

**GREAT NECK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
January 29 and January 30, 1996**

The Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library Association was held at the offices of the Library on Monday, January 29, 1996 and Tuesday, January 30, 1996, on Bayview Avenue and Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

Monday, January 29, 1996

Arthur Lerner, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Monday, January 29, 1996 for the purpose of voting for members of the Board of Trustees, members of the Nominating Committee, and proposed changes to the Association By-Laws. The Secretary, Dolly Relkin, requested the Library Director verify that over 100 proxies had been received by the Library, constituting a quorum of the Association. He did so.

Voting took place from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at 2 locations: the Main Library on Bayview Avenue for those residing in zip codes 11021, 11023, 11024, 11030 and 11363: and at Parkville Branch Library for those residing in zip codes 11020, 11040 and 11362. This was the second year that voting took place at a second location on a trial basis. Library Counsel Carol Melnick, who was present, ruled that persons who came to the wrong location to vote would be permitted to do so, and a telephone procedure was established so that it would be recorded at both locations that person had voted. After voting was concluded at 10 p.m. the business portion of the meeting was recessed until 8 p.m., Tuesday, January 30, 1996. On Tuesday, January 30 1996, at 10 a.m. the Secretary and a confidential employee counted the paper proxy ballots entered into the computer to verify the official election results which were to be announced at the Business Meeting.

Tuesday, January 30, 1996

The business part of the Annual Meeting of the Great Neck Library was held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 1996 at the offices of the Library on Bayview Avenue at Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

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

Ralene Adler
Elayne Bernstein
Jo Ann Farley
Steve Glaser
Muriel Kane
Arthur Lerner
Dolly Relkin
Renée Zarin

Also present:

Carol Melnick, Library Counsel
Ken Weil, Library Director
Joe Latini, Assistant Director
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director
Attendance Sheet attached

CALL TO ORDER

President Jo Ann Farley reconvened the Annual Business Meeting at 8:15 p.m. and welcomed all present.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS - Dolly Relkin, Secretary, announced the results of the uncontested election:

<u>For Trustees - Three Elected</u>	<u># Votes</u>
<u>Dr. Cynthia Engel</u> - 4 year term ending January 2000 to fill expired term of Arthur Lerner	806
<u>Steve Glaser</u> - 4 year term ending January 2000 to fill expired term of Dolly Relkin	770
<u>Marietta DiCamillo</u> - 1 year term ending January 1997 to fill the unexpired term of Steve Glaser	766

For Nominating Committee - Two Elected# Votes

Gladys Ross - 2 year term ending
January 1998 to fill the expired
term of Thelma Stevens

780

Harold Shichtman - 2 year term ending
January 1998 to fill the expired
term of Leah Foodim

774

Propositions to Amend the By-Laws - Four

	Yes	No	Total	Needed 2/3
1. Article VII Par.A - Term Limits for Trustees	701	581	1282	854
2. Article VII Par.K - Number of votes required for Honorary Trustee	613	657	1270	846
3. Article VIII Par.A - Term limits for Nominating Committee	677	612	1289	859
4. Article IX Par, C - Role and Duties of the Board President	649	548	1197	798

The Secretary pointed out the public voted very clear majorities for Propositions 1, 3, and 4. However, there would be no change in the By-Laws since a 2/3 vote is necessary for By-Law changes.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOMING REMARKS AND REPORT - Jo Ann Farley

The public library is the embodiment of the basic democratic ideal of equal opportunity for all. According to the *Library Bill of Rights*, the library exists to provide resources "for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all people of the community the library serves...regardless of origin, age, background, or views. There is no question that this statement is central to the way the Great Neck Library defines its mission.

The library's primary resources with which to enlighten is the written word; and the main business of libraries has traditionally been to provide the community with a diverse collection of literature for all ages. Libraries, and their users, have been greatly affected by the information explosion, and the rapidly changing technology that transmits that information. Libraries and librarians play a crucial role in gathering seemingly endless mountains of information, evaluating new resources, providing the public with access to this information and guiding users of varying ages, education, and backgrounds in the selection of the appropriate materials to meet their needs. The role of the Library and librarians has not changed but the resources and the delivery of library services certainly has.

