2022 Elting Memorial Library Board Committee Descriptions

Executive Committee (standing committee)

- Is "comprised of the Officers of the Board to act on behalf of the Board when an emergency decision must be made." (Elting Bylaws)
- Meets quarterly to plan agendas, discuss Board issues and set Board goals.

Policy and Bylaws Committee (standing committee)

- Works with Director to write new policies, other than those that are explicitly covered by other committees, as needed.
- Reviews current policies every 5 years and updates as needed.
- Reviews the Library Bylaws and presents a report and recommendations for amendments at the Board of Trustees October meeting, following which the board may present its recommendations at the Annual Meeting.
- Ensures that polices published on the Elting website are up-to-date.

Facilities Committee (standing committee)

- Provides oversight for the maintenance and management of Elting facilities and grounds, including facility infrastructure, such as IT systems.
- Develops and monitors a Facilities Plan which anticipates short and long-term capital improvements and major repairs.
- Conducts a semi-annual inspection of the facility and grounds and makes recommendations to the Director for repairs and maintenance.

Personnel Committee (standing committee)

- Reviews and makes recommendations regarding the Director's job description, evaluation procedure, salary and benefits.
- Works with the Director to develop policies for board approval that relate to salaries, retirement benefits and health insurance—including benefits for employees on Medicare.
- Reviews the Employee's Handbook annually and makes recommendations for changes and updates.

Nominating and Elections Committee (standing committee)

- at the December meeting, presents a slate of officers for the following year's Board of Trustees. The officers are elected at the January meeting.
- recruits community members to fill vacant board seats with the goal of making the Board representative of the community served by the Library.
- conducts the election of trustees at the Annual Meeting.

Long Range Planning Committee (standing committee)

- consists of representatives of the Board, staff and community.
- prepares the Library's Long-Range Plan of Service consistent with Elting's vision, mission and values, including but not limited to social justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion.
- annually monitors the progress being made by the Library in connection with goals set forth in the Plan and, where necessary, makes appropriate adjustments in the Plan.

Finance Committee (standing committee)

- chaired by the Board Treasurer.
- works with the Director to prepare the budget for the forthcoming fiscal year.
- monitors implementation of the budget through monthly and quarterly reports submitted by the Director.
- develops and reviews all policies relating to financial matters, and updates them when necessary.

Development Committee (standing committee)

- raises funds to support Library services and operations and to augment Library savings.
- manages fundraising events such as appeals, events, book sales and legacy giving programs.

Communication Committee (standing committee)

- assists as needed in the writing and editing of public access materials such as the 990 narrative and the Annual Report to the Community.
- publishes a bi-annual donor newsletter.
- performs a final review and edit of all Board documents such as policies, appeals, formal letters and the Long-Range Plan of Service.

Volunteer Committee (standing committee)

- hosts annual Volunteer Appreciation Event
- works with Library Director to recruit volunteers for Library functions
- explores ways to recognize individual volunteers throughout the year.

Library Fair Committee (standing committee)

- consists of members of the staff, Board and New Paltz community
- plans, staffs and manages the annual Library Fair.

Building Renovation and Capital Campaign Committee (Ad Hoc Committee)

- evaluates the building design to determine if the project can be phased or if some of the objectives can be achieved through re-purposing of our current building space.
- conducts a feasibility study, with the help of a consultant, to determine if campaign will succeed and to identify potential donors
- develops a plan for executing a capital campaign, perhaps using a consultant
- explores what grants might be available for library construction

JEDI Committee (Ad Hoc Committee)

- explores ways to achieve the goals of Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) set forth in Section 1 of the Long Range Plan of Service.
- consists of the Library Director and representatives of the community as well as members of the Board