

**Directors' Association**  
**Upper Hudson Library System**  
**Friday, March 2, 2012 at UHLS**

**Attending:**

Judith Wines (ALTM)  
Carol Nersinger (APLM)  
Geoffrey Kirkpatrick (BETH)  
Julie Zelman (BRUN)  
Amy Peker (CAST)  
Matthew Graff (COHS)  
Richard Naylor (COLN)  
Evelyn Butrico (EGRN)  
Stephanie Preston (GRAF)  
Barbara Nichols Randall (GUIL)  
Carol Gaillard (HOOF)

Lenny Zapala (MEND)  
Pat Sahr (NASS)  
Margie Morris (POES)  
Judy Felsten (RCSC)  
Jane Chirgwin (RENS)  
Kim Graff (RVLL)  
Mindy Fowler (SNLK)  
Paul Hicok (TROY)  
Tim Burke(UHLS)  
Sue Hoadley (WSTL)

Welcomed Stephanie Preston (GRAF). Complimented Julie (BRUN) on her new hair style.

**Minutes:**

Meeting convened at 9:10 AM

**Motion:** (Kirkpatrick/Nichols Randall) To approve minutes of February 3, 2012 meeting. **Motion carried.**

**UHLS News: Tim Burke**

- **Lobby Day** – distributed schedule, NYLA's legislative priorities and talking points. Tim explained the schedule for the day. Reviewed NYLA information. Barbara said it would be good to promote flexibility in system funding. She also reminded everyone about the PAC dinner on March 5.
- **Annual Dinner** – plans are in the works. It will be held on Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at the Albany Country Club. The dinner, speech, and awards will be at the CC. Dessert will be at the new Altamont library building.
- **Five-year Plan of Service for UHLS** – new plan is due October 1, 2012 to DLD. Tim will be working on the process for developing the plan. UHLS will use the process to gather information from the stakeholders. They will have focus groups. There will be more information in the Spring. The Central Library Plan and the Free Direct Access Plan also need to be updated. Please share any ideas with Tim. H encourages everyone to review the plan we have on the website.
- **Leadership change at NYLA** – March 9 will be the last day for Michael Borges. The NYLA Council has appointed Jeremy Johannesen as the Interim Executive Director. The search for a new director is beginning.
- **PLA Conference** – in Philadelphia. UHLS will be meeting with the president of Overdrive. They also want to talk to eBook publishers regarding eBooks for libraries.
- **LSTA Grant** – Mary sent out an email regarding the Youth Services part of the grant. Jo-Ann focused on eBooks. She is looking to offer 4-5 session over the course of a year and bring in people from around the country for presentations.  
Carol N shared the story of Colorado Springs libraries that are beginning to deal directly with small publishers/self-publishers rather than Overdrive. Evelyn asked about how to have patrons donate their eBooks to the library. Tim said that is one of the ideas they will pitch to Overdrive – possibly a patron buying through Overdrive and then donating the book to the system when they are done.
- **Annual Reports** – all done. UHLS is waiting to hear if there are any questions from DLD. The narrative is due on March 26<sup>th</sup>. You can include pictures, charts, etc. due to the online format.

**eContent Committee: A Peker**

Met on February 22. Went over talking points for Overdrive – library's having more control over reserves, etc. They are working on collection guidelines and procedures. Richard said there are eBooks to be purchased. There was discussion of how eBooks are purchased. People are more likely to download a book they would otherwise not typically read.

**UHLS Board & Finance Committee: E Butrico**

Decided on Annual Dinner. A donation of \$1,500 from NTB Bank will help sponsor the dinner.

**UHLS Administration: J Zelman**

Some repairs need to be made to the building – upgrading sensors for HVAC system. The cost will be \$15,000 over three years.

**Services Committee: R. Naylor**

- Reviewed guidelines for Advocate of the Year and Program of the Year awards.
- Construction grant – how can UHLS go to 75% funding of projects – starting this year library systems can give up to 75% - targeting economically disadvantaged areas. UHLS will come up with a plan to do this and that plan needs to be approved by DLD. There was discussion as to what falls under the construction grant.

**Central Library: P Hicok**

None

**Old Business:**

EGRN: Evelyn reported that they will have their policy due restrictions by the end of the month. Hopefully it will only be for new materials. They are working through the difficulties of the policy. It will begin on May 1, 2012.

**New Business:**

None

**Notable Programs:**

**Civil War programs** at GUIL & VOOR have been well attended.

**COLN:** The series on justice has been very well attended. Sixty people attended the lecture and the two discussion groups were attended by 42 and 30 people, respectively.

**EGRN:** Trivia Night – they had 10 teams (60 people) – it was a great fundraiser. Also they are planning programs around the War of 1812.

**RSCS:** Held a Super Heroes certification program during break.

**BETH:** They are now circulating pre-loaded Kindles that are requestable for all member libraries. They currently have 6 and will have 20 in total. They are in the catalog.

**Problems/Solutions:**

None

**Open Forum:**

**GUIL:** Debbie Shoup will be retiring March 30. They are re-organizing departments and will no longer have Youth Services and Adult Services as separate departments. They will be combined using a Librarian II position.

**Adjournment**

**Motion:** (Zapala/Wines) To adjourn meeting. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM. Next meeting is April 6, 2012 at 9 AM at UHLS.

Submitted by,  
*Margie Morris*