Our populations is growing at both ends of the age spectrum, more tiny tots and more mature adults come to our Library. Like the rest of the US our community has become increasingly diverse. You can often hear conversations in the Children's Room conducted in Spanish, Hebrew, Farsi, Russian, French, Italian, Japanese, Chinese and... our caring and competent children's staff welcome these children and their parents making them feel that they are part of our library family. At the beginning of the year, on January 9, to be exact, the Library initiated the privately funded *Adolf Snow-Great Neck Library Baskets of Books program* —107 anticipated babies were enrolled by year's end. The roster of names is truly reflective of the diversity of our community.

In 1995, we continued to expand our foreign language book and magazine collection including more books in Farsi, Japanese and Chinese. Currently there is a display of Iranian authors and new books in Farsi that get borrowed as quickly as they are put out.

The great strides toward full library and community online participation in the computer age achieved last year, continues. 1995 brought additional new technology to us. The Library enhanced its computer equipment and added upgraded personal computers (PCs) for public use; including a bank of PCs in the Main Library's reference area, and additional PCs in the Children's Room, Levels, and each of the branches. Praise is due to Assistant Director Joe Latini, the Head of the Reference Department Leila Mattson and Adult Services Librarian Helen Crosson, along with the entire reference and information staff for the manner in which they adapted to using the new equipment and software and guided our patrons in their use.

Our CD- ROM tower, the first in a public library on Long Island, was installed under the supervision of Joe Latini. The tower enables the delivery of information to patrons outside the main library via terminals located in each of the branches, as well as to dial-in users. The terminals in the Libraries are in continual use, and each day you can observe staff members introducing the new technology and assisting both eager and reluctant patrons of all ages and backgrounds in its use.

Empowering patrons to access information regardless of the form is an essential role of our Library in the age of the information explosion. It is important for us to remember that much of the information that citizens needed to know about dangers of "Love Canal" was obtained not from government agencies, but from the materials housed in local public libraries with the aid of librarians. In 1995, our Library was recognized for reaching out beyond our buildings to obtain information and resources and working to provide new ways of assembling, evaluating and using information. The Great Neck Library is one of the first in New York State designated as an "Electronic Doorway Library."

The Library Board, challenged by the need to address the community's current and future Library needs in a responsible way, reviewed Board policies, the delivery of Library services in the main Library and the three branches, the state of the Library's financial operations, began to establish of new operational procedures. The Library Board, initiated a review of the Library's financial operations, the first in over 100 years. The accounting firm of Graber and Company issued a report recommending a number of changes to enable the Library to handle its finances more efficiently. Copies of the report are available in the reference department and in all the Branches. A search has begun to hire a Business Manager to attend to the financial aspects of the library.

Buildings

This year, we made the final payment on Bayview Avenue Library building's mortgage!

As the building ages the Library Board is mindful of seeing that necessary maintenance and repairs are made. The outside lighting

at the Main Library was examined and new poles and fixtures are awaiting installation. Our aging oil tank was replaced, avoiding the possibility of future environmental damage (we note that none was found). Painting and power washing of the main building's facade was completed. A list of other items needing repair or replacement is being prioritized.

1995 saw the Parkville Branch bathrooms modernized, made unisex and one was upgraded to be handicapped accessible. In September, a new 5 year lease for the Parkville Branch was signed. The lease provides an option for additional space in the Parkville Branch Library. A Citizen's Branch Advisory Committee was organized to participate in a review of that community's library needs and to provide input on the utilization of the new space. Their recommendations will assist the Branch Committee in devising a plan for the future of that facility. The Board is hoping that Citizen's Branch Advisory Committees for the Lakeville and Station Branches will be formed and become active in 1996.

Staff

Our extraordinary Library staff performed their jobs in an exemplary manner throughout 1995. The Library Board recognizes the special efforts put forth by each employee each day enabling the Library to function smoothly. Our staff's professionalism assured that our community continually received the high level of service and the attention they deserve. At this time, I would like to publicly express the board's appreciation to the Library staff. Our maintenance staff deserves particular praise for the manner in which they cleared the access to the Library during the December snowstorm.

The professionalism and leadership of our library professionals is noteworthy. In addition to their regular working schedule, many of our staff members are active participants in professional Library organizations such as the American Library Association (ALA), the New York Library Association (NYLA), Nassau County Library Association (NCLA) and the Library Public Relations Council (LPRC). They spread the word of the wonderful things our library does with colleagues from other libraries and bring back new thoughts and ideas to other staff members. In 1995, Lisa Paulo (Department Head of Children's Services) was elected as Treasurer of (NCLA) and Muriel Turk, Department Head of Programming / Publicity was elected Vice-President/President Elect of LPRC.

