

**METROPOLITAN NEW YORK LIBRARY COUNCIL**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Thursday, November 14, 2013**  
**3:00pm to 5:00pm**

**Minutes**

**Present:** Norman Jacknis, Ann Thornton, Milan Hughston, Patricia Skarulis, Joshua Greenburg, Jim Neal, Louis Zacharilla, Thomas Galante, Jeffrey Olson

**Not Present:** Betty Rosa, Sandra Galef, LaRuth Gray

**Staff:** Jason Kucsma

Norman Jacknis brought the meeting to order at approximately 3:10pm.

Minutes from the last meeting needed revision and will be sent by email in the near future for board approval.

**President's Report:**

Norm Jacknis provided a brief update and discussion about meetings and activities around his involvement with The Aspen Institute's "Dialogue on Public Libraries." Jacknis acknowledged and commended the most recent annual report. Jacknis also announced that Sandra Galef regrettably resigned from the board due to scheduling difficulties, but she confirmed that she is and will continue to be a supporter of METRO.

**Treasurer's Finance Report:**

- The audit went very well. There was one recommendation from the auditor, which was regarding the sequencing of checks. Actions have already been taken to accommodate this recommendation.
- The board will need to discuss how the organization will use returns from the recently-established quasi-endowment. A subcommittee will be formed to make recommendations to the board. Ann Thornton, Jim Neal and Josh Greenberg volunteered to be on the committee.

**Executive Director Report:**

- Noted accomplishments listed on Annual Report:
  - about \$500,000 in grants distributed;
  - over 3000 people participated in workshops, over 1000 more than last year.
- Noted some of the activities being supported by METRO's Wikipedian-in-Residence
  - public programs with NYPL, BPL, and QPL
  - training events at METRO and at member libraries
  - consultative meetings with members
  - talks at local meet-ups, Rutgers MLIS colloquium
  - been involved with international organizations around open data and Wikimedia work in cultural heritage institutions
  - created 20+ wiki pages for members, a METRO LibGuide on Wikipedia and Open Data, and more publications
- Announced January 15, 2014 date of annual meeting. Presenting special award to Julie Sandorf of the Revson Foundation
- METRO's office spaces will be undergoing some minor renovations in December.
- The office is also moving to a compressed work week schedule with staff working 4 days on (full work-week of 35 hours) and 3 days off.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing the future of technology innovation, libraries, information access and use with guest Richard Nash. Nash, is a serial entrepreneur and advisor – VP of Community and Content of Small Demons, founder of Cursor, and Publisher of Red Lemonade.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56

The next board meeting is February 10, 2014 from 3-5pm at METRO.