

MINUTES OF THE NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA LIBRARY NETWORK ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 13, 2005

Members present:

Cathy Schappert, NPLN Executive Director, Marywood University; Linda Neyer, NPLN President, Bloomsburg University; William Cronauer, NPLN Vice-President, Albright Memorial Library; Gene Berger, NPLN Secretary/Treasurer, King's College; Mia Bassham, Luzerne County Community College; Deborah Dulepski, College Misericordia; Connie Fleeger (sitting in for Jennifer Luksa), College Misericordia; Mari Flynn, Keystone College; Zhong Geng, Marywood University; Clara Hudson, University of Scranton; Davie Marks, Hoyt Library; Terrence Mech, King's College; Bonnie Oldham, University of Scranton; Laura Potoeski, College Misericordia; Brian Sacolic, Wilkes University; David Schappert, East Stroudsburg University; Heidi Selecky, Wilkes University; Marianne Sodoski, King's College.

Linda Neyer opened the meeting at 9:20 a.m. The minutes from the previous General Meeting held on July 21, 2004 were approved.

Director's Report:

Cathy Schappert distributed two financial statements which were both approved.

President's Report:

Linda Neyer reiterated that the NPLN Book Catalog has been discontinued, and thanked everyone who participated in the NPLN Book Survey.

Linda also made the following suggestions:

- that plans be created for a possible Needs Assessment in 2005-06
- increased funding be made available to all committees, \$1500 total
- the Automated & Technical Services and ILL/Services Committees work with the Continuing Education Committee to develop future programs

Committee Reports:

The slate of new officers for 2005-06 was presented:

President: William Cronauer, Albright Memorial Library

Vice President/President-Elect: Gene Berger, King's College

Secretary/Treasurer: David Marks, Hoyt Library

The motion to accept the slate of officers was approved by the membership.

Automated & Technical Services Committee:

No report.

Continuing Education Committee:

Clara Hudson mentioned that two workshops were presented during the past year:

- 1) "Taking Time for Yourself: Time and Stress Management, December 15, 2004, held at College Misericordia
- 2) "Where We've Been, Where We're Going: Keeping NEPA Libraries and Librarians Connected," June 8, 2005, held at King's College

Clara asked that members consider topics for future workshops, and suggested that the autumn workshop be presented at a public library.

ILL/Public Services Committee:

Brian Sacolic reported that the ILL committee was recently reorganized to include both the Circulation and Reference committees and is now the ILL/Public Services Committee. Members will work on creating a new charge and mission statement. One possibility is that the mission statement of the ACRL be used as a function of the new committee.

Brian discussed the overall decline book circulation in academic libraries, and suggested that the committee may investigate ways to offset or alter this trend.

A suggestion was made that "brown bag" workshops be created for ILL.

New Business and Announcements:

- (A) Cathy Schappert mentioned that information has been placed on the NPLN website to inform members how to join the listserv. Once a member, anyone may post to the list.
- (B) Brian Sacolic and Heidi Selecky presented an update on the Wilkes University's Farley Library. They discussed how the university's reorganization may affect the library. The administration has developed a master plan for 2010 for the Farley Library to possibly collaborate with community libraries, possibly merging to create a "super library" in the future. Members discussed these ideas and the ramifications of each for the Farley Library. Brian and Heidi will monitor the situation throughout the coming year.
- (C) Bonnie Oldham informed the members that the TLC Union Catalog has been updated.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Gene Berger.