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Proposed Executive Board Slate

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 FY14 Executive Board Slate was developed Board Nominating Committee members Marian Bauman, Kimberly Paone, Heather Craven and Lynn Pascale. It was approved by the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board at their meeting on April 18, 2013 for submission to the membership.

Our warm thanks go to those Executive Board members whose terms expire June 30, 2012 and who are not running for a second term:

Ingrid Bruck	(public – Monmouth County)
Robert Lackie	(academic – Mercer County)
Mary Lewis	(school – Union County)

Action. The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY14 is as follows:

Jane L. Crocker (academic – Gloucester County)
(2nd) Three-Year term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

My experience as a librarian spans the gamut from working in a public library, special library and for the last many years, as an academic library director at Gloucester County College.

LibraryLinkNJ holds a special place in my heart because it is a multi-type organization that serves all different types and sizes of libraries throughout NJ. As a charter member of the LLNJ Executive Board, I have seen the organization grow from a group of diverse members with distinct identities to a well-defined organization that is developing high-quality programs and services for all of its members. I was fortunate to chair the LLNJ naming committee and the logo committee, currently serve as Vice-President, together with sitting on the Finance and Bylaws committees. It is truly a pleasure to work with the fantastic and committed staff and Board members of LLNJ and I would be honored to serve and contribute as much as I can to the continued growth and viability of this organization. It is particularly critical to serve and promote libraries in our current and future environment and I would be pleased to continue to do so.

Judith Everitt (school – Somerset County)
(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

I have been a school library media specialist (SLMS) since 1997. I earned my MLS at Rutgers SC & I and previously earned an MA in Teaching from New York University. I have worked as an SLMS in elementary schools for eight years and at the high school level since 2005. I have worked part-time as a Youth Services Librarian at Mary Jacobs Library in the Somerset County Library System for six years.

I love LLNJ and its peerless staff - Cheryl and Joanne and Sophie and Mi-Sun Lyu, all the staff members signed on to help NJ school libraries before many national organizations stepped up. They consistently design flexible programming that is varied both in subject matter and means of delivery providing professional development for all librarians. And in these times when all services cost more than ever LLNJ provides the means for us to share services and works to provide discounts on essential information services. I would appreciate the privilege of serving on LLNJ's Executive Board to in some way give back to this exceptional cooperative that supports and guides all New Jersey librarians thereby helping us to better serve the citizens of New Jersey.

James Keebler

(public – Middlesex County)

(2nd) Three-Year term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

I have been the director of the Piscataway Public Library since 2008. Previously, I was the director at the New Providence Memorial Library. I have served on the INFOLINK Executive Board and on the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board as both assistant treasurer and then treasurer. I am currently serving as Treasurer of the New Jersey Library Association Executive Board.

I believe that LibraryLinkNJ is a leading force in librarianship in New Jersey, and I take pride in serving the library community through my involvement on the Board. The projects spearheaded by the cooperative, in collaboration with the State Library, have improved library service across the state time and time again. The Mobile project, Drupal training and the upcoming Maker Space Initiative are just a few examples of excellent service to the library community, as well as of the organization's dedication to library innovation. In support of the professional development of, training of, and service to the NJ library community, I hope to continue to serve on the LLNJ Executive Board.

Carolyn Ryan Reed

(public – Essex County)

(2nd) Three-Year term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

I have been Director of the East Orange Public Library since 1999. During that time, I successfully renovated a number of areas of the Library including the first floor, cafe and toddler areas; spear headed a number of fundraising initiatives to help bring the Library into the 21st century; and upgraded the Library's technology. My focus has been to address many of the key issues challenging public libraries today, including the changing role of Public Libraries in the twenty-first century; ensuring digital inclusion for underserved communities to have access to training and utilization of technology; and adult literacy, among others. It has been a privilege to serve on LLNJ's Executive Board and support the work that it does for Libraries in New Jersey. I think it is extremely important that Libraries work jointly together to leverage services; to help member libraries reach more users; and work to sustain and prepare Libraries for the future.

Margaret Shapiro

(Lay Representative)

(Three-Year term): July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

I have been a member of the Demarest Public Library Board of Trustees since 1998 and have been president for most of that time. I oversaw the transition of our library from a private association to a fully municipal one. We installed an elevator, built an addition and protected our funds from an over-reaching mayor and council. The fight continues.

I joined the Executive Board of the New Jersey Library Trustee Association in 2005. I have served as president for 2 terms. We worked hard to transform the association into one that helps trustees in their governing roles by developing programs, tutorials and a fabulous new website.

I have served on the Executive Board of Highlands Regional Library Cooperative, Bergen County Cooperative Library System and LibraryLinkNJ. I have attended ALA's Library Legislative Day. I was on the NJLA Library District Review task force and the committee to select the current State Librarian. I currently serve on the BCCLS Continuing Education Committee.

Joseph Toth

(academic - Atlantic County)

(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016

Currently I'm director of library Services at Stockton College, having arrived two months ago after a three-year stint at Ocean County College in the same position. Previously I was collection development librarian at Middlebury College in Vermont, and before that social sciences librarian at Oregon State University. In all of this experience I worked jointly with colleagues at the state and national levels by serving on committees in consortia and professional organizations. I did so because I think it's fruitful to leverage the expertise of practicing professionals through collaborating on shared concerns with the aim of improving library services throughout the state. It's equally important to do one's part in sustaining the professional organizations that organize and support one's work, as LibraryLinkNJ does. I believe strongly in cooperative efforts, so I want to serve on LLNJ's Executive Board in these interesting times to help in imagining new ways to reach users and in ensuring the quality of LLNJ's programs.