

Central Massachusetts Regional Library System

Annual Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2008

The Manor, West Boylston

Members received packets, including the Annual Meeting Agenda, Minutes from the November 13, 2007 Annual Meeting, Slate of Directors and Officers for 2008, CMRLS Year in Review, CMRLS Friends brochure, BiblioTemps brochures, license plate press release and application form and a copy of a database promotional bookmark. CMRLS FY'10 Budget and Plan of Service has been available for printing and/or viewing prior to the meeting on the CMRLS website. Copies were also made available at the meeting.

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President Suzanne Wargo. Sue welcomed members to the 45th annual meeting of CMRLS.

In attendance were:

Debby Aframe, Worcester Art Museum	Maureen Ambrosino, CMRLS
Elaine Apostola, Mirick O'Connell	Debbie Bailey, Paxton
Mary Baker-Wood, Spencer	Jacqueline Belisle, CMRLS
Irena Bond, MA College of Pharmacy	Sylvia Buck, Warren
Jane Cain, Dudley	Patricia Campbell, Sterling
Margaret Cardello, CMRLS	Julia White Cardinal, Winchendon
Pingsheng Chen, Worcester	Christine Clayton, Worcester Art Museum
Nancy Clune, Frances Perkins Branch	Helen Cohane, Clark University
Kelly Collins, Bolton	Carolyn Delude, Westboro
Katherine Dibble, MBLC	Ellen Dolan, Shrewsbury
Susan Edmonds, Milford	Heidi Fowler, Townsend
Donna Galonek, Auburn	Dodie Gaudet, CMRLS
Sal Genovese, Marlborough	Ken Gloss, Brattle Book Shop
Stan Haney, Holden	Cheryl Hansen, Charlton
Hilding Hedberg, Grafton	Amanda Nelson, Sullivan Middle School
Byron Hill, Bowditch & Dewey Law Library	Susan Hoar, Mendon
Margaret Howe-Soper, Westminster	Louise Howland, West Boylston
Therese Huaman, Holy Cross College	Penny Johnson, Worcester
Deborah Kane, Hudson	Tim Kelley, Oxford
Maureen Killoran, MBLC	Deborah Kirk, Spencer
Paula Korstvedt, Worcester	Joan Kuklinski, C/W MARS
Demetri Kyriakis, Northborough	Nick Langhart, Boylston
Jean Langley, Northborough	Tracey Leger-Hornby, WPI
Ann LeRoy, Clark University	Rob Maier, MBLC
Ashley Malouin, Assumption College	Cyndee Marcoux, Blackstone
Heidi McCann, Mt. Wachusett Comm. College	Ed McDermott, Clark University
Mary Morrison, Souza Baronowski Corr. Ctr.	Louise Motta, Salter College
Carolyn Murphy, NCCI	Frank Murphy, MBLC
Carole Myles, Assumption College	Joan Noonan, Auburn
Carolyn Noah, CMRLS	Rick Levine, CMRLS
Linda Oldach, MWCC	Joan O'Rourke, Assumption College
Julie O'Shea, Assumption College	Wendy Pape, Princeton
Carol Pappas, Assumption College	Jane Perna, Fitchburg
Anne Pound, Quinsigamond Comm. College	Karen Reilly, Holy Cross College

Ruth Pyne, Anna Maria College	Kerry Remington, Rutland
Bernadette Rivard, Bellingham	Janet Schrader, C/W MARS
Jackie Shartin, Worcester Academy	Susan Shelton, Leominster
Karen Spiewak, Charlton	Bill Sweeney, Uxbridge High School
Elizabeth Valero, Millbury	Doreen Velnich, Worcester
Suzanne Wargo, Millbury High School	Jason Wargo, Worcester
Jane Weisman, Princeton	Janice Wilbur, Assumption
Ann Wirtanen, Fitchburg	

The Board unanimously approved a motion by Louise Motta and seconded by Elaine Apostola to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on November 13, 2007.

Katherine Dibble of the MBLC addressed the group and said how pleased she was to be at another CMRLS Annual Meeting.

Frank Murphy of the MBLC also addressed the group to introduce himself and discuss his ties to the Central Region. Commissioner Murphy acknowledged today's election and his hope that Question 1 to repeal the state income tax was defeated. He also mentioned the license plate program and how those who love libraries are sure to participate.

