

**Friends of Libraries Section – Annual Membership Meeting  
October 23, 2015  
New York Library Association Annual Conference, Lake Placid, NY**

**Welcome and Introduction of the 2014-2015 FLS Board**

President Lisa Wemett called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the first Membership Meeting of the Friends of Libraries Section. She introduced the current members of the Executive Board that were present for this meeting: Sarah Sachs, Vice President/President-Elect; Randall Enos, Immediate Past President; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President; Marcia Elwitt, Treasurer; and Members At Large, Marie Orlando, Sue Swanton, and Frank Van Zanten. Members unable to attend were Betsy Sywetz, Secretary, and Members At Large, Vicki N. Kosovac, Elizabeth Olesh, Leslie Riley, and Ristiina Wigg.

**Approval of the Minutes of the November 7, 2014, Annual Meeting**

These minutes were reviewed by the FLS Executive Board on December 16, 2014, and were posted on the FLS website for the members. Marcia Elwitt moved to accept the minutes; Marie Orlando seconded the motion, which carried.

**Review of FLS Treasury Balances**

Marcia Elwitt, Treasurer, presented highlights of the 2014-2015 treasury:

- July 1, 2014: \$2,986.10
- June 30, 2015: \$3,527.65
- September 30, 2015: \$3,529.15

**Review of Annual Report on Section Activities**

Lisa highlighted a few items on her Annual Report that was distributed at the meeting. There has been a 19% increase in membership in this first year. Membership has grown from 108 to 129 members. In June 2015, the Friends of the Irondequoit Public Library invited Lisa to speak at their annual meeting. Congratulations to the Friends in their pivotal role in bringing a new library to the community of Irondequoit! A successful “Getting Started” workshop was presented at the Southern Tier Library System. This program is something that she would like to see FLS offer to other library systems throughout the state.

**2015 Daniel W. Casey Library Advocacy Award**

This is the first year that this award is being presented in FLS’s name. It was awarded posthumously to Don Riplinger, a volunteer for the Friends and Foundation of the Rochester Public Library. Ned Davis, Executive Director, and Sharon Salluzzo, past president of FFRPL, accepted the award.

**Recognition of Randall Enos, FLS President Emeritus**

Lisa recognized the long-time commitment and dedication of Randy to the organization. He served as President six times in its twenty year history and was instrumental in growing it from a Roundtable to a Section. Under his guidance the Board

grew from five to thirteen members. In addition he has received the Outstanding Service to Libraries Award for his consistent work on behalf of libraries. In May 2015, the FLS Board bestowed the title President Emeritus to Randy in honor of his distinguished service to the Friends of the Libraries Section. Lisa presented Randy with a certificate acknowledging his new title.

### **Passing of the Gavel to Incoming President Sarah Sachs**

Culminating a very successful year as President of the first official year of the FLS, Lisa passed the gavel to Sarah Sachs, President 2015-2016.

### **Installation of the 2015-2016 FLS Board**

Sarah introduced the new Executive Board for the upcoming year: Janet Kreason, Vice President/Conference Planner; Lynne Madden, Secretary; Members At Large, Marie Orlando, Sue Swanton, and Frank Van Zanten. (Elizabeth Olesh, Ristiina Wigg, Vicki N. Kosovac, and Betsy Sywetz were unable to attend.) Treasurer Marcia Elwitt and Terry Mulee, Second Vice President, are continuing. Lisa Wemett will serve as Immediate Past President.

### **Adjournment**

Susan Swanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lisa Wemett seconded. Approved. The meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lynne Madden, Secretary

Reviewed by the FLS Executive Board: December 14, 2015  
Approved, November 4, 2016, FLS Annual Membership Meeting, Saratoga Springs, NY