

Proposed FY20 Executive Board Slate

Reviewed at April 18, 2019 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 FY20 Executive Board Slate was developed by Board Nominating Committee members Steve Chudnick, Chair, with Laurie Matassa, and Jennifer Podolsky. It was reviewed by the LibraryLinkNJ Executive Board at their meeting on April 11, 2019 for submission to the membership.

Action. The proposed Executive Board Slate for FY20 is as follows:

Steve Chudnick, Brookdale Community College Library Academic—Monmouth County
Academic Library Representative, Three-year term: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022

With Brookdale Community College since the fall of 2005, I have worked my way up the ranks from Instructor to Associate Professor to Director, a role I have had since July 2015. 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 on this Board three years ago, I enthusiastically accepted. Given all the issues we currently face, I feel strongly that I wish to contribute to the redesign of LibraryLinkNJ during a second term. I look forward to being an advocate not only for my natural constituency of Academic Libraries but also for all types of Libraries. I am a big believer in statewide initiatives and the power of consortia to aid our citizens. In addition to LibraryLinkNJ, I also serve on the Executive Board of VALE-NJ and have previously served on the Library Network Review Board, the Statewide Database Selection Committee, and the User Education Committee of NJLA CUS/ACRL-NJ. I have a B.A. in History from the University of Rochester, an M.A. in Public History 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, 2019 through June 30, 2022

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 such as a private foundation to expand the reach of libraries through fundraising and advocacy. Under my leadership, BCLS instituted a department that manages branding, publicity, marketing and outreach, understanding the importance of proactive and sustained communications with our service community. A new analytics platform is now helping this team match content with the right audience by being more deliberate and targeted. Outreach and community visibility also became an important priority for me and last year we participated in over 140 community and partner events. A brand new, smaller and agile, bookmobile furthered our outreach efforts as we continued to provide library access at community events, senior centers and schools. Our multi-year Spaces & Places project has a team redesigning each of our libraries in phases, keeping in mind the importance of merchandising and a desire to craft welcoming spaces that inspire. Before becoming director, my career was devoted to managing technology, including the library's ILS, the digital collection and our virtual branch. My communications and technology background carried over into NJLA and as a long-time member of the Communications Subcommittee I managed the Association website. 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, Pennsauken Public Library Public – Camden County
Member-at-Large, Three-year term: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022

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 Pennsauken Free Public Library (PFPL) in Pennsauken, NJ.

Prior to PFPL, I was the Director of Waterford Township Public Library in Atco, NJ (2012-2018), the Automation and Technology Coordinator for Cheltenham Township Library System, Glenside, PA (2006-2012), Stack Manager for Access Services for Thomas Jefferson University’s Scott Memorial Library (2000-2006) and while an undergraduate I worked at the Drexel University’s W.W. Hagerty Library (1998-2000).

I have presented on several panels discussing technology at PaLA (Pennsylvania Library Association) and the NJLA (New Jersey Library Association) Annual Conferences, where the focus was on open source technology and how to utilize it to enhance library services . I have served many years on the Executive Board for SLA (Special Libraries Association Philadelphia Chapter) and Drexel College of Computing and Informatics Alumni Board.

As a current Executive Board Member of LibraryLink NJ, seeking a second term, I would continue to uphold the organization's mission by understanding the interest and needs of our library community and members.

I am currently serving as the Vice President of the NJLA Small Library Section and an active member of Technology and Diversity and Outreach Section of NJLA and JerseyConnect Advisory Board.

Adele Puccio, Maurice M. Pine Free Public Library Public—Bergen County
Member-at-Large, Three-year term: July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2022

I have been the director of the Maurice M. Pine Free Public Library of Fair Lawn since 2016. I earned my MLS at Rutgers University in 1994 and have worked in public libraries in both New York and New Jersey. Prior to Fair Lawn I was the director of the Bloomfield Public Library. I recently served on the NJLA Executive Board. I am currently a member of the BCCLS Delivery Task Force. I believe in the cooperative services mission exemplified 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, 2019 through June 30, 2022

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.