



**SCRLC Annual Membership Meeting
Park Church, Elmira, NY
October 24, 2025
Minutes**

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 12:50 p.m. by Megan Biddle, Board President.

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

Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve was made by Marge Kappanadze and seconded by Matthew Roslund. Approved.

President's Report. Megan Biddle presented the president's report on behalf of the Board of Trustees. As usual, the Council accomplished nearly every objective it set out to do this past year. Board accomplishments for 2024-2025 include a retreat that was incorporated into the September 2024 Board meeting. It focused on the issues affecting our various types of libraries and organizations, enabling us to learn more about the various sectors of members that we represent. The Board also planned an unplugged leadership retreat for September 2025, which was held last month at Taughannock State Park. Last year, we welcomed our first student intern to work with the Board. Allison Gonzales, and in September, our second intern, Shai-ana Bess. The Board also reviewed and revised the existing Board policies. Digitization grants were awarded to 15 members, nine hospitals received individual grants, and SCRLC provided funds to Binghamton University for the Institute for Reimaging Equity in Academic Libraries (iREAL). Of course, the Board engaged in more routine activities, too, including new trustee orientation, reviewing financial statements, other reports, the audit, and the 990.

Financial Report. Sarah Glogowski, Treasurer, presented the financial report noting that SCRLC is in very good standing with more receipts than expenditures. She said it was an uneventful, typical fiscal year with many grants awarded to member libraries including HLSP grants and digitization grants. The audit for 2024-2025 went well and SCRLC closed the year with \$2,000 added to the cash balance.

Executive Director's Report. Mary-Carol Lindbloom highlighted the past year's activities.

- She first discussed SCRLC's leadership structure—the 15-Member Board of Trustees; seven advisory committees, staff and the two special committees and task groups, Plan of Service Design Team and Membership Dues & Fees Task Group. Then, mentioned some of the organizations with which SCRLC collaborates, including the Empire State Library Network, New York Library Association, New York Alliance of Library Systems, and the Southern Tier Digital Equity Coalition.
- DEIJA initiatives for this past year included six learning opportunities; updating the DEIJA LibGuide (Immigration tab added); publishing the Inclusive Metadata LibGuide and supporting iREAL as above, and funding 10 hotspots for digital equity/telehealth kits.

- Awareness & Advocacy are ongoing efforts, with always more to do. Advocating together with the organizations mentioned, plus library workers everywhere, we collectively increased funding by \$1.725M to \$106.325M in State Library Aid and restored Library Construction Aid to \$44M; Intellectual Freedom & Privacy; EO's.
- Communications figures were discussed, as were Learning Opportunities.
- Ask Us Services consist of Ask the Lawyer (incorporated Ask the HR Expert), Ask an Archivist; and AskUs 24/7 Virtual Reference.
- Coordinated Collection Development Aid for Academics funds provided \$182,715 in funding for SCRLC's 19 academics--a total of \$6,055,417 since 1988/89.
- Mary-Carol thanked Tompkins Cortland Community College for providing Bibliographic & Referral Center (BARC) services. They cannot continue due to staffing, and SCRLC did not receive any responses to the RFP sent out; therefore, the Board at their July 2024 meeting approved bringing BARC back in-house on a pilot basis.
- Digitization: New York Heritage (NYH) Digital Collections--62 SCRLC contributors, 37,591 items; pageviews across the region's collections increased from 426,764 to 907,938. Re: NYS Historic Newspapers, all 14 counties are represented--194 newspaper titles, 1,705,345 pages in total. SCRLC contributed 1,374,875 (80.6%) of those pages.
- Seven traveling exhibits are now available to borrow— Immigration, Women's Suffrage, Erie Canal, Hurricane Agnes, US Census, Ovid's Craft Beverage, and Urban Renewal. Urban Renewal is the latest, and kudos to Claire Lovell for her hard work on this exhibit.
- Electronic Resources continued to be provided, including Niche Academy, LibGuides, Literary Reference Source (EBSCO), and FirstSearch (OCLC).
- Nine hospitals participated in the Hospital Library Services Program, receiving individual grants totaling \$13,036; New England Journal of Medicine, and Stat!Ref ebooks. Four hospitals subscribed to a set of OVID journals.
- What is ahead: Plan of Service completion, the Sustainable Libraries Initiative certification, NYALS advocacy plan, more learning opportunities, more grants, STDEC's Technical Assistance Grant implementation, and SCRC @ 60.

Board of Trustees Election. Matthew Roslund presented the Slate of Trustees on behalf of the Nominating and Board Development Committee. There was one board seat up for election for a five-year term:

Fantasia Thorne-Ortiz, Northeast College of Health Sciences

A motion to approve the nomination was made by Rachel Dworkin and seconded by Gaby Castro Gessner. Approved.

Membership Dues. Sarah Glogowski presented the proposed membership dues increases of up to 3% each year for the next three years. A motion to approve was made by David Stevick, seconded by Mary Ann Munroe. Approved.

Awards. Four awards were presented to the following members:

Excellence in Action – Katy Galvin, Technical Services and Collections Manager for the Center for Mark Twain Studies, Elmira College

Prism Award for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice, and Accessibility – Hornell Public Library

Community Engagement – Binghamton University Libraries (presented in absentia)

SCRLC Spirit Award – Karin Wikoff, Retired Electronic and Technical Services Librarian, Ithaca College; Board Member of the Aurora-Ledyard Historical Society; SCRLC Board Member, Plan of Service Design Team, and Membership Dues & Fees Task Group

Adjournment of Business Meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Karin Wikoff and seconded by Steven Bachman. The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew Roslund, Board Secretary