

Northern New York Library Network
Board of Trustees Meeting
November 18, 2021
Zoom Video Conference

The November 18, 2021 meeting of the Northern New York Library Network Board of Trustees was called to order at 10:03 A.M. by Steve Kenworthy.

Trustees Present: Jenica Rogers, Vice-President; Steve Kenworthy, Secretary; Ginger Tebo, Treasurer; Ellen Adams; Krista Briggs; Gwen Cunningham; Jeff Garvey; Ivy Gocker; Jackie Madison; Jill Tarabula and John Thomas.

Trustees Absent: Andrew Kelly and Erin Kovalsky

Staff Present: Meg Backus and Phil Jones.

Agenda

Motion 21/22--16: Jackie Madison (Jill Tarabula) moved to approve the agenda for the November 18, 2021 meeting as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Minutes

Motion 21/22--17: Jill Tarabula (Jeff Garvey) moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2021 meeting as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Financial Reports

The Board reviewed and discussed the financial statements for August 2021 and September 2021. Staff responded to a number of general questions posed by Board members regarding the monthly statements. Meg reported the State has eliminated the Regional Bibliographic Data Base (RBDB) grant program. Funds previously earmarked for RBDB will now be added to the Operating fund.

Motion 21/22--18: Jill Tarabula (Jackie Madison) moved to accept the financial statements for August 2021 and September 2021 as distributed. Carried unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Ivy Gocker announced she has taken a new job outside of the NNYLN service area and today's meeting is her last NNYLN Board of Trustees meeting.

In response to a request for Nominating Committee members Ellen Adams, Ginger Tebo and John Thomas indicated they would be willing to serve on the committee. The committee has been tasked with finding a replacement for Ivy's vacant seat.

The NCLS seat on the NNYLN board has been vacant since Susan Mitchell resigned. At their October 28th board meeting the North Country Library System appointed Paulette Roes as their Executive Director.

Motion 21/22--19: Jill Tarabula (Jackie Madison) moved to appoint Paulette Roes to fill the vacant NCLS seat on the NNYLN Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Carried unanimously.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

The ARPA application was submitted today. NNYLN has been awarded \$301,618 in funding. Funds must be encumbered by June 30, 2022 and expended by July 31, 2022.

Director Report

Meg Backus noted her written report was included in the Board packet. Highlights of current issues include:

NNYLN has been named as a partner on an Innovation Grant for Digital Inclusion submitted by Older Adults Technology Services (OATS). The project is exactly the same as our ARPA-funded Digital Inclusion project. If funded, it would extend the support for the program for another year beyond June 2022 and it would expand the region to include the Southern Adirondack Library System.

NNYLN has been notified the IMLS grant proposal has been awarded. The grant will be funded in the amount of \$305,504, for a three year time period running from 9/1/21-8/31/24. A new part-time hourly position will be added in the near future. The position will run approximately three years and will be funded with Operating funds.

The Network of the National Library of Medicine (NNLM) has funds designated for NY and they came to ESLN councils for help spending it by Dec-Jan. A needs assessment of our state is underway using some of the funds, performed through a survey distributed widely. We've divided remaining funds for each of us to have \$8k-10K for equipment or software that meets member needs for training. We are assembling a kit centered on a piece of tech called a Meeting Owl (owlabs.com) that would support high-quality hybrid meetings

All of NNYLN's Academic Library members Cooperative Collection Development Aid (CCDA) applications have been approved.

Project READY, a monthly meeting open to North Country LAM staff, following an anti-racism curriculum, has been delayed until December.

NYALS 2021 Advocacy Launch on Sept 21st included an update from PAC president John Hammond reporting the increased costs of political events is making advocacy more expensive. He asked all systems to donate \$1,000 to the PAC this fiscal year.

A statement of support has been sent for the expansion of the 90/10 matching arrangement in Construction Aid grants (S5753), which would increase the percentage of total funds that may be used to support projects requiring 10% rather than 25% matching funds.

Meeting Dates 2021-2022

Board members agreed to the proposed meeting date for 2021-2022.

January 13, 2022 10:00 A.M. - Zoom Video Conference
March 17, 2022 10:00 A.M. - Zoom Video Conference
May 12, 2022 10:00 A.M. - Zoom Video Conference

Adjournment

The Board meeting was adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

The November 18, 2021 meeting minutes were approved at the January 13, 2022 meeting.

◆ Next Board Meeting ◆
January 13, 2022, Thursday, 10:00 AM
Zoom Video Conference