Children's Librarian Harriet Fagnoli served as the RIF (Reading is Fundamental) coordinator for the Children's Services Division of NCLA. Staff members frequently attend meetings and workshops to upgrade and improving their skills so that they can pass those skills along to the public.

This year we recorded with much sadness, the passing of four dedicated staff members—retirees Doris Lundin (who prior to her retirement was the Assistant Department Head of Children's Services) and Mae Goldberg, (Head Clerk in the Circulation Department), Lynn Kissane (Programming/Publicity) and Margery Kahan (Circulation). Each brought unique qualities to their jobs and we miss them all.

On a happier note, 1995 was also a year of significant milestones. Mary Dehn after serving the Library for more than 30 years, retired as Supervisor of Technical Services; and unquestionably an unmatchable milestone was reached by Helen Banaciski who celebrated her 50th year anniversary as an employee of the Library. They will be recognized in a special way this evening.

Library Programs

1995 was another banner programming year. For over 25 years our library has provided the community with exceptional programs including musical performances, lectures, storyhours and more.

Community Involvement in Programs

The Great Neck community is rich in many things...especially, the number of talented individuals who live here and who are willing to share their gifts and time with us. The Library celebrates them and welcomes their contributions to the cultural life of the library.

One of our Iranian residents, Bahman Kiai, approached our programming office with the idea of presenting evening programs featuring traditional Persian music. That idea evolved into a memorable Persian cultural program that brought to our community room singers, musicians, poets and speakers. The overflow audience, which included entire family groups drawn from a wide variety of residents and ages. It was an exciting beginning for our renewed effort to actively involve members of the Great Neck Iranian Community in Library events. Mr. and Mrs. Kiai are working with Muriel Turk of our Programming Department and Lisa Paulo, Head of

Children's Services on a series of programs for 96 beginning with a celebration of the *Now Rooz* (Iranian New Year at the end of March). The Programming Department is also developing contacts with members of Great Neck's Chinese and Hispanic communities with the goal of involving them in planning for programs related to their cultures to be presented at the Library.

During the last ten years members of The Archaeological Institute of America - Long Island Society (AIA-LIS) have given the Library several thousand slides. This year, the group fully catalogued the collection making it a usable resource for students and scholars. The collection includes slides of China, Pakistan, India, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Morocco, Jordan, Israel and elsewhere. A wine and cheese reception followed the presentation. There was also a display of artifacts from many of these countries on view in the display case in the Lower Level Lobby. Several archaeological slide lectures were scheduled for adults and children in 1995 and in the years to come we will continue to utilize the slides in our programming. These slides also are available for all Library users to borrow.

Additional Summer Programs

The Library's programming department strives to present an eclectic variety of programs with appeal to the diverse we serve. In 1995, after reviewing the flow of individuals visiting our building, we experimented with scheduling a greater number of activities in the evenings and during the summer. The community response was wonderful. Programs attracted large audiences, drawing many new faces and a wider mix of ages. Our expanded summer activities included our regular film screenings and the four slide shows presented by the members of the Great Neck Camera Club. A pair of programs directed at seniors and conducted by Fred Chernow in a *Sleep Well Tonight* (July) and *Boosting Your Memory Power* (August) —were extremely popular, attracting so much interest that we needed to add additional sessions and required the attendees to show their Library cards or other proof of residency to insure that they could participate. Mr. Chernow has since repeated his talks for a number of other local organizations. Our computer room staff conducted a *Computer Seminar* during the summer and more computer related programs are being planned.

Ever seeking new programs of interest to our community the following new series introduced in 1995, included *Making Sense of*

the Market - presented by Robert Gardner- a resident, financial analyst and retirement planner, *Playwrights on Family Issues* - presented by psychologist Herbert Goldstein, *World Literature* (replacing Harriet Rieff's Great Books Discussion), and at the Parkville Branch Library the *Adult Crafts Workshops* - led by Carol Brosnan.

