
WLS TRUSTEES

- Karen Zevin** ~ District I: Croton, Montrose, Yorktown
Jonathan Marshall ~ District II: Briarcliff Manor, Ossining, Tarrytown
Bernie Seiler, Secretary ~ District III: Bedford Hills, Chappaqua, Katonah, Mount Kisco
Edris Scherer, Treasurer ~ District IV: Lewisboro, North Salem, Somers
Sean Ryan, President ~ District V: Armonk, Bedford Village, Mount Pleasant, Pound Ridge
Dr. Susan Morduch, Vice President ~ District VI: Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Greenburgh, Hastings, Irvington
Dave Donelson ~ District VII: Harrison, Purchase
Sue Neale ~ District VIII: Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Scarsdale
Catherine Draper ~ District IX: Bronxville, Eastchester, Pelham, Tuckahoe
Vacant ~ District X: Port Chester, Rye Brook, Rye City, Rye Town
Hope Furth ~ District XI: White Plains
Karen Kelley ~ District XII: Peekskill
Julie Mills-Worthey ~ District XIII: Mount Vernon
Dr. La Ruth Gray ~ District XIV: New Rochelle
Joseph J. Puglia ~ District XV: Yonkers

THANK YOU!

As WLS embarks on its 60th year of enhancing the service of and promoting cooperation among Westchester libraries, we thank all who have contributed to our success throughout the years. While too numerous to list by name, we are particularly grateful for our collaboration with the 38 member libraries, WLS & library trustees, friends and foundation members, WLS & library staff and volunteers, our State, County & Local leaders and organizations, corporate and individual donors, and of course, all library users! We would not be here without YOU!

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WESTCHESTER LIBRARY SYSTEM (WLS) 59TH ANNUAL MEETING November 15, 2018 ~ Elmsford, NY

AGENDA

WELCOME

Terry L. Kirchner, Executive Director

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

HON. ROSSANA ROSADO, NEW YORK
SECRETARY OF STATE

BUSINESS MEETING

Sean Ryan, WLS President

Approval of 2017 Minutes

Election of Trustees

District IV: Lewisboro (South Salem), North Salem,
Somers (To full term ending 12/31/2023)

District VIII: Larchmont, Mamaroneck, Scarsdale
(To full term ending 12/31/2023)

District XIV: New Rochelle (To full term ending
12/31/2023)

WLS STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS 2019

Terry L. Kirchner, Executive Director

GUEST SPEAKER



Secretary Rosado brings a depth and diversity of experience to the Department of State—from becoming the first woman to serve as Editor & Publisher of the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the country to championing prisoner re-entry initiatives to her work as an award-winning producer.

Along with her roles in business and public service, Secretary Rosado has been personally involved in issues with respect to prisoner re-entry. She chairs Governor Cuomo’s Council on Community Re-entry & Reintegration of New Yorkers returning from prison and served on Governor David Paterson’s Task Force on Juvenile Justice.

A native New Yorker, Secretary Rosado received her B.A. in Journalism from Pace University.



2017 MINUTES

The 58th Annual Meeting of the Westchester Library System (WLS) was held on Thursday, November 16, 2017, at WLS’s Headquarters at 570 Taxter Road, Elmsford, NY.

There were 65 directors, trustees, and guests representing WLS and 33 of its member libraries. Executive Director Terry Kirchner welcomed all and introduced the NYS legislators in attendance: Assembly members Shelley Mayer [90th District]; Steven Otis [91st District]; Thomas Abinanti [92nd District]; Sandy Galef [95th District]; and Senator George Latimer [37th District].

A [video](#) was shown that was produced in 2017 as an overview of WLS services, featuring the WLS Delivery, Westchester Seniors Out Speaking (WSOS), HSE (High School Equivalency) Connect!, and WEBS programs. Dr. Kirchner noted that 2017 was a time for review of strategic directions including an assessment of the Central Library program. One new initiative included Hoopla, an online database of e-books, videos and other content available 24/7 with over 40,000 titles downloaded. As content formats continue to evolve, it will be important to focus on user-centric services around people, place and platform to bring about successful sustainability.

2017 MINUTES (continued)

WLS President Cathy Draper welcomed all and opened the WLS Business portion of the Meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: President Cathy Draper called the Business Meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.; introduced the WLS Trustees in attendance; and thanked the outgoing WLS Trustees Norman Jacknis and Barbara Hickernell for their 20+ years of dedicated service.

MINUTES OF THE 2016 ANNUAL MEETING: The minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were approved on a motion made by Edris Scherer and seconded by Julie Mills-Worthey. The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF NEW TRUSTEES: Sue Neale, Chair of the WLS Nominating Committee, proposed the following slate of trustees who were nominated by their represented libraries and are willing to serve:

District II [Briarcliff Manor, Ossining, Tarrytown]
Jonathan Marshall (to a full term ending December 31, 2022)

District IX [Bronxville, Eastchester, Pelham, Tuckahoe]
Catherine Draper (to a full term ending December 31, 2022)

District XII [Peekskill]
Karen Kelley (to a full term ending December 31, 2022)

There being no nominations from the floor, the above Trustees were elected to the WLS Board of Trustees on a motion by Sue Neale and seconded by Karen Zevin. The motion passed unanimously. The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. on a motion made by Sue Neale and seconded by Edris Scherer. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Kirchner introduced New York State Regent Judith Johnson and State Librarian & Assistant Commissioner for Libraries Bernard A. Margolis, who engaged in a panel discussion that addressed creating public libraries’ future. Ms. Johnson highlighted how schools and libraries can look at encouraging civic values and skills for successful citizenship. Mr. Margolis focused on three major themes of equity; what makes libraries unique; and the use of more flexible planning strategies that will allow for change and growth. Just as the methods of delivering service in the classrooms and in libraries have changed, so must schools and libraries look at ways to transform their service to reflect the 21st century. An informative question & answer period followed.

Dr. Kirchner thanked all for coming and for their support of WLS over the past year.

Respectfully submitted, Elise Burke, *Recording Secretary*

