

# Southern Adirondack Library System Annual Meeting

May 20, 2013

At the Six Flags Great Escape Water Lodge, Queensbury, New York

## MINUTES

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 20, 2013 at the Six Flags Great Escape Water Lodge, Queensbury, New York and brought to order at 7:02 p.m. with President Arnold Elman presiding.

Dr. Elman welcomed all those present and asked them to stand and be recognized as they were introduced:

Judy Hoover (Washington County and Easton Library)  
Jordan Hornstein (Hamilton County)  
Paul Mays (Washington County)  
Jim Mosher (Saratoga County)  
Bob Odess (Washington County and Cambridge Public Library)  
Sandi Payne (Warren County and Stony Creek Free Library)

And Dr. Elman represents Saratoga county and the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library.

SALS trustees not present:

Karen McComb (Hamilton County and Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library)  
Frank Mezzano (Hamilton County and Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library)  
Dale Nemer (Warren County and Crandall Public Library)  
John Plantier (Warren County and Hadley-Luzerne Public Library)

Dr. Elman announced that the 2012 SALS Treasurer's Report, Central Library Report and SALS 2012 Highlights, Facts and Figures, were on the tables. This information will also be available on SALS website: [www.sals.edu](http://www.sals.edu).

Dr. Elman welcomed member library trustees and thanked them for coming. He announced that 26 SALS member libraries were represented. Dr. Elman asked if any member library had any announcements.

Dr. Elman welcomed SALS staff present and asked them to stand and be recognized: Nancy Bowen, Secretary/Receptionist, Sara Dallas, Director, Jennifer Ferriss, Bibliographic Database Specialist/Youth Consultant, Mary Hanley, Joint Automation Support Representative, Jill Martz, Administration & Finance Manager, Diane Robinson, Computer Systems Manager, and Jill Ryder, General Services Librarian.

Dr. Elman welcomed guests: Bob Freeman, Director of the Committee on Open Government and the evening's speaker, Carol Anne Germain, NYLA President, Matthew Hicks, Supervisor,

Town of Granville, Ken Hodoso, Librarian at Mount McGregor Correctional Facility, Brian LaRose, Mayor of the Village of Granville, Billie Jo McConkey, Saratoga County Office for the Aging, Barbara Ost, NYS Dept. of Corrections, John Romano, Mayor of the Village of Ballston Spa, and Frank Thomas Supervisor, Town of Stony Creek.

Dr. Elman asked Jordan Hornstein to present the Library Program of the Year Awards:

**Town of Ballston Community Library**—“*Home Delivery Books*”—

The Town of Ballston Community Library, in partnership with the Saratoga County Office for Aging and the Town of Ballston, offers a home delivery book program. When a patron expresses interest in the program, the patron is contacted, and a bag of books is delivered to Town Hall. Through the Saratoga County Home Delivery Meals Programs, homebound people residing in Ballston and Charlton receive books with their meals. Library staff bring the books weekly to Town Hall and pick up the books already read. Recent studies found that reading fiction gives people the same sense of well-being and belonging that they get from actually socializing. By providing books to the homebound The Town of Ballston Community Library helps to fill this very important need.

**Saratoga Springs Public Library**--- “*Sensory Story Time*” and “*The Sunday Club*”—

“Sensory Story Time” and “The Sunday Club” are programs that form an important part of the library’s overall array of programs and services for young people on the autism spectrum and their families. “Sensory Story Time” is geared to young children with sensory integration issues and those on the autism spectrum who might have trouble sitting through the other story times. “Sensory Story Times” are highly structured and interactive and make use of multiple senses. The Sunday Club” is an informal information club for teens on the autism spectrum who get together to play board games and socialize. These two programs complement parenting programs offered by the library for parents and caregivers of young children with autism spectrum disorders.

