

**Empire Friends Roundtable and Friends of Libraries Section Annual Meeting
November 7, 2014
New York Library Association Annual Conference, Saratoga Springs**

Finishing the business of the Empire Friends Roundtable:

- I. Welcome: Randall Enos, President** opened the EFR Annual Meeting on November 7 with distributions of the 2013 annual meeting minutes and his year-end report. He welcomed the audience to the last annual meeting of Empire Friends Roundtable as EFR is now dissolved to become a full Section under the name of the Friends of Libraries Section of New York Library Association.
- II. Approval of 2013 Annual Meeting minutes:** Marie Orlando moved approval of the 2013 EFR annual meeting minutes. Terry Mulee seconded. Motion carried.
- III. Annual Report:** Randy Enos reported that this year, EFR started to transition from Roundtable to Section status, working on increasing membership, updating the by-laws, and increasing the size and geographic diversity of the Executive Board. The threshold of 100 members was crossed, the newsletter expanded its content, and the group's web page was updated all under the guidance of Terry Mulee in the newly created position of Second Vice-President.
- IV. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Marcia Elwitt distributed the report for FY 2013-2014, with an ending balance on June 30 of \$2,986.10. Most expenses for the year were associated with offering three Friends-related programs at the 2013 NYLA Annual Conference in Niagara Falls and costs incurred from newsletter printing and distribution. The Treasurer's report shall be regarded as a part of these annual minutes.

Beginning the business of the Friends of Libraries Section:

- V. Presentation of the Slate of Officers/ Board for 2014/2015:** Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, a member of the nominating committee, introduced the slate of officers for 2014-15, which included three new Members At Large (term: 2014-2016) and Sarah Sachs as Vice President/President Elect. The incumbent board members who would continue in their positions for another year were also included in the first slate for the Friends of Libraries Section.

The slate of officers for the first Board of the new Friends of Libraries Section for a one year term [except as noted] are: Lisa Wemett, President; Sarah Sachs, Vice President/President Elect; Terry Mulee, Second Vice President [two year term]; Randall Enos, Immediate Past President; Betsy Sywetz, Secretary; Marcia Elwitt, Treasurer[two year term]. Members At Large with a term of 2014-2016 are: Judi Campbell, Elizabeth Olesh, and Ristiina Wigg. Members At Large with a one year term remaining are: Marie Orlando, Leslie Riley, Sue Swanton, and Frank Van Zanten.

There being no other nominations heard, acting secretary Susan Swanton cast one vote to elect the new FLS Executive Board.

- VI. Adjournment:** Randy concluded that EFR has "remained a class act" for its 22 years and passed the gavel to incoming Section President Lisa C. Wemett who adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by Susan Swanton, Acting Secretary

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