Rob Maier provided an update on the state of Massachusetts libraries. Rob talked about the strength of library support across the Commonwealth. People are using their libraries more and more. The FY2010 budget testimony reinforces this. Rob reviewed the state of the FY2009 budget and projections for the FY2010 budget along with the significant milestones in the FY2010 budget process. He characterized relations with the Administration as positive and stressed the importance of working together in tough economic times in order to find ways to keep providing the services people rely on.

Sue Wargo recognized members of the CMRLS Executive Board and CMRLS staff before transitioning to reports.

Sue reported on the accomplishments of the past year, including a statewide delivery study, revision of the CMRLS Continuing Education policy, a BiblioTemp 5% hourly rate increase, efforts to revitalize the CMRLS Friends group and the license plate program.

Carolyn Noah provided a report from the Regional Administrator highlighting the LSTA grants that CMRLS staff have finished and started in the past year, the digitization special project that helped members add records to Digital Treasures, the Library 2.0 Six Pack program that provided on site consultation, 3 mini grant projects, and 141 BiblioTemp placements.

Carolyn also offered a special recognition to Penny Johnson, Head Librarian at the Worcester Public Library, who will be retiring early next year.

Carolyn also recognized the CMRLS staff.

Sal Genovese, Chair of the Planning & Budget Committee directed members to the proposed FY2010 Plan of Service and Budget. Hearing no questions he asked for a motion to approve the documents.

The Members approved a motion by Bernadette Rivard and seconded by Mary Morrison to accept the CMRLS Budget and Plan of Service for FY'10.

Louise Howland presented the Slate of Officers on behalf of the Personnel and Governance Committee:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

For vote by CMRLS Council of Members
November 4, 2008

SLATE OF OFFICERS:

Salvatore Genovese, Marlborough Public Library – President
James Douglas, Nichols College -Vice President
Jacquelyn Shartin, Worcester Academy -Treasurer
Louise Howland, Beaman Memorial Library, West Boylston – Secretary/Clerk

SLATE OF DIRECTORS:

Elaine Apostola, Mirick O'Connell Law Library (term expires December 2011)
James Douglas, Nichols College (term expires December, 2010)
Salvatore Genovese, Marlborough Public Library (term expires December, 2010)
Cheryl Hansen, Charlton Public Library (term expires December, 2009)
Susan Hoar, Taft Public Library, Mendon (term expires December 2011)
Louise Howland, Beaman Mem. Library, West Boylston (term expires December, 2009)
Amanda Nelson, Sullivan Middle School, Worcester (term expires December, 2011)
Anne Pound, Quinsigamond Community College (term expires December, 2009)
Jacquelyn Shartin, Worcester Academy (term expires December, 2010)
Faye Fulone Sweeney, Central MA Center for Healthy Communities (term expires December 2011)
Karen Spiewak, Charlton, Lay Representative (term expires December, 2010)

Additional Nominations Will Be Accepted From the Floor

Submitted by: CMRLS Governance/Personnel Committee

Louise Howland, Beaman Memorial Library, West Boylston
Suzanne Wargo, Millbury/Junior Senior High, Chair
Jane Weisman, Past President

There being no nominations from the floor, **the Members unanimously approved the 2009 Slate of Officers and Directors on a motion by Bernadette Rivard and seconded by Patricia Campbell.**

Karen Spiewak provided a report of the Revenue Enhancement Committee. Karen reviewed the Committee's activities, including a fundraising letter that was sent to local businesses to raise funds for the mini grant program.

She also presented the history of the license plate program activities. Karen urged everyone to help make this program a big success.

Cheryl Hansen reviewed the license plate program incentives that end on November 30, 2008. Louise Howland urged members to promote the license plate on their local cable stations as she recently did.

Sue Wargo presented outgoing Board members, Ellen Dolan, Debby Aframe and Jane Weisman, with gifts and sincere thanks from CMRLS for their hard work.

There was no "Other Business".

Suzanne Wargo introduced the new CMRLS President, Sal Genovese, and turned over the gavel to Sal who introduced our speaker, Ken Gloss.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. on a motion by Sal Genovese and seconded by Susan Edmonds.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Cardello, Assistant Regional Administrator