



SOUTHERN ADIRONDACK

LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Notice of Annual Business Meeting

Notice is hereby given of the annual business meeting of the Southern Adirondack Library System on Monday, May 19, 2025, at the Saratoga National Golf Club, 458 Union Avenue, in Saratoga Springs. Hearing-assistive devices will be available for those who request them, and the venue is wheelchair accessible.

Prior to the 6:30 PM meeting, there will be a meet-and-greet at 5:00 PM and dinner served at 6:00 PM. The program will feature Mr. George Steele: Sharing a Sense of Wonder About the Natural World.

At the business meeting, election of trustees will be held in accordance with New York State Education Law §255, 2f, and with SALS (Southern Adirondack Library System) Bylaws. The following openings exist:

- Three in **Hamilton County**:
 - One for a one-year term due to a vacancy. Term to expire May, 2026.
 - One for a two-year term due to a vacancy. Term to expire May, 2027.
 - One for a four-year term due to a vacancy. Term to expire May, 2029.
- One in **Saratoga County** for a five-year term due to the expiration of the second five-year term of Ms. Christine Connell. Term to expire May 2030.
- Two in **Warren County**:
 - One for a three-year term due to a vacancy. Term to expire May, 2028.
 - One for a five-year term due to expiration of the first five-term of Ms. Margaret Shapiro. Ms. Shapiro has agreed to have her name considered to complete a second five-year term. Term to expire May 2030.
- One in **Washington County** for a five-year term due to the expiration of the second five-year term of Ms. Linda Borden. Term to expire May 2030.

The Board Nominating Committee, chaired by SALS Trustee Janet Lindner. The committee places these names in nomination:

- Hamilton County: Jordan Hornstein for a four-year term
- Saratoga County: Heather Crocker for a two-year term
Pat Partello for a five-year term
- Warren County: Margaret Shapiro for a second five-year term
- Washington County: Eleanor DeVries for a five-year term
Debbie Warnock for a three-year term

Brief biographical data about the nominees follows in this notice.

Nominations for the openings will also be accepted from the floor at the business meeting. Any individual you suggest should agree to serve, if elected, and should be aware that committee work outside of SALS board meetings is required.

Janet Lindner, Chair
Trustee Nominating Committee

- **Hamilton County:** The Board is seeking candidates for a one-year term to expire May 2026 and a two-year term to expire May 2027.
- **Hamilton County:** Jordan Hornstein for a four-year term to expire May 2029.

In 2005, after thirty-three years teaching Theatre and English in the Bronx and on Long Island, Jordan, with his wife Jacqueline and their cats, retired to their home on Raquette Lake. Jordan has continued to practice his craft, acting and directing for a number of organizations in the North Country, including Pendragon Theatre and the Adirondack Stage Rats, both in Saranac Lake, the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts, in Blue Mountain Lake, the Our Town Theatre Group, in North Creek, and The Red House, in Syracuse. He has also taught workshops in acting and directing and has worked on theatre projects with inmates at the Federal Correctional Institution, in Ray Brook. He has enjoyed seeing a number of his former students achieving success on stage, screen and television, being nominated for and winning major awards, including Emmys and Tonys.

Jordan was initially elected to the SALS Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy in 2011, and was a Hamilton County representative until 2024. During his tenure, he served as vice president from 2014 to 2018 and as president from 2018 to 2022. If elected again to be a member of the SALS Board of Trustees, he will consider it an honor, especially in these challenging times.

- **Saratoga County:** Heather Crocker for a two-year term to expire May 2027.

Heather Crocker has been the Deputy Commissioner of Finance for the City of Saratoga Springs, where she oversaw the Finance and Information Technology departments, and was actively involved in the city's Climate Smart Task Force. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Saratoga Springs Public Library since 2020, currently as Vice-President. Her other volunteer activities include roles in local and regional politics, in addition to work with the Saratoga Immigration Coalition, Girl Scouts, and G.L.O.B.E. School. An educator for many years, she is passionate about the role that libraries play in supporting strong communities. In her free time, she enjoys reading, cooking, and gardening.

