

Proposed Executive Board Slate

Recommended by Executive Board, May 17, 2018

Background. In accordance with the LibraryLinkNJ Bylaws, the Board Nominating Committee submits a slate for membership consideration and action at the Spring Membership Meeting. This FY19 Executive Board Slate was developed by Board Nominating Committee members Steve Chudnick, Chair, with Lynn Pascale, Ranjna Das and John Bonney. It was approved by the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board at their meeting on May 17, 2018 for submission to the membership.

Our warm thanks go to those Executive Board members who are leaving the Board the end of June.

John Bonney	(public – Monmouth County -- appointment)
Janice Cooper	(school – Bergen County – 2 nd term)
Heather Craven	(academic – Morris County – 2 nd term)
Kimberly Paone	(public – Monmouth County – 2 nd term)
Lynn Pascale	(school – Camden County – 2 nd term)
Anne Wodnick	(public – Gloucester County – retiring)

Action. The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY19 is as follows:

Phillip Berg, Member-at-Large (Library Related Agency – Morris)
Director, MAIN – Morris Automated Information Network
(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021)

Phillip Berg has served as Executive Director of the Morris Automated Information Network (MAIN) in Morristown since June, 2015, where he has helped lead the organization through its most significant period of evolution since its inception in 1980. His diverse work history includes positions at the BELS Consortium for School Libraries, Montclair PL, Felician University, St. Peter's University, West Point Museum, and both in the pharmaceutical and logistics industries. He holds an MLIS degree from Rutgers University, a BA in History from Manhattanville College, a NJ school library media specialist certificate, and professional librarian certificates from New Jersey and New York. In the past several years he have served on the NJLA Executive Board, NJ LSTA Advisory Council, and LibraryLinkNJ's Delivery Task Force and Discount Advisory Group. In 2016 he was appointed to serve on the NJLA Technology Task Force and the PLA John Iliff Award Jury. He is member of NJLA, ALA, PLA, LibraryLinkNJ, and the Morris County Chamber of Commerce. He regularly attends conferences, meetings and webinars for each organization.

John Bonney, Member-at-Large (Public – Monmouth)
Director, Neptune Public Library (1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021)

John Bonney is the current Director of the Neptune Township Public Library, a municipal public institution that is the community resource center in the heart of Neptune Township. Under John's leadership the library has embraced innovation, reduced spending while increasing services, and shifted the library's internal paradigm to focus on meeting the needs of library members.

Past and Present Professional affiliations include:

- American Library Association
- New Jersey Library Association
- New Jersey's Library Association's Professional Development Committee
- New Jersey Library Association Advocacy Captain for State District 11
- LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board (appointed in 2017)

Before devoting his fulltime work to the field of librarianship, John served as an elementary school teacher in Fords, staff accountant at New York Life in Parsippany, and head teller at Commerce Bank in Fanwood, New Jersey. From an educational standpoint he also possesses a Masters in Library Science, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, and an Associate of Arts degree with a concentration in Social Sciences.

In addition, to being a library director, John devotes much of his free time to the community of Neptune. He often volunteers his time and labor to causes that make a difference in the lives of others through kindness.

Bonnie Lafazan, Member-at-Large

(Academic - Middlesex)

Director, Berkeley College Library (1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021)

Bonnie has been the Library Director at Berkeley College's Woodbridge, NJ campus since 2009 where she is responsible for the overall leadership and supervision of the campus library. At Berkeley College, Bonnie's role includes wide range of responsibilities including budget planning, collection development, staff development, library advocacy, faculty and student services outreach/programming, and information literacy instruction.

Ms. Lafazan graduated from Rutgers University in 1993 with a dual major in Journalism and Political Science and received her Juris Doctorate degree in 1996 from New England School of Law in Boston, MA. After a career as a contracts and licensing attorney working at several entertainment companies including ABC News, BMG Entertainment Group, New Line Cinema and MTV Networks, she received her Masters in Library Information Science from Pratt Institute in New York, New York. She also taught Communications Law and Internet Law courses online at New York University and University of Maryland.

Bonnie presents at library conferences locally and nationally, focusing on creating library programming, outreach and marketing methods for community engagement and professional development initiatives.

Ms. Lafazan most recent presentations include:

*"Encouraging Experimentation and Creativity through Professional Development: Turning our Failures into Best Practices" at the 2018 ACRL New England Annual Conference in Plymouth, MA; "Promotion Doesn't End When Your Event is Over: The Value of Post-Promoting Your Outreach" at the 2018 VALE Users Conference in Piscataway, NJ and "Creator, Maker or Taker: Inspiring our students beyond the classroom," a lighting talking presented at LibraryLinkNJ's Fall Success-Sharing Workshop: **Surviving & Thriving in 2017 & Beyond** in Monroe, NJ.*

Bonnie is the outgoing co-convenor of the ACRL Marketing and Outreach Interest Group and serves as the Vice-President/Incoming President of NJLA-CUS/ACRL-NJ. On a personal note, Bonnie's mom Adrea Cohen was NJ public library director and an active member Library Link Nj during the 80's-90's when it was InfoLink NJ.

Deborah Magnan, Member-at-Large

(Special – Bergen)

Associate Librarian at the Samuel and Sandra Hekemian Medical Library at Hackensack University Medical Center (1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021)

I have been an Associate Librarian at the Samuel and Sandra Hekemian Medical Library at Hackensack University Medical Center since 2003, when I began my second career as a librarian. I received my MLIS from Rutgers University and my Bachelor's degree from New York University. I am a member of the Medical Library Association (MLA), have earned Level II Consumer Health Information Specialization from MLA, and am a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, the credentialing body of MLA.

I am the co-author of three journal articles about various aspects of hospital librarianship, and have written reviews of consumer health books for Consumer Connections, the newsletter of the Consumer and Patient Health Information Section (CAPHIS) of MLA. I am active in the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ), and served on the HSLANJ Board from 2007-2010, and 2012-2018, and as President of HSLANJ in 2016-2017. I was a member of the LibraryLinkNJ Steering Committee for Strategic Planning in 2017, during which time I learned about the strengths of the various types of libraries served by LibraryLinkNJ, their challenges, and the needs of their librarians and library patrons.

Laurie Matassa, School Library Representative (School – Ocean)

Media Specialist, Jackson Liberty High School (1st Three-Year term: July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021)

Since it opened its doors in 2006 I have been the school library media specialist at Jackson Liberty High School. I am a graduate of the Rutgers MLIS program and have been a member of ALA, NJLA and NJASL since my days as a student. I was honored this year with the title of District Educational Service Professional of the Year for Jackson. I have had the opportunity to work in public, academic and school libraries and have for the past ten years been an adjunct at the Bankier Library at Brookdale Community College.

Now that my children (ages 7, 4, and 4) are slightly more independent, I am happy to get more involved at the state level. I formerly served on CJRLC's executive board from 2008-2010. The New Jersey Cooperative has provided me with many professional development opportunities, networking and support, especially when I needed it the most at the beginning of my career. I would be happy to serve on the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board and provide these important services to the library professionals of New Jersey.