Among the Library's ongoing program series are:

- **Art and Photography Exhibits** (the three annual shows are curated by Great Neck residents with the latter two showcasing the works of many of our local artists) : *Contemporary Black Artists in America*, the show currently surrounding us is curated by Ivan Habersham who has brought the work of talented African-American artists to our community for 25 years; the Artists Network of Great Neck exhibition is curated by Lissy Dennett, a participating sculptor, and The Great Neck Color Camera Club photography exhibit, coordinated each year by Joseph Boverman who along with many of the other members of the organization, mount an exhibit each summer that is more glorious than the one preceding).

Art/Slide lectures presented in conjunction with major museum exhibits are always very popular with our residents. This year we presented *Piet Mondrian* and *Claes Oldenburg* by Magda Salvesen, and *Goya in the Met* presented by Inés Powell.

- The Great Neck Garden Club's bi-annual show, *In the Garden.*, jointly sponsored by the Library was truly a magnificent treat for the senses. The club also is responsible for providing the library with seasonal surprises in the planter outside the main entrance and the weekly arrival of new floral arrangements at the Main Library's circulation desk.

Our community members participate in a variety of library sponsored **book reviews and discussion series.**

- The always stimulating, very lively *Current Nonfiction* is led by history professor, Michael D'Innocenzo who has a wonderful way with words as well as a talent for picking book award winners, before the fact.

- Local psychotherapist Shirley Spector challenges us with *Explorations: Looking at Ourselves* - another lively book discussion series.

- This year we greatly missed Sandy Rosencrans, who had to cancel most of her *World of Fiction* book discussions. The Library and her large and loyal following are looking forward to her return this spring.

- The talk of the town as well as the best talking in town takes place at the monthly meetings of *The Salon* brilliantly orchestrated by residents Ron and Bea Gross.

We also presented a wide variety of programs this year addressing health issues, jobs, music, history, comedy, and art exhibits at New York City museums and more. (also listed in the annual report)

Turning Chaos into Order in Your Office (home or work) presented by Lisa Abelson, *Jobs , Jobs, Jobs* led by Jane Cummins, a storytelling program for adults—*Love Stories for Better or Worse*, storyteller Elizabeth Rowe. Health lectures included *All About Arthritis, Lyme Disease* and *Breast Cancer* and a program on *Domestic Violence*. We celebrated National Library Week with *The Joy of Censorship* featuring Joe Raiola, a satirist and an associate editor of MAD. A Slide program on the *Korean War* by Irwin Z. Braun drew history buffs. The *Art and Lore of Violin Making* was demonstrated by master violin maker Charles Rufino. *Standup Comedy*, presented by Great Neck resident Bonnie Graham, was our first entry into this format. The filmmaker of *The Shvitz*, Jonathan Berman brought a tape of his documentary that brought back wonderful memories to members of the audience who shared some experiences with him.

Our patrons delighted again in listen to music arranged by Music Advisory Committee chaired for over 20 years by Gabe Chieco and Rita Nelson whose members include Helen Bishop and Sylvia Everett and the Library thanks them for continuing to provide our community with an array of talented musicians.

January: Mirror Visions: Poetry in Music featuring Tobé Malawista, Scott Murphree and Richard Lalli –February: Pianist Eteri Andjaparidze –March: Jazz Ensemble - The Joe Dixon Quintet–April: Operatic Duo featuring Elizabeth Biggs, soprano and Kirk Redmond , tenor filled in for scheduled tenor Richard Buhl–May: HMS Pinafore presented by the Gilbert & Sullivan Light Opera Company of Long Island–October: Great Neck violinist Colin Jacobsen–November: GN Young Musicians in Recital with pianist Xiaowei Li, cellist Tsao Lun Lu, flutist Tiffany-In Lee, and marimbist Vadim Karpinas –December: A Recorder Sampler presented by the Recorder Orchestra of New York and Sakura (Cherry Blossoms) the Great Neck Library's Japanese Women's Chorus under the direction of Ms. Selina Miyazaki with pianist Yumiko Kamii.

- In cooperation with the Adult Program of the Great Neck Schools Arlene Nevens conducted 2-session courses on *How To Use the Library's On-Line Public Access Computer (OPAC) in the Library*. To acquaint community organizations about OPAC Ken Weil, our Library Director assisted variously by Assistant Directors Arlene Nevens and Joe Latini and the Head of Reference Leila Mattson and Adult Services Librarian Helen Crosson, presented that show in the library and on the road. OPAC sessions were also held at each of the Branch Libraries.

