



Report of the Nominations & Elections Committee

May-June 2017

Committee Members

- Lisa Baker Brill, Chair
- Stuart Auchincloss
- Kenneth Goldberg
- Michele Ment
- Tom Sloan, (Staff Liaison)
- Merribeth Advocate (Staff Liaison)

Committee Chair, Lisa Baker Brill, utilizing the revised nominating procedures format outlined below, conducted email meetings with the committee in May and June to review, select and confirm availability of potential candidates to serve as 2018 MHLS Board Officers.

The committee proposed the following Slate of 2018 Board Officers:

President	Camilla von Bergen
Vice President	Mark Wilson
Secretary	Michele Ment
Treasurer	Barry Ramage
Board Member	Lisa Baker Brill

Nominating Procedures for 2018 MHLS Board Officers:

April 20-23 – Committee Chair contacts current Board Officers eligible for re-election and determine their interest in being considered for re-election

May 1 – Committee Chair emails Board for an open call for nominations, including self-nominations, for all Board Officer positions mentioning current officers who have agreed to serve again

May 10 – Committee Chair reports at the MHLS Board meeting an open call for nominations including self-nominations for all officer positions, mentioning current officers who have agreed to serve again

May 15 – Nominations due to Committee Chair

Late May 2017 – Meeting of the Nominations & Elections Committee to select and recommend Board Officers

June – Committee Chair confirms candidates selected by the Committee agree to serve if elected

July – Peggy collect bios for all Committee recommended candidates

Sept 13 – Committee proposes 2018 slate of Board Officers, one candidate per position, to MHLS Board

Dec 9 – MHLS Board elects 2018 Board Officers

NOMINATING AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Preferably three members with varying lengths of service. Presents, at the November meeting, a slate of officers for the following year's board of trustees. The slate is voted on at the December meeting. The Chair of this committee will also prepare and conduct the election of trustees at the annual meeting.

Camilla W. von Bergen
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Camilla von Bergen has lived in Garrison, with a few breaks, since 1970. Graduated in 1970 from Barnard College with a BA degree in Medieval Latin. Received J.D. *cum laude* from Pace University Law School in 1982; practicing law locally ever since.

Member, New York State Bar Association, Hudson Valley Women's Bar Association, Westchester County Bar Association

Member and past President, Friends of Desmond Fish library.

Former Putnam County trustee and Board President,

Mid-Hudson Library System Board member, former and current Board President,

Board Member, former Board President Foundation for Hudson Valley Libraries

Member, former Board member and former Treasurer, Taghkanic Chorale, Inc.

Member and past President, Philipstown Rotary (since dissolved)

Board member, Cold Spring Farmers' Market

Card carrying library patron since 1953

Communicant and choir member, St. Philip's Church

Four children, five grandchildren.

Mark W. Wilson
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Mark Wilson's extensive service to libraries began in the early 1990's when he served on the Board of the Altamont Free Library, in Altamont, New York. While serving on the Board from 1991-1993 he:

- was responsible for publicity of library programs and events
- Wrote and distributed press releases to area media outlets
- Wrote regular Library Notes column for *Altamont Enterprise*
- Coordinated volunteers and ran pre-school story hours

Mark's service on the Kinderhook Memorial Library Board of Trustees began in 1995. His dates of service on this Board are 1995-2005; 2011 to the present. Service to this board includes:

- Treasurer, 1995 – 1997
- Team member, first Chapter 414 initiative, 1999
(Drafted resolution and referendum language and worked with town attorney to develop submission procedure)
- Chair, Buildings and Grounds Committee, 2001 – 2004
- Prepared grants for state legislative representatives, 2001 – 2005
- Requested line-item appropriations for capital improvements. Secured funding for repair of chimneys, repainting, re-carpeting of complete library interior and new window shades, exterior window casement and soffit repair.
- Buildings and Grounds and Fundraising committees, 2011 – 2013

While not actively serving on the Kinderhook Board, from 2005-2011, Mark's dedication to his home library included:

- Service as library community liaison and submission of additional grant requests for capital improvements.
- Assisting with set up and breakdown of special events (book sales and Oktoberfest fundraisers).

Barry D. Ramage
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EMPLOYMENT

- Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor
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LIBRARY SERVICE

- appointed to the Red Hook Public Library Board of Trustees in 2005
- Board President for the last 8 years, during his tenure he:
 - collaborated with the Library Director, fellow trustees, elected officials, and community members to pass two chapter 414 budget referendums and two chapter 259 budget referendums.
 - worked to facilitate the expansion of the Red Hook Public Library building to include a new children's area and handicapped access to all three floors.

The solid funding base and building addition, along with increased and varied programming, has significantly increased both circulation and community support.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC SERVICE

- long time member and former officer of the Red Hook Rotary Club

Michele Cangiano Ment
Putnam County

Michele Ment was born in Brooklyn, New York and attended both elementary and high in her hometown. After high school, she attended SUNY at New Paltz where she received her Bachelor's Degree. After graduation, Michele began her long term teaching career. While teaching full time, Michele attended Brooklyn College earning a M.S. in education. She then moved on to attend Richmond College (now known as the College of Staten Island) where she received her P.D. Michele taught in the New York City school system working in Brooklyn and the Bronx for 35 years and retired as an Assistant Principal in 1999. After retirement, she worked as an Adjunct Professor at Marymount Manhattan College, helping to prepare young adults to enter the Teaching Profession.

