to file*).

*Treasurer's
report
presented*

7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A. **Staff Service Awards**

Mr. Sloan presented employee service awards to Joan Kay, Grants Manager (15 years), Christopher McCann, Shipping Clerk II (5 years), Linda Vittone, Finance Manager (15 years), and Peggy Winn, Executive Assistant (25 years), in recognition of their outstanding service and dedication to member libraries.

*Staff service
awards
presented*

B. **Annual Report Quiz**

The Executive Director conducted a statistical quiz report on System-wide shared services, including: circulation; delivery; professional development & continuing education; and, consulting & development (*appended to file*).

*E.D. report
presented*

8. RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Ms. Smith Aldrich, Coordinator for Library Sustainability, congratulated

*Libraries
recognized*

