

**North Country Public Library Directors Organization**  
**Minutes**  
**24 August 2006**  
**Croghan, New York**

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 a.m. by President Barbara Wheeler.

**Attendance:** Barbara Wheeler, [Flower]; Linda Voorhees, [Cape Vincent]; Amy Degnan, [NCLS]; Sally Brown, [Lowville]; Rebekah Tanner, [Fulton]; Alice Barton, [Clayton]; David Franz, [Ogdensburg]; Carol Ferlito, [Oswego]; Steve Bolton, [NCLS]; Cheryl Shutts [Henderson], Pat Musante, [Potsdam]; Paula Steele, [Orwell]; Peggy Dening, [Orwell], Lyn Swafford, [Canton]; Dennis Eickhoff, [Colton]; Steven Kellogg, [Dexter]; Joan Kampnich, [Croghan].

The minutes of the 20 June 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by Alice Barton, seconded by Pat Musante, carried.

**Old Business**

Discussion was held on whether or not to change the structure of the organization or leave it as it is. Consensus was to leave our organization the way it is. After discussion it was agreed to drop the number of meetings a year from four to three, with the Spring and Annual meeting to be held in Watertown and the Summer meeting to be held a location within the four counties, alternating them. A by-law change will be voted on at the annual meeting. [by-law as it will be presented is listed at the end of the minutes].

**New Business**

Steve Bolton, Director of NCLS reported that the annual meeting will be held on Saturday, October 7 at Jefferson Community College in Watertown. He reported that there would be a surprise author at the annual meeting, but he could not divulge the name. Steve also reported that he had met with Assemblyman Darrell Aubertine. He thought it might be a good idea to hold "thank you" parties for the representatives who support libraries for their efforts in obtaining funding for libraries.

Steve reported on the DLD and about an upcoming announcement to made regarding construction grants. Applications would need to be into the system by early December since the deadline would be toward the end of the year. The minimum cost of project is \$5,000. A letter should be to sent to SHPPO prior to the project and a quote for the project is also needed.

Steve went over the NCLS survey results and the plan of service for NCLS. Steve reported that a Central Library Advisory Committee is needed according to DLD. A committee will be appointed at the October meeting.

A system free direct access plan is needed to fulfill the commissioner's regulation 90.3 [a] through [d] [4]. A copy of the draft for the proposed plan was handed out to those present. A motion was made by Carol Ferlito and seconded by David Franz, that the Director's organization support the NCLS document as presented. Carried.

Barbara Wheeler reported on a company called Better World Books who will help you get rid of books you no longer want. A hand out was available and a web site given as [www.betterworldbooks.com](http://www.betterworldbooks.com) for further information.

A round table discussion on health benefits were discussed with members finding out that benefits and salaries are all over the board. It was noted that you should not be comparing salaries with other libraries but within your own town, village, etc., comparing with other workers such as a town clerk.

A nominating committee was appointed for the October election. Lyn Swafford, Pat Musante and Linda Voorhees are the committee.

Steve Bolton asked if the DO would approve the NCLS plan of service. A motion was made by David Franz, seconded by Rebekah Tanner that the director's organization approve the plan of service. Carried.

Rebekah Tanner reported on the use of the Poets and Authors Group. They sometimes have money left over and will pay for an author to come to your library. Check their website for more information.

Lyn Swafford reported that NNYLN are willing to digitize your historical collection as well as other historic documents. Contact John Hammond at 265-1119 for more information.

Lyn Swafford made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Paula Steele.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis E. Eickhoff