

## **GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION Minutes of the Annual Meeting January 29 and January 30, 2001**

The Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held at the offices of the Great Neck Library on Monday, January 29, 2001, and Tuesday, January 30, 2001. (Agenda attached).

### **Monday, January 29, 2001**

President Bette Weidman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, January 29, 2001, for the purpose of voting for two members of the Board of Trustees, three members of the Nominating Committee, and three proposed Bylaws amendments.

In-person voting took place from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the four library facilities: the Main Building on Bayview Avenue and the Lakeville, Parkville and Station Branch Libraries. After voting was concluded at 10:00 p.m., the Business portion of the meeting was recessed by Vice President Mischa Schwartz until 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2001.

### **Tuesday, January 30, 2001**

The Business portion of the Annual Meeting was held at 8:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 30, 2001, at the offices of the Great Neck Library, 159 Bayview Avenue, Great Neck, NY.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum of the Board:

Bette Weidman, President  
Mischa Schwartz, Vice President  
Joyce Klein, Secretary  
Don Stern, Treasurer  
Elayne Bernstein, Assistant Treasurer  
Marietta DiCamillo, Assistant Treasurer  
Catherine Moore

Also present: Christine Salita, Library Director  
Neil Zitofsky, Business Manager

Attendance sheet attached.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

President Weidman reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m., and welcomed everyone. She also thanked outgoing trustees DiCamillo and Schwartz for their dedicated service. Presentations were made to both trustees.

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Secretary Klein announced the election results:

**Trustee:** for the four-year term ending 2005, to fill the seat formerly held by Marietta DiCamillo

Linda Cohen (unopposed) 300

**Trustee:** for the four-year term ending 2005, to fill the seat formerly held by Mischa Schwartz

John Drukker (unopposed) 298

**Nominating Committee:** for the two-year term ending 2003, to fill the seat formerly held by John Brickman

John Brickman (unopposed) 289

**Nominating Committee:** for the two-year term ending 2003, to fill the seat formerly held by Barbara Zeller (balance of Linda Cohen's term)

Carol Mitch (unopposed) 299

**Nominating Committee:** for the two-year term ending 2003, to fill the seat formerly held by Marianna Wohlgemuth

Stephen Donnelly (unopposed) 276

**Proposed Bylaws Amendments:**

In order to amend the Bylaws, the propositions required a super-majority of a two-thirds affirmative vote.

Proposition No. 1 (to remove the signature from the proxy ballot)

Yes	311
No	16

This amendment was adopted as a result of having a 95% affirmative vote.

Proposition No. 2 (to change the date of the Nominee Announcement from October 15 to October 10)

Yes	285
No	19

This amendment to the Bylaws was adopted as a result of having received a 94% affirmative vote.

Proposition No. 3 (to change the Independent Nomination Filing Date from November 1 to November 5)

Due to a mechanical malfunction of Nassau County Board of Election Voting Machine #128177, the results of the count on Proposition #3 were invalid. This voting Machine failed to record any votes for Proposition #3. It did record votes for all other propositions and candidates. 121 people cast votes on Voting Machine #128177 at the Main Library.

Of the votes that were counted from Proposition #3 (voting machines other than #128177 and the proxies), the result was:

Yes	203
No	13

This was a 94% affirmative vote; however, the votes of 121 people who potentially voted on Proposition #3 on machine #128177 were unrecorded due to mechanical failure. According to Legal Counsel William Cullen, the test of law is

this: *Would the results have been significantly different had all 121 unrecorded votes been cast in either the affirmative or in the negative.*

If all 121 votes had been cast in the affirmative, the results would not have been significantly different (96% affirmative vote vs 94% affirmative vote). Proposition #3 would have been adopted.

If all 121 votes had been cast in the negative, the results would have been significantly different (94% affirmative vote vs 60% affirmative vote). A minimum affirmative vote of 66% is required for a Bylaws amendment to be adopted. Therefore, in this instance the Proposition would have been defeated.

Legal counsel advises that the count on Proposition #3 be declared invalid and that Proposition #3 be put to a revote at the 2002 Annual Meeting, should the Board so wish.

## MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Mischa Schwartz, seconded by Marietta DiCamillo, and after discussion, it was,

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees approve the Minutes of the January 24, and February 1, 2000, Annual Meeting, as presented.

**VOTE:** Yes 7 (Bernstein, DiCamillo, Klein, Moore, Schwartz, Stern, Weidman)  
*Motion carried unanimously*

## REPORTS

The Annual Report, containing the text of The President, Treasurer and Director's reports, is appended.

Director Salita, who resigned as Director of the Great Neck Library effective February 1, 2001, thanked all members of the Board of Trustees and wished the community well.

Public Comment: Ralene Adler, JoAnn Farley, Rebecca Gilliar

A brief recess was called at 8:34 p.m. prior to the commencement of the re-organizational portion of the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Klein  
Secretary

## Annual Meeting: Reorganizational

### CALL TO ORDER

President Weidman called the Reorganizational portion of the Annual Meeting to order at 8:40 p.m. Newly-appointed Trustees Linda Cohen and John Drukker (not present due to prior commitment) were welcomed to the Board.

President Weidman called for nominations for Officers.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President: Elayne Bernstein nominated Bette Weidman, seconded by Joyce Klein.

*All in favor. Motion carried. Dr. Weidman was reelected President.*

Vice President: Linda Cohen nominated Joyce Klein, seconded by Don Stern.

*All in favor. Motion carried. Joyce Klein was elected Vice President.*

Secretary: Bette Weidman nominated Catherine Moore, seconded by Joyce Klein.

*All in favor. Motion carried. Catherine Moore was elected Secretary.*

Treasurer: Elayne Bernstein nominated Don Stern, seconded by Bette Weidman.

*All in favor. Motion carried. Don Stern was reelected Treasurer.*

Asst. Treasurer: Don Stern nominated Elayne Bernstein, seconded by Catherine Moore.

*All in favor. Motion carried. Elayne Bernstein was reelected Assistant Treasurer.*

Asst. Treasurer: Bette Weidman nominated John Drukker, seconded by Joyce Klein.

*All in favor. Motion carried. John Drukker was elected Assistant Treasurer.*

### 2001 MEETING DATES

After discussion, the following meeting schedule was set: February 27 (regular meeting), March 13 (budget workshop), March 20 (budget workshop/hearing/adoption), March 27 (regular meeting/hearing/adoption), April 19 (regular meeting), May 22 (regular meeting), June 26 (regular meeting), September 11 (regular meeting), October 23 (regular meeting), November 27 (regular meeting) and December 18 (regular meeting).

President Weidman asked fellow Trustees to let her know of their preferences for committee assignments which will be announced at the February Board Meeting. Committees are: Finance, Branch, Policy/Bylaws, and Personnel. In addition, President Weidman announced that two appointments will be made to the Nominating Committee at the February Board Meeting.

Public Comment: William Morrill

## **OPEN TIME**

Public Comment: Harriet Fagnoli, Rebecca Gilliar, Doris Master,  
Muriel Turk, Mischa Schwartz

## **ADJOURNED**

Upon a motion by Bette Weidman, and seconded by Joyce Klein, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Moore  
Secretary