



44 Stelton Road, Suite 330 TEL: 732-752-7720 or 866-505-5465 librarylinknj.org
Piscataway, NJ 08854 FAX: 732-752-7785 or 800-793-8007
Kathy Schalk-Greene, Executive Director kathy@librarylinknj.org

Proposed FY17 Executive Board Slate

Approved at April 14, 2016 LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board Meeting

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 FY17 Executive Board Slate was developed by Board Nominating Committee members Michelle McGreivey, Chair, with Lynn Pascale, and Karen Brodsky. It was approved by the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board at their meeting on April 14, 2016 for submission to the membership.

Action. The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY17 is as follows:

Steve Chudnick, Brookdale Community College Library Academic—Monmouth County
Academic Library Representative, Three-year term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

I have been a Librarian at Brookdale Community College since the fall of 2005. I had worked my way up the ranks from Instructor to Associate Professor before our long time Director announced his retirement last spring. After volunteering to be Interim Director, I applied for and was offered the full-time position as of January 1st. I have had extensive involvement with the New Jersey Library Network since early in my career, serving on the board of the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative (CJRLC) and being its last treasurer before the regions were consolidated into LibraryLinkNJ. When asked to serve again last year I enthusiastically accepted. I look forward to being a strong voice not only for my natural constituency of Academic Libraries but for all Libraries. I am a big believer in statewide initiatives and the power of consortia to positively impact our citizens I have previously served on the Library Network Review Board, the Statewide Database Selection Committee (which I am serving on once again), the User Education Committee of NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ and as a judge for our initial Makerspace Grants among other volunteer work. I have a B.A. from the University of Rochester, an M.A. from North Carolina State University and an M.L.I.S. from Rutgers University.

Ranjna Das, Burlington County Library System Public—Burlington County
Member-at- Large, Three-year term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

I have been a longtime member of the Burlington County Library System team, becoming Director in 2012. During my years at the helm, I have launched a few notable initiatives including a private foundation to expand the reach of libraries through fundraising and advocacy. I serve on the Burlington County Workforce Development Task Force to ensure libraries are part of regional economic development initiatives. The culmination of the library's representation on this task force is a suite of rooms known collectively as the Learning Commons. When ready, it will offer collaborative spaces with access to technology, mobile furnishings and opportunities to meet, work, learn and collaborate. As director, Burlington County Library also executed a major initiative to improve branding, communications and outreach. Before becoming Director, my career was devoted to managing technology, including the library's ILS, the virtual branch and the eBook and eResources portals. My communications and technology background carried over into NJLA and as a long-time member of the Member Communications Subcommittee I managed the Association website. Always eager to share ideas and experiences, I presented the Beyond Google program at the 2010 NJLA conference and was a panelist on the Bringing Your Library outside the Building at last year's conference. I would be honored for the opportunity to serve the library community on the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board. I have a dual B.A. in Communication and English and a M.L.S in Library Science from Rutgers University.

Tanya Finney Estrada, Waterford Township Public Library Public – Camden County
Member-at-Large, Three-year term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

I received both my Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Master of Information and Library Science degrees from Drexel University, where I was also the recipient of the 2006 Evelyn Walker Armstrong Endowed Scholarship. I have a broad and diverse background in libraries of all sizes, both at the public and academic level. The culmination of these experiences helped me to transition into my current position as the Director of Waterford Township Public Library (WTPL) in Atco, NJ.

Prior to WTPL, I worked as the Stack Manager for Access Services for Thomas Jefferson University's Scott Memorial Library and the assistant to the Interlibrary Loan Manager at Drexel University's W.W. Hagerty Library. In 2006, I accepted the position of Automation and Technology Coordinator for Cheltenham Township Library System, Glenside, PA. There is where I found my true passion, focusing on technology in libraries.

I believe technology is meant to enhance our experience in libraries, not to overwhelm it. I continue to investigate different ways libraries can utilize technology, especially open source systems, which have been proven to impact and enhance services. I have presented on panels discussing open source at PaLA (Pennsylvania Library Association) and the NJLA Annual Conferences, where the focus was on using open source systems such as Drupal and Koha in libraries. I have served many years on the Executive Board for SLA (Special Libraries Association Philadelphia Chapter). I am currently serving on the Drexel College of Computing and Informatics Executive Alumni Board and I am a member of the Small Library Section and Emerging Technology Section of NJLA.

Adele Puccio, Bloomfield Public Library Public—Essex County
Member-at-Large, Three-year term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

I have been the director of the Bloomfield Public Library since 2013. I earned my MLS at Rutgers University in 1994 and have worked in public libraries in both New York and New Jersey. I was supervisor of the Bloomfield Public Library from 2005-2010, and left to serve as director of the Rose Memorial Library in Stony Point, NY. I returned to NJ in 2011 as director of the Caldwell Public Library before transitioning back to Bloomfield. I recently completed my term on the BCCLS Executive Board. I currently serve as chair of the BCCLS Committee on Library Administration and Management, and for the past 5 years I've been a member of NJLA's Personnel Administration Subcommittee and the Urban Libraries Section. I believe in the cooperative services offered by LibraryLinkNJ and wish to foster statewide advocacy for all libraries and their employees.

Irene Sterling Lay Representative—Passaic County
Lay Representative, Three-year term: July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019

In 2013, I retired as President and CEO of the Paterson Education Fund, a not-for-profit, local education fund whose mission is to "stimulate community action for change so that the Paterson Public Schools ensure that all Paterson children achieve high standards." My responsibilities included creating and managing partnerships involving school reform, engaging the public in dialogue around school reform issues, developing and managing innovative programs involving schools, businesses and community entities.

I continue to volunteer with Paterson Reads, a multi-year initiative to improve grade level reading by the end of Third grade. From 1991-95, I also led a \$1 million project, Library Power, which implemented libraries in Paterson elementary schools.

Finally, I serve as Secretary/Treasurer of the Paterson Free Public Library.