

MINUTES OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARY
NETWORK ANNUAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2001

Those in attendance: Narda Tafuri, University of Scranton; Michelle Sitko, Marywood; David Schappert, East Stroudsburg University; Cathy Schappert, Marywood; Sister Gilmory Spears, Marywood; Betsey Moylan, University of Scranton; William Calhoon, Marywood; Tim Hutchins, Marywood; Maggie Restuccia, University of Scranton; Rita Williams, University of Scranton; Joe Luksic, College Misericordia; Judith Tierney, King's; Mary Jane Donnelly, King's; Brian Sacolic, Wilkes; Bonnie Oldham, College Misericordia; Jennifer Luksa, College Misericordia; Susan Yeager, College Misericordia; Scott Thomas, Scranton Public; Christina Thomas, Scranton Public; Lolly Kersey, Scranton Public; JoAnn Babish, Moses Taylor Hospital; Annette M. Fisher, Marywood University; Linda Neyer, University of Scranton; Mary Jo Devereaux, CMC Hospital; Susan Bevan, LCCC; Jon Lindgren, Wilkes; Terry Mech, King's; Diane Suffren, Osterhout; Linda Sturgeon, Luzerne County Library System.

President Narda Tafuri called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m. in the board room of Marywood University.

President's Report

The minutes of the July 21, 2000 meeting were approved as corrected.

Narda thanked the people who worked on committees this year for all their hard work.

Terry Mech worked diligently on the LSTA Grant to aid our libraries to put together an online Union List of Serials. Members of the board will be informed via the list serv whether or not we obtain the grant.

Director's Report

Cathy Schappert prepared a report on the background for the discussion of membership dues increases. The report showed the balance in the checking account, anticipated income from dues at the current rate as well as anticipated ongoing expenses. The dues at the current rate are \$2,900. Additional revenues needed to cover costs are \$1,410. A dues increase for institutional members was discussed. A dues increase for individual members from the current \$200 per year to \$400; annual membership dues for public library system members from \$200 to \$400/year with an additional \$50/library with in the system and HILNEP dues increase from \$800 to \$ 1000/year as recommended by the board were approved.

Cathy updated the group on the status of OCLC's SiteSearch. OCLC will discontinue further SiteSearch development upon the release of version 4.2. NPLN is exploring the options for how the change will be handled.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Diane Suffren, Chair gave the report.

The Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of officers for 2002-2003: Bill Calhoun, Marywood University, President; Bonnie Oldham, College Misericordia, Vice-President; Linda Neyer, University of Scranton, Secretary; Lolly Kersey, Scranton Public Library, Treasurer. All officers were approved.

Automation

Mary Kovalcin, committee chair, was not present at the meeting. The group discussed automation vendors.

ILL/Reference Committees

Brian Sacolic reported that the two committees discussed combining their committees in the future as they share similar interests. Areas of discussion also included the impact of full-text databases on reference and ILL, what the NPLN virtual catalog means in terms of inter-library loan. The Ariel pilot program between College Misericordia, King's College, and Wilkes University has been successful and is now waiting for a new version of the software to be released. The committee would like to know if we are ready to turn on the Ill component on the NPLN virtual catalog at the is time. The Committee will review and make a recommendation.

Betsy Moylan has worked hard on preparing a list of databases and vendors for NPLN member libraries. Libraries may look at making consortia purchases of common databases to get better prices. The incoming president will be asked to appoint an ad hoc committee to look into database purchasing.

Support Staff

Timothy Hutchins reported that the support staff committee has two goals for the year: to increase enrollment and to provide additional training on computer applications. The committee will be sending out letters to encourage support staff to join and to address an agenda for staff training.

Continuing Education

Mary Jo Devereaux reported the spring workshop on May 31st hosted by Scranton Public Library was well attended. The title of the workshop was "The Changing Face of Libraries." The committee will meet again soon to discuss additional workshops. Linda Neyer is the new co-chair of the committee.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

The board is currently discussing changes to the by-laws. David Schappert explained that the old by-laws have become outdated and there are many inaccuracies. Copies of the old by-laws with coded changes and additions were explained.

The idea for Institutional rotation for NPLN president was discussed with the vice-president to serve as the president elect . The bylaws committee will review and make a recommendation to the board.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Sturgeon
Secretary