



**Annual Association Meeting  
Thursday, January 28, 2021  
Minutes**

*Present:* Steve Bergstein, Paul Edlund, Ron Fields, John Giralico (director), Sarah Holsted, Laurie Hlavaty, Rebecca Leung, Robert Miller (presiding), Alison Nash (minutes), Tom Rocco, Jason Warren, June Wheeler, Lecia Zulak

*Guests* Fran Platt (covering the meeting for the *New Paltz Times*), Carol Auer, Charlotte Moss, Carol Steiner, Jesse Chance, Rochelle Gordon, Linda Welles

**I. Bob opened the meeting at 7:10 describing these yearly tasks:**

- Approval of the budget
- Board members' extension of terms
- New board members
- Changes to bylaws

**II. Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting (attached)**

**MOTION** to accept (John, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom)

**APPROVED** unanimous

**III. Annual Reports**

*President* (attached)

*Director & Staff* (Children's Room, Manager of Operations, HHHC are all attached)

**IV. Treasurer presentation of 2021 budget (attached)**

Paul first provided an overview of the 2020 budget. Despite the inability to hold the library fair and other fundraising events during this pandemic year, some large donations and lower expenses meant we are in good shape. He next provided an overview of the 2021 budget. Although there is reduced state aid, public funds stay the same, which provides stability. He went over expenses, including personnel, library materials, the operation and maintenance of the building, and miscellaneous expenses such as printing, mailings, and MHLS fees. The library has income from savings for unpredictable expenses.

**MOTION** to approved the budget as presented (Sarah, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jason)

**APPROVED** unanimous

**V. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of nomination of trustees to fill terms that are ending in January 2021, as well as new trustees (all terms to end in 2024):

- Carol Auer (for first 3-year term)

- Stephen Bergstein (for second three-year term)
- Ron Fields (for second three-year term)
- Laurie Hlavaty (for second three-year term)
- June Wheeler (for second three-year term)

**MOTION** (Alison, Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>) to accept the slate of nominations to serve as trustees  
**APPROVED** unanimous

#### **VI. Proposal to revise by-laws**

The Communications Committee (Alison, June, Laurie) proposed the following change to the mission statement in Article I, Section 2 of the bylaws:

##### **Current Mission Statement**

The mission of the Elting Memorial Library will be to provide and maintain public library service to all residents of New Paltz and to promote knowledge, understanding and an appreciation of literature through all media forms and information technology as the library believes an informed populace is the bulwark of democracy.

##### **Proposed Mission Statement**

Elting Memorial Library's mission is to promote literacy, build community, and inspire lifelong learning. The library's extensive collections, unique historical holdings, cultural programs, services and events, provided in a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, shall be an accessible resource for all.

**MOTION** to accept the proposed mission statement as a substitution for our current mission statement in our bylaws (Laurie, June 2<sup>nd</sup>)'

**APPROVED** unanimous

**MOTION** to adjourn the Annual Association Meeting at 7:30 (John, Linda 2<sup>nd</sup>)