Dr. Elman asked Judy Hoover, Chair of the Personnel Committee, to present the Library Trustee of the Year Awards:

**Cheryl Gold**---Saratoga Springs Public Library – Cheryl Gold was elected to the Saratoga Springs Public Library Board of Trustees in 2008. She is a tireless advocate for libraries in general and for the Saratoga Springs Public Library in particular. Cheryl also serves on the SALS Board of Trustees. She previously served as both the Treasurer and President of the Friends of the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Cheryl volunteers at the library’s Information Desk and local history collection. She was the driving force behind the creation of the Saratoga Springs Public Library Endowment Fund at the Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region. She created the Ex Libris Society, which encourages members to donate in support of the library’s non-fiction collection. Cheryl is attuned to the library user’s experiences, especially those with mobility issues.

**Larry Carr**—Town of Johnsbury Library—Larry Carr has been a trustee of the Town of Johnsbury Library for ten years. Described as a “doer,” his respect for life and generosity of spirit makes him an outstanding trustee. Larry is hands-on, doing what needs to be done in order to provide quality library services to the Town of Johnsbury’s community. He currently serves on various Board Committees and volunteers at the library every Friday night. His expertise, support, and guidance were invaluable through three major construction projects. One project was building the handicapped access to the library. Larry has delivered books to the nursing home, participates in the organization of the book sales, and lends a hand at all library programs and events.

Ms. Hoover also presented SALS Staff Awards to:

Mary Hanley---15 years of service  
Sara Dallas---10 years of service

also receiving an award but not present:

Bill Rougier---15 years of service

Dr. Elman announced the election of trustees and asked Jordan Hornstein to give the report. Mr. Hornstein noted that there were vacancies in Warren and Washington Counties. An April 10<sup>th</sup> “Notice of Annual Business Meeting” informed every member library trustee of the Trustee Nominating Committee’s choice of candidates.

The Trustee Nominating Committee offered the names of the following candidates whose terms will expire May, 2018:

- For Warren County---Sandi Payne for a second five-year term
- For Washington County---Paul K. Mays for a second five-year term

Brief biographical information about these nominees was provided in the April 10<sup>th</sup> notice.

Mr. Hornstein explained that after the letter announcing the SALS business meeting and Board vacancies, the SALS Board of Trustees reluctantly accepted the resignation of Cheryl Gold. Mrs. Gold represented Saratoga County. An e-mail was sent to all Saratoga County directors asking for recommendations from their boards. Sandra Debus, President of the Women’s Round Lake Improvement Society Library, was recommended. Her biographical statement was on the tables.

Mr. Hornstein asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Hearing none, he instructed the secretary to cast one ballot each for the persons nominated by the Trustee Nominating Committee who are hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Dr. Elman introduced Paul Mays, who announced the winners of the Door Prizes. Mr. Mays explained that the Door Prizes were certificates to be used for Continuing Education. The award

money may be used for library staff or trustees for Continuing Education and Professional Library Membership fees. Examples include: Conferences, Webinars, Online or in-person institutes, Computer Training, ALA, PLA, NYLA or other professional organizations affiliated with libraries. Registration, lodging and travel expenses are allowed; incidentals and food are not. Reimbursements will be made to the library after proof of expenses are submitted to SALS. Receipts must be submitted to SALS prior to 12/20/2013.

Winners were:

- \$500 Continuing Education Certificate---Easton Library
- \$250 Continuing Education Certificate---Crandall Public Library
- \$250 Continuing Education Certificate---Corinth Free Library

Mr. Mays was assisted by Jennifer Ferriss.

Dr. Elman introduced Mrs. Dallas. Mrs. Dallas extended thanks to SALS Staff, SALS Board for their support. She thanked all of the member library staff and boards for doing outstanding work over the year. Mrs. Dallas spoke about the 2012 SALS Highlights, Fact and Figures and how libraries are being used differently today.

Dr. Elman introduced Bob Freeman, Director of the Committee on Open Government, who presented “Open Meeting Laws and Myths.”

Dr. Elman thanked everyone for coming, and reminded them to return their nametags on the way out. Meeting adjourned at 8:33p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen  
Recording Secretary