



**SCRLC Annual Membership Meeting  
Cornell Lab of Ornithology, Ithaca  
October 30, 2024  
Minutes**

**Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 1:46 p.m. by Megan Biddle, Board Vice President.

**Roll Call.** Matthew Roslund, Board Secretary, called the roll of governing members. A quorum of the governing membership was present.

**Approval of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve was made by Steve Bachman and seconded by Karin Wikoff. Approved.

**President's Report.** Megan Biddle presented the president's report on behalf of Board President, Kristen Dade. Board accomplishments for 2023-2024 included developing a Board matrix, that led SCRLC to hire a LIS intern to work with the Board, Allison Gonzales. At last year's annual meeting the membership approved the revised Bylaws. A Board orientation was provided for one first term Board member who was voted in at last year's annual meeting. A Board retreat was held in September with most Board members present.

**Financial Report.** Sarah Glogowski, Treasurer, presented the financial report noting that SCRLC is in very good standing with more receipts than expenditures. The excess of over \$53,000 was due largely to the receipt of the final 10% of ARPA funds and receipt of 90% of funds from a Humanities NY grant. Claire Lovell and digitization services continued to bring in additional funds enabling us to offer more grants. The audit this year went well.

**Executive Director's Report.** Mary-Carol Lindbloom reviewed our soon-to-be released annual report. The report includes our guiding values, vision, mission, and the five strategic directions. Highlights:

- The SCRLC librarians conducted 37 field visits, generating many photo opportunities.
- Our Bibliographic & Referral Center (BARC) handled 2,254 requests for our members--an increase of 16% and the second busiest year in the last two decades.
- We awarded over \$59,000 in digitization grants.
- There were 52 learning opportunities presented to over 1300 participants along with providing virtual learning services. Our total eclipse series, funded by a grant from the American Astronomical Society, was extremely popular, increasing our recorded webinar views by nearly 207%. The grant also funded eclipse kits and 10 min-grants for our members and their members.
- Six travelling exhibits were displayed in libraries of all types and are still active and ready to be borrowed.
- 12 hospital members received \$11,000 in individual grants. The number will go down next year because some hospitals are now umbrellaed under larger hospitals.
- The Southern Tier Digital Equity Coalition continued the work of digital equity.

- Coming up, we will need to begin developing our next 5-year plan of service. Mary-Carol put out a call for interested members to join us at the first planning meeting which will be online via Zoom on December 6. There will also be work associated with the funding of the Technical Assistance Grant from the NYS ConnectAll Office. We are also engaging with them and the State Library on a statewide accessibility project. She ended by reminding attendees that there were seats available on the various advisory committees, the Plan of Service Design Team, and that SCRLC always welcomes ideas for learning opportunities or other types of programs. She thanked the membership.

**Board of Trustees Election.** Matthew Roslund presented the Slate of Trustees on behalf of the Nominating and Board Development Committee. There were four board seats up for election to five-year terms:

Kristen Dade, Cornell University, second term  
Kirsten Gosch, Cayuga Museum of History & Art, first term  
Marge Kappanadze, Elmira College, second term  
Hugh McHarg, Corning Museum of Glass, first term

A motion to approve the nominations was made by Matthew Roslund and seconded by Erika Jenns. Approved.

**Awards.** Eight awards were presented to the following members:

Member of the Year – Matthew Roslund, Bassett Healthcare  
Excellence in Action – Lorie Fuller, Corning Museum of Glass  
Excellence in Action – Alison True, Ithaca College  
Defender of Intellectual Freedom – Southern Tier Library System  
Community Engagement – Melanie Miller, Alfred Box of Books  
3 Prism Award for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility went to:  
Binghamton University Libraries  
Maria Planasky – Alfred University  
Kevin Adams – Alfred University

**Adjournment of Business Meeting.** A motion to adjourn was made by Marge Kappanadze and seconded by Steven Bachman. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes were recorded by Matthew Roslund, Board Secretary