Levels and Jr. Levels staff (often overlapping) engaged their user population in numerous old and new activities. The Library made it easier this year for Levels age youth living near the Parkville Branch Library to participate in that program. A sampling of activities planned by Parkville youths took place in their branch, and the Library provided transportation to bring them to the Main Library for specific programs. For second year in a row, we congratulate Jr. Levels Director and Levels staff member Dave Preisman producing with his students win, a first prize winner in the 1995 Hometown Video Festival. Levels and Jr. Levels programs are filled with excited, enthusiastic young people who are greatly enriched by the experience they gain by participating in an ever shifting array of workshops and other activities. Levels Director Mario Blanco and his staff assisted by the Levels Planning Board made 1995 a great year for our community's teenagers. The wide range of activities for 7th grade through college age youths can be found in the statistical portion of the Annual Report.

Our children's programs are intended to establish rapport between young patrons and the librarians who will serve their information and literary years as they grow. Most programs for children revolve around books or authors and attempt to interest participants in treading and becoming life-long users of the Library. Programs for parents are also scheduled. Children's programs are offered at our two largest facilities, the Main Library and Parkville Branch Library. Programs suited for large audiences are presented in the Parkville Elementary School Auditorium with the cooperation of the Great Neck Union Free School District.

Each school year, the Children's Room and Parkville encourages and leads class visits. The Preschool Program housed in the Parkville Elementary School visits that branch throughout the year. Classes from our local nursery schools and elementary schools (both public and private) visited the children's room in 1995. CLASP, an early childhood and after school care facility located in the Grace Avenue School also makes regular visits. This year, young patients

from Schneiders Children's Hospital who have unique physical needs, many in wheel chairs began regular visits to the Main Library.

Seven story hours programs (designed for specific age groups) provide youngsters and their parents or caregivers the opportunity to listen to wonderful stories and make friends. *Toy Time* for our youngest library goers provides a socializing playtime for youngsters while allowing adults to learn about books and meet other parents or caregivers. During school vacations the Library offers entertainments often adapted from literary works and sometimes just plain fun like *The Acrobrats*, *Squeaky Clean*, *Professor Wobbly Morgan*, *Torgan* and *Teri* and amongst others.

Two Parent Workshops, *Traveling with Kids*, and *Help My Preschooler Wants to Read* were offered in 1995. The well attended *Calling All Teachers* presented an opportunity for our Librarians meet teachers who either live or work in the Great Neck schools and acquaint them with our collection and staff.

A most noteworthy event was *The Creative Learning Workshop*, presented by CAL-tac™, a Great Neck based, not-for-profit group that designs tactile materials for use by both visually impaired and/or blind children and sighted children. The program held in our library brought children who regularly attend our programs together with children who because of their visual impairments are not usually found in the Library. Again, a full listing of Children's Programs can be found in the statistical pages of the Annual Report.

Our patrons presented us with a number of substantial gifts this year including significant additions to our reference collection. Donations from the friends and family of Barbara Braunstein were used to purchase the new edition of the Encyclopedia of Human Behavior and the World Geographical Encyclopedia. At a reception/presentation in the main library honoring Sylvia Kelman's 75th birthday, her family donated 16 books on Jewish-Christian relations. An extremely generous donation of funds made by the family and friends of Walter Engel is being used purchase the 34 volume Groves Dictionary of Art, to be published in the summer of 1996. and the Guinness Encyclopedia of Popular Music also published Groves was added to our collection by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. David Cohen of Bayside in memory of the Stone family.

For the Library, 1995 was a very busy year filled with many challenges. New technology provided us with the means to expand the use of some of our resources. Using computers and modems our patrons have access to our online resources 24 hours a day...and

many of residents use that service during those hours when our buildings are closed. The Board welcomes and needs the input and support of the community. We look forward to enabling the Library to continue be the place where the public comes for answers to their questions, to find a good books to read or the increasingly popular books on tape listen to, great videos to watch, music to listen to soothe, and yes the place to enjoy chance encounters with friends. As they have for over 100 years, our Library staff continues to provide high quality services to the public. The priorities set by the Board together with the Library Director for 1996 will enable us to maintain our place as an outstanding Library for many years to come.