- **Saratoga County:** Patricia L. Partello for a five-year term to expire May 2030.

Patricia Partello is seeking an appointment with the Board of Trustees of the Southern Adirondack Library System. She holds a Master of Library Science from the University of Pittsburgh and has worked as a librarian for over 30 years. Her last position as a librarian, prior to retirement in 2019, was Chief of Law Library Services for the New York State Attorney General's Library in Albany, NY. In this position Pat was responsible for 12-plus law libraries across the State of New York.

Pat has been living in the Schuylerville School District since 1994. Currently, she serves on the Board of Trustees of the Schuylerville Public Library, a position held since 2019. Also, she is a past Board member of the League of Women Voters of Saratoga County. She stepped down from the League Board in 2023 to devote more time to the pending Schuylerville Library's building project, though she still holds the position of Membership Committee Chair for the League.

- **Warren County:** Margaret Shapiro for a second five-year term to expire May 2030.

Margaret Shapiro was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Crandall Public Library, Glens Falls, NJ in 2017. Currently serving as President. Past member of the Board of Directors of Friends of Crandall Library. Currently serving as member of the Board of Trustees of SALS, term expiring in 2025.

Was a member of the Demarest (NJ) Public Library Board of Trustees 1998-2016 and served as president from 2000 to 2016. Oversaw the transition of the library from a private association to a

municipal library. As board president we installed an elevator, built an addition and protected funds from an over-reaching mayor and council.

Was a member of the Executive Board of the New Jersey Library Trustee Association 2005-2016 and served as president for 4 years. The association used its resources to help trustees in their governing roles by developing programs, tutorials and social media. Was a frequent speaker on roles and responsibilities of the library trustee.

Also served on the Executive Board of Highlands Regional Library Cooperative, Bergen County Cooperative Library System, and LibraryLinkNJ. I have attended ALA's Library Legislative Day and library rallies in Trenton. Participated in the NJLA Library District Review Task Force and the committee to select the current NJ State Librarian. Served on the BCCLS Continuing Education Committee 2008-2016.

Owner Mountainview Yoga Studio, Queensbury, NY

- **Washington County:** Eleanor DeVries for a five-year term to expire May 2030.

Eleanor DeVries grew up in northern New Jersey and earned a B.A. in English from New York University. She began her career with Alfred Knopf, publishers, as assistant to the editor of the College Department. She subsequently moved to a career in television and film, working with several film and television producers as their New York liaison with the publishing community. She spent seven years with Walt Disney Pictures in New York as the Director of Creative Affairs, searching for film properties with publishers and authors' agents. She then joined her husband, a film director and writer, producing films and documentaries for television.

Eleanor has been retired since 2012 and lives in an old farmhouse in Argyle with her husband, David, since 1998. Together, they have two children. Anna is an editor at St. Martin's Press in New York City. She has a nine-year-old daughter. Jonathan is in banking and lives in Schenectady. He has a two-year-old son.

Eleanor looks forward to serving on the SALS Board of Trustees and appreciates the support SALS gives to the libraries on our region.

- **Washington County:** Debbie Warnock for a three-year term to expire May 2028.

An avid reader, Dr. Debbie Warnock has been a patron of SALS for the past 15 years. She has lived in Washington County for 13 of those 15 years and currently resides with her two cats in Granville, NY. Debbie works as Associate Director of the McNair Scholars Program at Vermont State University (VTSU) in Castleton. She holds a PhD and MA in Sociology from the University of Washington and a BA in Psychology and German Studies from Vassar College. Prior to joining VTSU, Dr. Warnock was the Director of the Educational Opportunity Program at SUNY Schenectady County Community College. She also worked as a Sociology faculty member at Bennington College and Skidmore College. Debbie is currently a member of the Community Advisory Board for WMHT. In her spare time, Debbie enjoys acting in community theater productions, swimming, cooking, and Bollywood dance. She is currently learning to play the ukulele.