

Nominations & Elections Committee

Wednesday, August 9, 2023 | 1:30pm

1. Roll Call

- ✓ Richard Swierat, Chair (D)
- ✓ Rebekkah Smith Aldrich (Staff Liaison)
- Kenneth Goldberg (U)
- ✓ Debra Klein (G)
- ✓ Carla Taylor (P)
- ✓ Mark Wilson (C)

2. Update on Board Election

- a. Reference: [Board Election Procedures](#)
- b. 2024 Candidates:
 - i. COLUMBIA: Janet Schnitzer
 - ii. PUTNAM: Peter Carey
 - iii. ULSTER: Stuart Auchincloss
 - iv. GREENE (to finish out Alexandra Prince's term): Tom Silvius (bio attached)

3. Identify Slate of 2024 Board Officers

- a. [2023 Timeline and Procedures](#)
- b. Proposed Slate of 2024 Officers:
 - i. President: Barry Ramage (D)
 - ii. Vice President: Rajene Hardeman (D)
 - iii. Treasurer: Stuart Auchincloss (U)
 - iv. Secretary: Jill Leinung (C)
 - v. Member-at-Large (immediate past-president): Richard Swierat

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

Committee Charge: Presents, at the September meeting, a slate of officers for the following year's board of trustees. The officers are elected at the December meeting. The Chair of this committee will also prepare and conduct the election of trustees at the annual meeting. The committee upholds the MHLS core values of equity, diversity, and inclusion in its work. The committee is preferably comprised of a representative from each county.

***Greene County: Tom Silvius**



Mr. Silvius currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Hudson Center for Health Equity and Quality, a non-profit technology company that focuses its client work and its advocacy mission on improving healthcare quality and access for all. He is also the most recent past President of the Board of Trustees for the Heermance Memorial Library in Greene County. In his professional career he has been a strategic advisor and Executive leader in various Fortune 500 Information Technology integration firms. In a career spanning more than 40 years he has helped Federal, State and Local government agencies and community-based organizations improve their evidence-based policy decision making, interoperate and share more information with each other, and improve their organizational performance, in areas such as Higher Education, Healthcare, Transportation, Public Safety, Workforce development and Financial Services.

Statement of Interest

In my tenure as President of the Board at Heermance Library, we were forced to face many challenges, not the least of which how we could improve our Board's effectiveness, and how our library could continue to serve the public during the Pandemic. At our side the whole time was the excellent support and direction we received from the Mid-Hudson Library System. During that time, I learned a lot about the kinds of support libraries and their Boards need to succeed, and I am more than pleased to offer my expertise to represent Greene County as a member of the Mid-Hudson Library System Board of Trustees.