

**North Country Public Directors Organization**  
**Minutes**  
**7 October 2006**  
**Watertown, New York**

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 p.m. by President Barbara Wheeler.

**Attendance:** David Franz, Ogdensburg; Dennis Eickhoff, Colton; Stella Todd, Heuvelton; Joan Kampnich, Croghan; Pat Musante, Potsdam; Francie Shoemaker, Adams Center; Andrea Arquette, Cranberry Lake; Steven Kellogg, Dexter; Linda Voorhees, Cape Vincent; Yvonne Reff, NCLS; Barbara Wheeler, Flower; Charlotte Garafalo, Gouverneur; Rebekah Tanner, Fulton; Cheryl Shutts, Henderson; Lyn Swafford, Canton.

The minutes of the 24 August 2006 meeting were approved on a motion by Linda Voorhees, seconded by Stella Todd, carried.

**Election of Officers**

The nominating committee presented the following names to be officers of our organization: President, Barbara Wheeler, Vice President, Charlotte Garafalo; Secretary, Dennis Eickhoff. A motion was made by David Franz, seconded by Rebekah Tanner to approve the slate as presented, carried.

Sandy Lamb and Sheryl Shutts will serve as liaisons from our organization to the NCLS board.

**New Business**

[4.a] CLD Committee: four or five members from our organization are needed to volunteer on an advisory committee to the NCLS board.

[4 b] Universal Library Card: cards have been ordered, NCLS will pay for the cards. Bar codes to be paid for by individual libraries. Non-automated libraries would send their patron records to NCLS to put in the database so that a patron can use the card in other libraries.

[4 c] North Country Reads: The 2007 celebration of North Country Reads begins with the selection of the book "The Ha-Ha" by Dave King. Dave will appear at Flower Library from April 23 – 27, 2007. January 3, 2007 will be the kickoff date for libraries to receive a copy of the book.

[4 d] Tutor.Com: Pat Musante reported on the subscription service [Tutor.com] for middle school and high school students. The tutors are professional. Funding needs to be looked into.

[4 e] Grow Your Own At Your Library: Lyn Swafford reported about a web site [www.pla.org] in which grants in the amount of \$8,000 is given to libraries to help those who have completed a bachelors degree who would like to go on to receive a masters degree.

[4 f] Magazine Subscription Services: discussion was held on the names of subscription services that libraries use to purchase magazines. Amazon & Universal Subscription Service were two companies that have been used.

### **Action Items**

A motion was made by Lyn Swafford and seconded by David Franz to change the bylaw on Article V Meetings [A] which reads "Meetings of the Association will be held in April, June August and October. Special meetings may be called by the President when deemed appropriate". Article V Meetings [A] will now read "Meetings of the Association will be held in April, June, and October" Special meetings may be called by the President when deemed appropriate.

### **Additional Comments And Information**

Linda Voorhees spoke on the use of Better World Books to help get rid of books at your library. She has had good luck using them.

A discussion was held on what to do with old computers. Some libraries give them away to patrons.

A discussion was held on downloadable books. Could this be something that the system might provide?

The date of the next Director's meeting will be on Thursday, April 26, 2007 and held at Watertown.

A motion to adjourn was made by Stella Todd, seconded by Joan Kampnich, carried.

Respectfully submitted [to the best of my ability]

Dennis Eickhoff  
Secretary