SECRETARY'S REPORT - Dolly Relkin

The Secretary reported that copies of the Minutes of the 1995 Annual Meeting were in the Annual Report given to each member present. Upon motion by Elayne Bernstein, seconded by Arthur Lerner, and unanimously carried, it was,

RESOLVED, to dispense with reading of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of January 30 and 31, 1995 and that the Secretary cast one ballot to accept the Minutes as presented.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ralene Adler

The Treasurer thanked the Board and the community for their trust and confidence in her recommendations as Treasurer which ultimately became Board policy. She also thanked Mr. Henry Graber who has given the Board, the Director and the staff, hours of patience, guidance, and professional expertise. Ralene Adler also thanked the Director and entire staff for their willingness to implement many of the procedural changes that took place in 1995. The highlights of 1995 included:

- a) Passing a budget that maintained all levels of service without a tax increase.
- b) We now have complete fiscal reports at monthly Board meetings.
- c) We had an evaluation of the Library's fiscal procedures and policies. Many of the recommendations in the report have already been implemented without additional cost to the Library, e.g. purchasing and inventory controls, the budgeting process, personnel and

- payroll reports, system back-ups for records, implementation of a check log.
- d) Some costs were incurred for fireproof cabinets for documents and personnel reports, and for the hiring of ADP to do monthly payroll and reports.

For 1996 the Treasurer's recommendations include the Library conform to the 1992 Statute of N.Y. State to include all necessary safeguards for the investment of public funds. Additionally she recommended the audit for the year 1995 be presented to the Board by March 1996.

The Treasurer then reviewed highlights of the preliminary revenues and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1995, attached hereto.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Attached to the Minutes

Upon motion Arthur Lerner, seconded by Steve Glaser, and unanimously approved, it was,

RESOLVED, to dispense with the reading of the Director's Report which is included in the Annual Report given to all members of the Association.

PRESENTATIONS

President Jo Ann Farley presented Mary Dehn with a plaque in honor of her retirement after 30 years of employment at the Library (1965-1995), and providing the Library and its patrons outstanding service, knowledge, warmth, good humor and friendship.

In the absence of Helen Banaciski, the President expressed appreciation of 50 years (1945-1995) of loyal dedicated service to the Great Neck Library; that during her tenure she assisted many directors, library boards, community groups and residents; and that her knowledge of the community are among our treasured resources.

The President then honored retiring Board member Dolly Relkin: Member of the Great Neck Library Board of Trustees 20 years (1976-1996) President of the Board 1977-1984: Vice-President 1985-1992; Secretary 1994-1996 and Chairperson of the Art Committee 1973 on. A plaque was presented in appreciation of service and outstanding leadership of the Board

of Trustees, the Library and the community being beneficiaries of her fiscal responsibility, historical memory, artistic flair and most especially her dedication to protecting and promoting the Library as one of the finest public libraries in the nation. The President expressed Dolly Relkin's leadership, fiscal acumen and good judgment were invaluable to the Board of Trustees.

Arthur Lerner was then honored by the President, and presented with a plaque in appreciation for his twelve years as a Trustee. (1984-1996); serving as Vice-President 1992-1996, Assistant Treasurer 1985, Secretary 1991, and Treasurer 1987-1991. Appreciation for his financial acumen, good judgement, wry sense of humor and civilized manner which were invaluable to the Board of Trustees.

The President then presented certificates to Nominating Committee retirees, Dr. Thelma Stevens for her 4 years of service and Leah Foodim in appreciation of her 10 years of service and for their efforts in selecting the best candidates to guide the Library in these dynamic and changing times.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - None

OPEN TIME

Dr. A. Udow, Chairperson of the Association's Nominating Committee thanked the retiring members of the Nominating Committee, Leah Foodim and Thelma Stevens. Speaking as an individual and not at the direction of the Committee, Mr. Udow made a plea for the Board not to appoint a current or past Board member to the Nominating Committee. He stated it is obvious the Board is split in two factions: and last year the two people appointed to the Committee were among the group who sued the majority of the Board. He felt they must have had a difficult time voting on the applications of people whom they thought would be likely to line up with the majority of the Board.

Michael Zarin took exception to Dr. Udow casting aspersions on Elayne Bernstein and Richard Fuhrman. Mrs. Bernstein added her own statement that she was as fair as she could possibly be in evaluating those who came for interviews.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Steve Glaser, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly Relkin, Secretary