

Membership Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021, 1 – 3p.m.

Zoom

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME & REMARKS

The Executive Board President, Bonnie Lafazan (Berkeley College Library), called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. She announced that the meeting was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act as required by the State of New Jersey for a virtual public meeting. President Bonnie Lafazan introduced Lawrence B. Taylor, Parliamentarian, The LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board and the LibraryLinkNJ staff. Bonnie also introduced the new Executive Director-Designate Ralph Bingham and the special guests from the NJ State Library and LLNJ partners.

ADOPTION OF VIRTUAL MEETING RULES

President Bonnie Lafazan presented the electronic meeting rules. Ralph Bingham (Gloucester County Library System) moved to accept the meeting rules. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

MINUTES

The Executive Board Secretary, Ralph Bingham, presented December 9, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S REMARKS

Keith McCoy, Interim Executive Director, presented brief remarks that the LLNJ office is surfing the waves of change with the move to the Talking Book and Braille Center in Ewing and having four Executive Directors in the last 18 months. The delivery contract was renewed until December 2021. TOPCATS was also formed.

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REMARKS

New Jersey State Librarian, Jennifer Nelson, is looking forward to learning more about LLNJ and working with Ralph Bingham.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DESIGNATE

Ralph Bingham thanked everyone for their confidence in him and is looking forward to working with partners to strengthen libraries.

APPROVAL OF THE AMENDED LLNJ FY21 BUDGET

Treasurer, Ricardo Pino (Wayne Public Library), presented a draft budget for FY22 as presented. Since the budget was presented on behalf of the Finance Committee and the Executive Board, there was no need to call for a motion. The budget was approved by the membership.

BYLAWS UPDATE

Debbie Magnan (Hackensack University Medical Center) thanked the Bylaws committee for all their hard work. The committee is studying potential changes to the voting rights and finances.

DELIVERY UPDATE

Phillip Berg (MAIN, Morris Automated Information Network) reported that the Delivery Task Force is on track with preparing their assigned tasks.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Allan Kleiman (Montville Township Public Library) thanked the committee. The committee met and started to review last year's operations plan. It was decided to stick to something similar to last year's plan for July thru June of next year. The operations plan passed.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

The Executive Board slate was approved as presented by Irene Sterling.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kathy Dempsey, Secretary
LibraryLinkNJ