



UPPER HUDSON LIBRARY SYSTEM

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Directors' Association

February 7, 2014

✓	APLM - Carol Nersinger
✓	ALTM - Judith Wines
	BRLN - Sharon Vogel
	BERN - Judy Petrosillo
✓	BETH - Geoffrey Kirkpatrick
✓	BRUN - Julie Zelman
✓	CAST - Amy Peker
✓	COHS - Matt Graff
✓	COLN - Richard Naylor
✓	EGRN - Evelyn Neale
✓	GRAF - Christian Collins
✓	GUIL - Tim Wiles
✓	HOOF - Carol Gaillard
✓	MEND - Lenny Zapala
✓	NASS - Katherine Chansky
	NGRN - Daryl McCarthy

	PTRB - Sharon Hodges
✓	POES - Margie Morris
	RCSC - Judy Felsten
	RENS - Jane Chirgwin
✓	RVLL - Kim Graff
✓	SNLK - Melinda Fowler
	SCHG - Jessica Lewis Stevens
	STEP - Laurrene Teachout
✓	TROY - Paul Hicok
	VAFI - Sandi Goodwin
	VOOR - Gail Sacco
	WTVT - vacant
✓	WSTR - Sue Hoadley
✓	UHLS - Tim Burke

9:05 AM Meeting called to order by S. Hoadley, President. She welcomed T. Wiles to the region and to the Directors Association.

I. MINUTES

MOTION:

G. Kirkpatrick moved to accept the December 6, 2013 Minutes as presented. M. Morris seconded. Unanimous.

II. REPORTS

Executive Director's Report - T. Burke reported on the following:

- Advocacy: February 26th is Library Advocacy Day. There is a slight change in the usual schedule. There will be a rally ("quiet activism") outside the legislative chambers at 2:00 PM. That evening, there will be a Legislative Reception from 5:00-6:00 at the Albany Hilton Hotel followed by a PAC fundraising dinner. The important components of the advocacy message are the reinstatement of the \$4.5 million that was removed from the Governor's budget, and the value of the Construction grant.
- A Plan of Service Survey will be sent out to the libraries during the week of February 10th as required by the POS.
- Annual Reports: at the time of this report, 5 libraries have submitted their online reports.
- 3D printer program: T. Burke thanked BETH for being willing to present this program for the member libraries and trustees.
- UHLAN: the one millionth bib record was recently entered into the UHLAN database.

ILS Committee Report - G. Kirkpatrick reported on the following:

- The Committee is in the process of ranking the importance of the various features desired in a new ILS. They will make a recommendation to the ASC and then to the UHLS Board. T. Burke will be contacting the vendors for more specific information regarding costs.

C. Nersinger noted that the APL staff seemed to prefer III, this is possibly due more to the presentation than to the features of the system.

P. Hicok noted that both presentations showed how far behind SirsiDynix is.

L. Zapala thought that Polaris looked too much like what we already have.

M. Graff asked how open to changes in their systems the vendors might be. G. Kirkpatrick responded that both are huge companies and it is generally through their Users Groups that changes are made. These are not small companies with individual approaches.

T. Burke noted that at the beginning of the process there was a list of features that were definitely wanted. Both of the vendors can do all of those features. E. Neale responded that the consideration now is: How do they do it? and Is it easier than our current system?

P. Hicok asked if there was a deadline for a decision regarding a choice of system? T. Burke: No.

G. Kirkpatrick noted that the Committee is investigating whether the vendors will guarantee that their product will work over the current network and with the equipment in the libraries.

Administration Committee - J. Zelman reported on the following:

- The Committee is discussing a site for the annual dinner and meeting. The focus of the dinner is on the libraries and the work that they do rather than on an after-dinner speaker.
- The Committee is cognizant of costs and is trying to keep the dinner affordable.
- T. Burke suggested that we continue with a visit to a member library following the dinner. He asked for reactions to that suggestion. S. Hoadley noted that it gives everyone a good reason to get out and visit other libraries.

e-Content Committee - J. Wines reported on the following:

- Documents from the Committee (such as spreadsheets) will be posted under “Reports” on the UHLS website.
- The Committee discussed weeding parameters for the e-content collection - since space isn’t an issue this is not a pressing concern, but there are certain items (medical, legal, etc) that should be removed when outdated.
- UHLS is asking OverDrive if something other than a patron barcode can be used in the Circulation Report since there are libraries that have used UHLS barcodes and therefore are not getting their accurate circulation reports.
- C. Nersinger noted that the OverDrive Discovery Machine is “a waste of time.”
- R. Naylor reported that he is working with OverDrive to purchase titles that are “Fair Trade” with good reviews and not restrictive. He would like icons added to the website for Teens Library, YA Books and Small Press Books. This would help promote those publishers who are treating libraries well.

III. UHLAN AGREEMENT

T. Burke presented a revised UHLAN Agreement for 2015-2017. He explained that the only change he made in the formula, based on suggestions from R. Naylor, is a slightly more stringent definition of “net lender.”

MOTION: L. Zapala moved to accept the UHLAN Agreement and fee formula as presented. M. Fowler seconded. Unanimous.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

S. Hoadley welcomed T. Wiles. He gave a brief review of his background and work experience. The last 20 years he has worked at the Baseball Hall of Fame. He is looking forward to working at GUIL with a great staff and Board of Trustees. He acknowledged that he has a steep learning curve for work in a public library but noted that within UHLS and the member libraries there are great resources to draw on.

V. OPEN FORUM

- Several libraries participated in “Take Your Child to the Library Day”. T. Burke noted that these types of programs are great advocacy opportunities and encouraged the libraries to contact their state legislators with an invitation to visit the library.
- G. Kirkpatrick pointed out that any libraries with Republican State Senators should contact those legislators and keep in touch with them because those are the ones who have access to the “Bullet Aid” or Special Legislative Aid. The Senate is the legislative body that does the most for libraries.

- T. Wiles asked what was the best approach to legislators? T. Burke noted that they should be invited to library events where they would have a chance to meet trustees who will tell that about the value of the library, and also to events that provide good photo opportunities such as Story Hour where they would also have a chance to meet parents/voters. R. Naylor noted that it is also a good idea to set up a special time in a meeting room where the legislator can come in and have a chance to meet with constituents - this is being done very successfully at East Greenbush.
- C. Nersinger had a Civil Service question: is it possible to hire part-time staff who are not on the Civil Service list? G. Kirkpatrick responded that they must be hired from the list; Civil Service does not distinguish between part-time and full-time although how these are defined is a local issue. Sometimes, depending on the relationship with the local Civil Service Department, it is possible to convince them that using only the list is “giving an undue hardship for hiring.”

MOTION:

K. Graff moved to adjourn. M. Graff seconded.
Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

Heidi A. Fuge
2/12/2014