

# Southern Adirondack Library System Annual Meeting

May 16, 2011  
At the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, New York

## MINUTES

The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System was held in conjunction with the CDLC's Annual Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2011 at the Holiday Inn, Saratoga Springs, New York and brought to order at 7:34 p.m. with Presidents Barbara Beverley and Arnold Elman presiding.

Ms. Beverley introduced herself and recognized CDLC trustees present: Michael Aikey, Patricia Baia, Carol Clingan, Sara Dallas, Mary Donohue, Rocco Gerraro, Enid Geyer, Candace Portzer, Lisa Trubitt, Nancy VanDeusen, and Mary Wood.

Ms. Beverley announced that the CDLC 2011 Annual Report and the CDLC "Makes Information Flow" document which was developed to communicate the message about CDLC to those not familiar with library organizations and systems are available on the name tag table.

Dr. Elman recognized SALS trustees present: Cheryl Gold, (Saratoga County), Julia Helms (Hamilton County), Judy Hoover (Washington County), Bob Jeffords (Washington County), Paul Mays (Washington County), and Sandi Payne (Warren County). Dr. Elman represents Saratoga County.

SALS trustees not present were: Jim Mosher (Saratoga County), Karen McComb (Hamilton County), Dale Nemer (Warren County), and John Plantier (Warren County).

Dr. Elman announced that SALS 2010 Treasurer's Report and SALS 2010 Highlights, Facts and Figures are available on the name tag for you to take with you and this information will also be available on SALS website: [www.sals.edu](http://www.sals.edu). The Central Library Report from Christine McDonald, Director at Crandall Public Library, is also available on the table with the name tags.

Ms. Beverley welcomed CDLC staff present: Kathy Corbett, Susan D'Entremont, Ilka Morse, Marie Noonan, Sue Rahn, Jean Sheviak, Joe Thornton, Christopher Tosh, and Christine Walker.

Dr. Elman welcomed SALS member library trustees and recognized SALS staff present: Nancy Bowen, Sara Dallas, Jennifer Ferriss, Mary Hanley, Jill Martz, Diane Robinson, and Jill Ryder.

Dr. Elman introduced Cheryl Gold, Chair of the Library Services Committee, to present the Library Program of the Year Awards. Mrs. Gold presented an award to:

- **Town of Ballston Community Library** in Burnt Hills for their program "*Camp Half Blood Overnight Event.*" At Camp Half Blood, Middle School students spent the night at the library and immersed themselves in Greek Mythology and the World of Percy Jackson. Each participant was sorted into a cabin based upon a Greek god and all

library staff members dressed in costume. The cabins competed in a laser tag tournament, a Percy Jackson Trivia contest and Wii games. They learned to write their names using Greek characters, sculpted with clay and created camp membership necklaces. Greek laurels were made and a temple for Athena was built from blocks. Donations from the Friends of the Library, Pizza Works in Burnt Hills, Girl Scout Troop #165 and volunteers helped make this event a success. Staff and teens are looking forward to the next overnight event.

- **Saratoga Springs Public Library** for their program “*Video Game Design Lab for Teens.*” Created by Teen Services Librarian, Trevor Oakley, this program enhances services to teens by weaving literacy, creativity, technology, and career preparation into one fun and innovative package. Launched in the Spring of 2010, the program is now a monthly offering. At each session, attendees are introduced to a new game creation software product. The software must be free to use or try, require no programming or coding knowledge to operate, and be available for all users to download at home or use in the library. The program focuses on teaching teens how to think like a game designer, introducing them to different aspects of game creation such as Literacy and Fine Arts. Attendees start with a design document which tells the story with rewards/punishments and goals. Designers are also artists and musicians, creating a variety of sound effects and scores which help to shape the mood of the game, which also helps to tell the story set in the design document.

Dr. Elman asked Julia Helms, Chair of the Personnel Committee, to present the Library Trustee of the Year Award:

**Hal Heusner**—Bolton Free Library

Hal Heusner, a three term President, was responsible for a tremendous amount of improvement and activities at the Library. He is a “hands-on” President, involved in every aspect of the Library’s functions. He was the force behind creating a “Policies and Procedures” manual, oversaw needed repairs despite the tight budget, and was instrumental in acquiring a piece of sculpture by internationally famous artist David Smith, a Bolton Landing resident. Hal is responsible for the Library’s membership in the Bolton Landing Chamber of Commerce and its inclusion in the Chamber’s brochure that is mailed world-wide. With Hal’s encouragement, fund raising activities were initiated that benefit the Library. In partnership with the Seimbrich Opera Museum, the Library offer movies and programs in conjunction with their activities. The community is much more aware of the Library’s resources and programs due to Hal’s exemplary leadership.

Ms. Beverley announced the election of trustees for CDLC, and thanked the members of the Trustee Nominating Committee:

Kingsley Greene, Sage Colleges  
Enid Geyer, Albany Medical College  
Thomas Flynn, New York State Department of Health

The CDLC candidates are:

Jaimé Foust, Capital Region BOCES School Library System

Heather Lessard, Excelsior College  
Louise Macuirles, GE Global Research  
Gary Schwartz, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Ms. Beverley asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, Ms. Beverley instructed the secretary, Dee Portzer, to cast one ballot for the slate of candidates who are hereby elected by acclimation.

Dr. Elman announced the Election of Trustees to fill the vacancies for Hamilton and Warren Counties and introduced Julia Helms, Chair of the Trustee Nominating Committee to give the report.

Mrs. Helms thanked the Trustee Nominating Committee which consisted of: Susan DeMarsh (Hamilton County), Ken Bollerud (Saratoga County), Donald Fangboner (Warren County), and Annette Parrott (Washington County).

All member libraries were notified of the search process for a trustee from Hamilton and Warren Counties for terms specified in memos sent to each member library board president. An April 15<sup>th</sup> "Notice of Annual Business Meeting" informed every member library trustee of the Board Nominating Committee's choice of candidates.

The Board Nominating Committee offers the names of the following candidates, who have agreed to serve if nominated:

- For **Hamilton County**:
  - Jordan Hornstein for a partial term to expire May, 2015. This completes the unexpired portion of Deborah Jones' term who resigned in 2010.
- For **Warren County**:
  - Dale Nemer for a five-year term to expire May, 2016.

Brief biographical information about these nominees was provided in the April 15<sup>th</sup> notice. Mrs. Helms asked if there were nominations from the floor. Hearing none, she instructed the secretary to cast one ballot each for the persons nominated by the Board Nominating Committee who are hereby elected by acclamation by the trustees of the member libraries of the Southern Adirondack Library System.

Ms. Beverley introduced Jean Sheviak, Executive Director of the Capital District Library Council, and asked her to give a few words. Ms. Sheviak thanked everyone for coming and recognized retiring trustees:

Barbara Beverley  
Deborah Booth  
Dee Portzer  
Nancy Van Deusen

Ms. Sheviak also recognized CDLC staff for service:

Chris Walker---10 years of service  
Joe Thornton---10 years of service

Dr. Elman introduced Sara Dallas, Director at the Southern Adirondack Library System, and asked her to give a few words. Mrs. Dallas thanked everyone for coming and thanked everyone for being active participants and supporters of libraries. Mr. Needham and Ms. Williams will be presenting a program Tuesday, May 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Public Library, and there are still a few seats available if anyone is interested in attending.

Ms. Sheviak and Mrs. Dallas introduced George Needham and Joan Frye Williams who presented a program titled “*Sustainable Strategies for the Community Focused Library.*”

Ms. Beverley thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to return their name tags on the way out. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy L. Bowen  
Recording Secretary