

**SOUTHEASTERN NEW YORK LIBRARY RESOURCES COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
October 27, 2004**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	David Barnhart, Josh Cohen, GERALYNN DEMAREST, Jeff Katz, Mary Ellen Leimer, Barbara Liesenbein, Muriel Verdibello, Barbara Durniak, S. Moss, M. Knapp
EXCUSED	Lynn Barley, Stan Ploszaj, Lynn Denman, Judith McGrath, Celia Seupel
REPRESENTING SENYLRC	John Shaloiko
CALL TO ORDER	Board President Barbara Durniak called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.
MINUTES	<i>The minutes of the August 19, 2004 meeting accepted as written after a motion by M. Verdibello; seconded by M. Leiner. Motion carried.</i>
OLD BUSINESS	
BUILDING UPDATE	J. Shaloiko reported on the building closing, repairs/upgrades/painting that is in the process of being done before the mid-November move to the new building.. Phone lines are scheduled to be installed at the new building on/about November 12. T-1 line move has not been scheduled to date. J. Shaloiko will announce firm move date but currently scheduled for weekend of November 12-14. J. Shaloiko presented the budget for the new building. Downstairs renovations cannot be included in the estimates originally presented as costs for some line items have been higher than expected.
NEW BUSINESS	
LSTA APPLICATIONS: FEDERATED SEARCHING AND DIGITAL TRAINING	J. Shaloiko announced that Southeastern has two proposals for LSTA funds. Both applications have been approved in concept and recommended by the Technology Review and Advisory Committee. The Federated Searching Pilot Project will be used to obtaining funding to pilot Federated Searching concept (Google type searching to propriety license databases vs. users searching individual databases.) Libraries who receive this tool actively participate in a review process (how is it working, what are the positives/negatives). Approximately seven institutions would participate – one of each type of library: academic, hospital, special, school, public, plus 2 additional libraries. Cost of Federated Searching tools vary. The Technology Training for Digital Projects application proposes SENYLRC to sponsor a series of workshops to teach staff from libraries and cultural heritage institutions how to digitize materials for inclusion in a regional digital collection.
MOTION	<i>M. Verdibello moved to approve the LSTA applications as presented.. Seconded D. Barnhardt. Motion Carried.</i>

BOARD COMMUNICATION	B. Durniak presented a letter from C. Seupel expressing her concern about her inability to attend the Board meetings in September and October and asking the Board if it was in the best interest of the Board for her to resign. Discussion took place concerning her positive comments and her active participation in the August Board meeting. The Board felt that Celia provided positive input and would like her to remain on the Board if possible. J. Shaloiko will speak with Celia and give her Board feedback on her letter.
2004/05 AND 2005/05 SENYLRC BUDGETS	J. Shaloiko reviewed the 2004/05 budget containing the 5% reduction in aid. J. Shaloiko also presented a draft budget for 2005/06. The Council is anticipating large increases in the general operating budget for 2005/06 with large increases in retirement and health insurance costs. J. Katz reported on the Planning Committee meeting. Discussion took place regarding Authenticity Consulting's proposed plan to meet with the Board to provide a facilitator to assist the Board with strategic planning for SENYLRC to address budgeting and review revenue issues for the Council. The Board felt that Authenticity Consulting was not adequately addressing the Board's needs. J. Shaloiko has been in contact with the Business Council who can provide the Council with a facilitator to assist the Board. The cost of the facilitator is approximately \$300.00. The Business Council has experience with working with non-profit organizations working with budgets. The Board decided to meet with the facilitator from The Business Council. J. Shaloiko will contact The Business Council to set a date for the facilitator to meet with the Board in December. The November Board meeting will be cancelled and the December meeting will be set for a date in which the facilitator from the Business Council is available.
TREASURER'S REPORT	S. Moss presented Treasurer's Reports and Fund Report Summaries for June and July 2004. The SENYLRC Operating Fund report for the 2003/04 was presented to the Board for their information.
MOTION	<i>J. Katz moved to accept the June and July 2004 financial reports. Seconded by S. Moss. Motion Carried.</i>
DIRECTOR'S REPORT	J. Shaloiko reported that the majority of his time has been spent on building issues and review of the current and next fiscal year's budget. John reported that he had received the NYLA Spirit of Librarian award at the 2004 NYLA conference. John also reported that NYLA is recruiting him for the NYLA presidency for the 2006/07 term.
REPORTS FROM MEMBER SYSTEMS	J. Cohen reported that MHLS is holding their Annual Meeting at the Culinary Institute of America on November 19 th .
ADJOURNMENT	<i>M. Knapp moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:35 AM. Seconded by J. Katz. Motion carried.</i>

Respectfully Submitted,