



**SCRLC Annual Membership Meeting
Traditions at the Glen, Johnson City, NY
October 4, 2019
Minutes**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 1:28 p.m. by James Galbraith, Board President.

Roll Call. Mark Smith, Board Vice-President, called the roll of governing members. A quorum was present.

Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Motion to approve by Molly Brown and seconded by Susanna Van Sant. Approved.

President's Report. James Galbraith thanked everyone for participating in the morning's Planning Our Future activities and Kirby Edmonds for his presentation and assistance in our strategic planning process thus far. He also thanked the SCRLC staff for all the work they do. President Galbraith encouraged everyone to continue to participate in SCRLC because the Council is only as strong as their member participation.

Financial Report. Sarah Glogowski, Treasurer, presented the financial report. She called attention to the receipts/expenditures difference, which was due to cash balance transfers. The audit went very well and we received the highest rating possible.

This year's financial report was presented to the membership and is included in the Annual Report. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Sarah Glogowski and seconded by Karin Wikoff. Approved.

Executive Director's Report. Mary-Carol Lindbloom introduced SCRLC staff. She indicated that benefits statements ("report cards") have been sent out and that an electronic version will be sent soon, as well.

Highlights from the annual report: SCRLC received a \$15,000 legislative grant from Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton to upgrade digitization equipment; we will host an open house when the upgrades are finished, likely in the spring.

Advocacy must be a constant effort of building on existing relationships with representatives and community. Library Advocacy Day in Albany is important but ongoing continuing work is crucial. According to our legislators we should be contacting the governor now before he has his budget in place and yet it is challenging to make that change, statewide.

The DEI working group became an advisory committee. They are currently working on a DEI plan that touches each part of our programs and services; they developed the Council's recently approved Code of Conduct, and continue to expand the DEI LibGuide. DEI is important in our strategic planning process—mission, vision, and guiding principles/values.

There is concern about our hospitals; only two have degreed librarians at this point; Molly Brown is acting as a circuit librarian for member hospitals without one. The other eight Empire State Library Network Councils, share our concern.

Digitization: Thirty-one members contributed to NY Heritage. Digitization is the Council's fastest growing program; several historical organizations joining as affiliate members to participate.

SCORA—South Central Onsite Reciprocal Access program—was recently approved by the Board. This reciprocal borrowing program enables members' students, faculty, and other serious users to borrow materials from other participating libraries, in person. Molly Brown and Mary-Carol Lindbloom will present an informational webinar on October 28.

SCRLC is also looking at implementing regionally the Communities + Libraries program, which can lead to deeper community engagement for participating libraries and other organizations.

Board of Trustees Election. Jean Jenkins presented the Slate of Trustees on behalf of the Nominating and Board Development Committee. This year there were three candidates for two open seats. Voting members were given two voting cards to participate in the paper ballot vote.

Dr. Kristin Dade, Cornell University
Marge Kappanadze, Elmira College
Dr. AC Sieffert, Alfred University

Receiving no nominations from the floor, Susanna Van Sant moved to close nominations. The voting was anonymous; votes were counted by Jean Jenkins and Diane Capalongo. Dr. Kristin Dade and Marge Kappanadze were elected to fill the vacant board seats.

Bylaws Amendment Approval. Sarah Glogowski, a member of the Bylaws and State Regulations Committee, presented the proposed addition of "SCRLC adheres strictly to the New York State Sexual Harassment Law in effect as of October 9, 2018 and to the Civil Rights Act of 1964" to Section 10.5. A motion to approve the Bylaws Amendment was made by Sarah Glogowski and seconded by Karin Wikoff. Approved.

Mary-Carol Lindbloom presented this year's awards. Sarah Shank, Ithaca College, received Library Worker of the Year award; Mechele Romanchock, Alfred University, received the Sustainability Award, and the Chemung County Library District received the Best Video Award.

Adjournment of Business Meeting. Motion to adjourn made by Marge Kappanadze and seconded by Jean Jenkins. The meeting adjourned at 2:23 p.m.