

GREAT NECK LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Tuesday, July 25, 1995  
7:30 p.m.

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Great Neck Library was held on Tuesday, July 25, 1995, at the Main Library on Bayview Avenue at Grist Mill Lane, Great Neck, N.Y. 11024.

The following Trustees were present constituting a quorum:

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

Also present:

Ken Weil, Library Director  
Arlene Nevens, Assistant Director  
Joe Latini, Assistant Director  
Stephen Limmer, Library Counsel  
Attendance Sheet attached

#### CALL TO ORDER

Renée Zarin, President, called the special meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. pursuant to a request by five members of the Board, Ralene Adler, Jo Ann Farley, Steve Glaser, Arthur Lerner and Dolly Relkin, for the sole purpose of removing all of the present officers of the Library Association and, upon such removal taking place, the election of new officers. Renée Zarin read the applicable provision of the Association By-Laws, Article 9, Paragraph B.

Arthur Lerner requested in the interest of comity and grace that all officers currently in a position on the Board resign their Office. Renée Zarin thanked Mr. Lerner for his statement.

Dolly Relkin requested the procedure for the conduct of the meeting be stated in advance. Renée Zarin stated someone needs to make a motion for the purpose of removing the Officers of the Board, and the motion needs to be seconded. Discussion by all Board members will follow, and before the vote there will be comments by the public, and then a vote will be taken.

### **MOTION TO REMOVE ALL OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The following motion by Ralene Adler, seconded by Jo Ann Farley, was then presented:

I move to remove all Officers of the Association, and upon vacating all Offices, that Arthur Lerner be appointed Chairperson pro tem, for the purpose of conducting the election of new Officers.

This motion was withdrawn after a ruling by Counsel Limmer that the motion be broken down into two separate motions. If after the initial motion is seconded and voted on and becomes necessary, that the second part for a pro tem Chairperson be introduced at that time. Arthur Lerner asked for a clarification as to who would conduct the meeting after all offices were vacated. Counsel advised that until a new President or a Chairperson pro tem was elected, the current President would conduct the meeting. He stated the decision should be made by the Board immediately after the initial vote was taken and if the motion was seconded and adopted.

The following motion by Ralene Adler, seconded by Jo Ann Farley was then presented:

I move to remove all Officers of the Association, and to proceed with the conducting of the election of new officers.

This motion was withdrawn after Counsel recommended the motion be made merely for the removal of officers, and after offices are vacant the Board can proceed to the second agenda item the election of new officers, or if the Board desires elect a President pro tem to run the meeting while the election of new officers takes place.

The following motion by Ralene Adler, seconded by Jo Ann Farley was then presented, followed by Board and public discussion:

I move to remove all Officers of the Association.

VOTE: Yes - 5 (Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner, Relkin)  
No - 3 (Bernstein, Kane, Zarin)

Motion Carried.

### ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS

Upon motion by Dolly Relkin, seconded by Ralene Adler, the following was adopted, after discussion by the Board and questions by the public:

**RESOLVED**, that Arthur Lerner be President pro tem for the purpose of electing new officers.

VOTE:  
Yes - 5 (Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner, Relkin)  
Abstain - 3 (Bernstein, Kane, Zarin)

Motion Carried.

During discussion of the original motion Ralene Adler called the question of whether to allow the public to comment on a President pro tem. Requiring a 2/3 vote it did not pass.

VOTE  
Yes - 5 ( Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner, Relkin)  
Abstain - 3 (Bernstein, Kane, Zarin)

At 9:15 p.m. Arthur Lerner was elected as President pro tem to chair the meeting until a new President was elected.

Upon motion by Steve Glaser, seconded by Ralene Adler, Jo Ann Farley was nominated as President of the Board.

Upon motion by Muriel Kane, Renée Zarin was nominated as President of the Board. Renée Zarin declined the nomination.

Upon motion by Renée Zarin, seconded by Muriel Kane, Elayne Bernstein was nominated as President of the Board. After discussion, the vote recorded was:

5 votes for Jo Ann Farley for President ( Adler, Farley,. Glaser, Lerner and Relkin). Motion Carried.

Mr. Lerner turned the chair over to the new President, Jo Ann Farley.

Mrs.Farley asked for nominations for Vice President. Upon motion by Ralene Adler, seconded by Dolly Relkin, Arthur Lerner was nominated for Vice President. There being no further nominations or discussion, the vote was 5 votes for Arthur Lerner for Vice President ( Adler, Farley,Glaser, Lerner and Relkin) and 3 abstentions ( Bernstein, Kane, Zarin) Motion carried.

Upon motion by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Ralene Adler, Dolly Relkin was nominated as Secretary of the Board. After discussion, and there being no further nominations the vote was 5 votes for Dolly Relkin for Secretary (Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner and Relkin) and 3 abstentions ( Bernstein, Kane, Zarin). Motion carried.

Upon motion by Dolly Relkin, seconded by Steve Glaser, Ralene Adler was nominated as Treasurer of the Board. There being no further nominations or discussion, the vote taken was 5 votes for Ralene Adler as Treasurer. ( Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner and Relkin) and 3 abstentions (Bernstein, Kane and Zarin). Motion carried.

Upon motion by Arthur Lerner, seconded by Ralene Adler, Muriel Kane was nominated as Assistant Treasurer of the Board. Muriel Kane declined the nomination. Mr. Lerner then nominated Elayne Bernstein as Assistant Treasurer of the Board, seconded by Steve Glaser. There being no further nominations or discussion, the vote taken was 8 votes for Elayne Bernstein as Assistant Treasurer ( Adler, Bernstein, Farley, Glaser, Kane, Lerner, Relkin, Zarin) Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Dolly Relkin, seconded by Ralene Adler, Steve Glaser was nominated as Assistant Treasurer of the Board. There being no further nominations or discussion, the vote taken was 5 votes for Steve Glaser (Adler, Farley, Glaser, Lerner and Relkin) and 3 abstentions ( Bernstein, Kane and Zarin) Motion Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:35 p.m. upon motion by Arthur Lerner and seconded by Dolly Relkin, the Board voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolly Relkin, Secretary