

**North Country Public Library Directors Organization**  
MINUTES OF MEETING

October 2, 2004, at 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Community College. Co-chairpersons Charlotte Garofalo and Pat Musante attending. Charlotte Garofalo presiding.

**ATTENDANCE:** Charlotte Garofalo [Gouverneur], Stella Todd [Heuvelton], Elaina Smith [Madrid], Pat Musante [Potsdam], David A. Franz [Ogdensburg], Dennis Eickhoff [Colton], Sandy Lamb [Black River], Vicki Brothers [Norfolk], Lyn Swafford [Canton], Cheryl Shutts [Henderson], Andrea Arquette [Cranberry Lake], Barbara Wheeler [Watertown], Toni Ellenger [Sacket's Harbor], Christina Pease [Philadelphia], Sally Brown [Lowville], Ceil Cunningham [Alexandria Bay], Yvonne Reff [NCLS].

Meeting began with a general thank you to Steve Bolton.

1. **Disposition of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** S. Todd [Heuvelton] moved to approve minutes as corrected; seconded by S. Lamb [Black River] and unanimously approved.
2. **Correspondence:** No correspondence.
3. **NCLS Director Remarks:** S. Bolton noted that State Assembly had failed to override veto of restoration of library cuts made by the Governor. He noted no funding increases since 1998. Discussed realignment of staff duties resulting from Mary Bidwell's resignation. Newsletter items should be sent to Lia King. Noted that incentive aid, pool collections, and materials might suffer if state cut remains. Asked that we should get boards to write and local political bodies to pass resolutions in support of funding restoration. He noted that governor's cut represented 4.5 million out of a total budget of 101 BILLION. Cut would result in 89,000 dollar loss to system.
4. **Old Business:**
  - A. Library Statistics: P. Musante discussed letter to Janet Welch supporting bringing library circulation statistics into line with realities of 21<sup>st</sup> century library service. Discussion indicated [Y. Reff] that state annual report would probably be breaking out inter-library loan statistics again, that counters on

web pages would be a good idea. Consensus of the meeting was that letter should be sent.

- B. By-Laws Change: L. Swafford [Canton] moved that by-laws be changed to provide for meetings of the organization in April, June, August, and October. Motion seconded by S. Todd [Heuvelton]; unanimously approved.
- C. Nominating Committee: As no committee was appointed, there was no report.
- D. State Funding & Library PAC: C. Garofalo [Gouverneur] proposed a writing campaign to political representatives with a goal of 100 letters from each library; letters to be sent to NCLS to be delivered. NCLS will assist the campaign by providing letter templates with proper addresses and salutations. It was agreed to conduct letter writing campaign as outlined. It was suggested that people join the recently formed, state-wide, library political action committee.

**5. New Business:**

- A. Election of Officers: The following were nominated as officers for 2005: P. Musante [Potsdam], President; C. Pease [Philadelphia], Vice-President; D. Franz [Ogdensburg], Secretary. D. Eickhoff [Colton] moved, V. Brothers [Norfolk] seconded, to have the secretary cast one ballot in favor of the slate presented. Unanimously approved. B. Wheeler [Watertown] and S. Lamb [Black River] were appointed the Liaison Committee to provide unofficial representation at NCLS board meetings.
- B. Cumoletti Collection: A collection for the family of deceased member Suzette Cumoletti was taken.

**6. Adjournment:** Adjourned about 2:25.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE APRIL 15, 2005,  
LOWVILLE FREE LIBRARY, 10:30 AM**

Respectfully Submitted  
David A. Franz  
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