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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 FY15 Executive Board Slate was developed by Board Nominating Committee members Lynn Pascale, Chair, with Marian Bauman, Kathy Schalk-Greene, and Joe Toth. It was approved by the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board at their meeting on April 17, 2014 for submission to the membership.

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

Marian Bauman (public – Monmouth County)
Judy Everitt (school – Somerset County)

Action. The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY15 is as follows:

Ruth Bogan, Member-at-Large (Public – Passaic, Essex)
(2nd) Three-Year term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

Since 2008 I have been privileged to be the Executive Director of PALS Plus, the New Jersey consortium that includes libraries from Passaic and Essex Counties. My career path has wound through public and academic libraries, and library consortia in Illinois and New Jersey. I chaired and served on committees of the Illinois and New Jersey Library Associations, the American Library Association and the national Program for Cooperative Cataloging. While in New Jersey, I served on the boards of Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative and Highlands Library Cooperative. I currently serve as Treasurer for LibraryLinkNJ.

As a member of the Executive Board of LibraryLinkNJ, I consider myself a representative of and advocate for the libraries around the state that rely on the financial, educational and inspirational support provided by the cooperative. I take seriously the responsibilities for fiduciary and policy oversight accorded to Executive Board members. And I strive to encourage thoughtful deliberation of all the decisions we are asked to make on behalf of member libraries.

Michelle McGreivey, Member-at-Large (School – Hudson County)

(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

I have been a School Library Media Specialist at Hoboken High School in Hoboken, NJ since 2002. I have also served as my district webmaster since 2006. Prior to that, I worked in a variety of public, academic and special libraries in New Jersey, South Carolina and Louisiana. I got my MLS in 1990 at SUNY Albany, and earned my SLMS certification through classes at Rutgers and St. Peter's College. I have been active in NJASL (New Jersey Association of School Librarians), managing the NJASL regular and board listservs for several years, as well as assisting in a variety of ways with planning the annual NJASL conference. I was named the Hoboken High School Teacher of the Year in 2011-2012.

Having worked in so many types of libraries, I truly appreciate LibraryLinkNJ for serving all types of libraries. Libraries are, by their very nature, sharing and collaborative organizations, and LibraryLinkNJ is the embodiment of that, offering continuing education and group services to help all of our institutions. I am proud to be part of such an organization.

Kathy Schalk-Greene, Public Library Representative (Public – Burlington County)
(2nd) Three-Year term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

I have had a diverse career in New Jersey Libraries – from media librarianship (South Jersey Regional Film Library), to automation (GOLD: Gloucester Online Library Database) to cooperative services (South Jersey Regional Library Cooperative) to public libraries (Mount Laurel Library). In each position I've seen first-hand the power of collaborative library efforts strengthen services at the local level.

LibraryLinkNJ has brought efficiencies to traditional services such as delivery and interlibrary loan, as well as helping libraries innovate through the Mobile Project and Maker Space initiative. LLNJ keep us all up-to-date with a variety of excellent professional development opportunities.

As a LibraryLinkNJ board member I've been proud to work with a dynamic group of library staff and supporters to bring cooperative services to libraries throughout New Jersey. I hope to continue to serve on the LLNJ Executive Board.

Robin Siegel, Special Library Representative (Special – Mercer County)
(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

I have been the Medical Librarian at CentraState Medical Center for the past 35 years. I have also worked as the Librarian for the Holland Society of New York and as a Branch Librarian and a Children's Librarian for the Ocean County Library System. I served on the Central Jersey Library Cooperative Board from 1997-2003, including a term as Treasurer and a term as Vice President. Along with Cheryl O'Connor, I was one of the original organizers of the Train-the-Trainer program in New Jersey. I have also served as President of the Health Sciences Library Association of New Jersey (HSLANJ). Currently, I am the Treasurer of the Hospital Libraries Section of the Medical Library Association, a Co-Chair of the Group Licensing Initiative of HSLANJ and serve on the Statewide Database Advisory Committee.

I am very committed to working collaboratively and cooperatively with other Librarians serving a wide variety of institutions. I think that it is important that we band together for strength and to share our different perspectives to keep our libraries viable. I would welcome the opportunity to serve as a member of the LibraryLinkNJ Board.

Rick Vander Wende, Lay Representative (Appointed 1/17/13 to serve out another's term.)
(1st) Three-Year term: July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017

It has been my honor to be a member of the Waldwick Public Library Board of Trustees, as either an elected official or volunteer appointee since 1990. During that time, I took a leadership role in two significant expansion projects. The first, a complete renovation of the library, included the construction of a new children's room. The second phase completed last year, added new meeting space and a local history room. We work tirelessly to keep our library as the center of the community.

I am a passionate library advocate, and have focused on better communication, and increased cooperation between the library community and elected officials. I have been a guest speaker on this topic at the NJLA convention and at several libraries. In 2005, I was presented with the NJLA Trustee Award. However, my proudest moment was when my daughter earned her MLIS degree earlier this year.

The library professionals that I have worked with previously on the Executive Board of Highlands Regional Library Cooperative and since last year at LibraryLinkNJ have given me great hope that the future of our libraries is bright. Despite the challenges, working together we can continue to do great things for the citizens of New Jersey.