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ANNUAL MEETING

May 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Held at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George, NY

MINUTES

The 66th Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held on Monday, May 20, 2024 at the Fort William Henry Conference Center in Lake George, NY and brought to order at 6:00p.m. with SALS Board President, Russ Wise presiding.

Mr. Wise welcomed the SALS Board of trustees. Those in attendance were:

- Linda Borden (Washington County/Easton Library)
- Christine Connell (Saratoga County/Waterford Public Library)
- Elaine Cowin (Warren County)
- Jordan Hornstein (Hamilton County)
- Carol Kuhr (Washington County)
- Janet Lindner (Saratoga County/Saratoga Springs Public Library)
- Margaret Shapiro (Warren County/Crandall Public Library)
- Russell Wise (Saratoga County/Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library)

SALS trustees not present:

- Sue Beck (Warren County/Inlet Library)
- Laura Goodman (Washington County)
- Barbara Taylor (Hamilton County)
- Nanci Vineyard (Hamilton County)

Mr. Wise announced that copies of the 2023 Central Library Report from Kathy Naftaly, Director of the Crandall Public Library, as well as the 2023 SALS Treasurer's Report, and the SALS 2023 Year in Review, were available to everyone. This information is also available on the SALS website: www.sals.edu.

Carol Kuhr took the Roll Call of member libraries.

Sixty-five trustees and fifty-five representatives from twenty-seven member libraries out of thirty-four were represented.

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| Argyle Free library | Ballston Community Public Library – Burnt Hills | Ballston Spa Public Library |
| Bolton Free Library | Caldwell-Lake George Library | Cambridge Public Library |
| Clifton Park/Halfmoon Public Library | Corinth Free Library | Crandall Public Library-Glens Falls |
| Easton Library | Galway Public Library | Greenwich Free Library |
| Horicon Free Public Library-Brant Lake | Hudson Falls Free Library | Mechanicville District Public Library |
| The Pember Library & Museum-Granville | Raquette Lake Free Library | The Richards Library-Warrensburg |
| Rockwell Falls Public Library-Luzerne | Round Lake/Malta Library | Saratoga Springs Public Library |
| Schuylerville Public Library | Stillwater Public Library | Stony Creek Free Library |
| Town of Chester Public Library | Town of Lake Pleasant Public Library | Waterford Public Library |

Mr. Wise welcomed SALS staff members. In attendance were:

Sara Dallas, Pamela DelSignore, Michele Largeteau, Chris Mundell, Jill Ryder, Jack Scott and Colleen Smith.

Mr. Wise welcomed guest speakers Ms. Roz Jacobs and Ms. Laurie Weisman of The Memory Project Productions, Inc.

After dinner Ms. Kuhr, chair of the Library Services Committee, presented the Program of the Year Awards along with citations from Carrie Woerner to the Ballston Community Public Library and to the Saratoga Springs Public Library. An honorable mention award was also presented to the of Clifton Park, Mechanicville, Round Lake, Malta, Stillwater and Waterford for their collaborative program.

Ms. Lindner, chair of the Personnel Committee, presented the Trustee of the Year Award along with citations from Carrie Woerner to Julia Osterhout Stone of the Ballston Community Public Library.

Mr. Wise recognized staff member Chris Mundell for twenty-five years of service with SALS.

Mr. Hornstein, chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the Election of Trustees to fill the vacancy for Hamilton, Saratoga and Warren Counties. The following candidates agreed to serve, if nominated:

- For Saratoga County: Thomas Shaginaw for his first five-year term ending 2029.

- For Warren County: Elaine Cowin, to complete her second five-year term ending 2028.

Brief biographical information about these nominees was provided in the April 18th notice.

Mr. Hornstein asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Seeing no nominations Mr. Hornstein instructed the secretary to cast one ballot for the people nominated by the Trustee Nominating Committee who is hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Mrs. Lindner presented a Resolution of Appreciation along with citations from Carrie Woerner to Mr. Hornstein and Mr. Wise for their service as members of the SALS board of trustees for thirteen and ten years, respectively.

Mr. Wise introduced Sara Dallas and Jack Scott. Sara and Jack presented "SALS Year in Review".

Mr. Wise asked if there were questions for the Board or for the Director.

Mr. Wise introduced the guest speakers Roz Jacobs and Laurie Weisman of The Memory Project Productions, Inc.

Mr. Wise thanked everyone for attending and said good evening.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela DeSignore

SALS - System Services Support Coordinator