In 1977, Michele married Eric Ment and moved to the Town of Kent where they raised their family. They have two wonderful children – Jason and Rebecca, a devoted daughter-in-law Wendy and two fabulous grandsons – Owen and Oliver. Over the years, Michele has participated in many community organizations. She has been a member of the Lake Carmel Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary since 1979 and is currently the President (for the second time). She was a member of the Parent Association at Kent Primary and Kent Elementary Schools and a member of Carmel High School DADS' Club where she served on various committees; she worked with Cub Scout Troop I serving as Assistant Scout Master; was President of the Lake Carmel-Kent Soccer Club and coached various teams. She is an active member of the Order Sons of Italy in America, the largest Italian-American fraternal and philanthropic organization in the country. She is currently serving as the New York State Grand Lodge Recording Secretary and chairs the New York State and National Scholarship Program for this organization. She is also an Overseer to the Garibaldi Meucci Museum located in Staten Island. Most recently, Michele became a Trustee of the Kent Library.

LISA BAKER BRILL

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Seasoned Manager/Administrator with deep expertise in advancing diverse local organizations. Core competencies include:

- Community Outreach
- Board Partnership
- Staff/Volunteer Management
- Stakeholder Development
- Financial Management/Reporting
- Campaign Management
- Innovative Events Planning
- Program Coordination
- Media/Public Relations
- Marketing/Communications

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Managing Director/Producer, Greene Arts Foundation, Athens, NY

Produced and managed two major musicals in Catskill, *River of Dreams* and *O'Sullivan Stew*, based on books by Hudson Talbot with original music by Frank Cuthbert.

- Coordinated NYC theatre professionals and 100 students, grades 6 through 12, from three Greene County school districts, in six months of programming, budgeting, rehearsals and local performances in venues along the Hudson River.
- Raised funds to offset performance costs.
- Managed team of volunteers from across Greene County.
- Created nurturing, collaborative environment for students, who made life-long friends of individuals once seen simply as sports competitors.

Director of Public Relations, Bard College, Annandale, NY

Managed College public relations/information, including The International Academy for Scholarship and the Arts, The Jerome Levy Economics Institute and The Edith C. Blum Art Institute.

- Arranged press conferences and local and national press coverage.
- Wrote releases on college events, handled media inquiries and worked closely with Leon Botstein, President of Bard College.

Executive Director, Jewish Federation of Ulster County, Kingston, NY

Managed organization, directing its community outreach and membership development.

- Planned and supervised fundraising, direct mail operations, public relations and special events.
- Oversaw staff and volunteers and worked with Board of Directors.
- Prepared Federation budgets and financial reports.

Director of Special Events and Annual Fund, Benedictine Health Foundation, Kingston, NY

Planned and implemented all hospital special events and managed the Annual Fund.

- Wrote, produced and analyzed direct mail program to donors and prospects. Researched and closed major gifts. Increased donor base to include large group of physicians, who previously were uninvolved in hospital philanthropy.
- Partnered with community leaders on successful million-dollar breast center campaign.
- Enlisted and trained group of young core volunteers to help bring Foundation and hospital into next century.
- Conducted public relations and advertising for Foundation activities, including creating free monthly *Physician Forum* series for community and editing Foundation newsletter.
- Curated and maintained hospital art gallery exhibitions, including selecting artists and preparing press releases and gallery sales.

Associate Director, Greene County Council on the Arts, Catskill, NY
Coordinated youth programs, fundraising and public relations. Prepared grants, wrote articles for newsletter and assisted community organizations with arts programming.

Freelance Consultant to local and international clients, including:

- **Event Organizer and Caterer** to private clients in Greene and Ulster Counties, NY
Planned menus, prepared food, arranged equipment rentals, hired and directed servers and other staff and managed kitchen for smooth flow of activities throughout events.
- **Development Consultant**, Catskill Mountain Housing, Catskill, NY
Created and implemented fundraising plan for non-profit housing development corporation. Successfully researched and prepared grants for funding from local sources and foundations.
- **Editor**, *La Cuisine* cookbook, Lori Rapp, Jerusalem, Israel
Edited major new memoir/cookbook in partnership with Israeli chef.
- **Office Organizer**, Rhinebeck Artists' Shop, Rhinebeck, NY
Arranged office space; organized and set up new filing system; re-ordered tax records; and archived paperwork for storage.

Additional experience includes federal, state and local campaign management with responsibility for day-to-day operations, government financial reporting, fundraising, union negotiations, event planning and public relations. Early experience includes stage and general management of NYC theatre companies/professional orchestra and CBS News/60 Minutes.

EDUCATION

MA Program, Educational Theatre, New York University, England
BA Degree, Sarah Lawrence College (concentration in music)
Bard College

MEMBERSHIPS

Trustee, Mid-Hudson Library System, Secretary of Executive Board
Actors' Equity Association