

WISCONSIN VALLEY LIBRARY SERVICE
Board of Trustees Meeting
January 18, 2025
Wausau, Wisconsin

NOTE: These minutes are to be regarded as the unofficial record of the meeting until the Board of Trustees has approved them. The next Board meeting is February 15, 2025.

President Tom **Bobrofsky** called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. Roll call was taken by **Wendt** and a quorum was declared present.

Present

Tom Bobrofsky, President
Kay Palmer, Vice-President
Mike Otten, Treasurer
Sonja Ackerman, member
Jim Backus, member*
Candice Grunseth, member*
Jim Mildbrand, member
Eileen Persike, member
Diane Peterson, member*
Judy Peterson, member
Petra Pietrzak, member
Kari Sweeney, member

Others Present

Marla Sepnafski, WVLS Director
Josh Klingbeil, WVLS staff
Jamie Matczak, WVLS staff*
Brenda Walenton, WVLS staff
Kris Adams Wendt, WVLS staff

*denotes remote attendance

Excused

Carol Bartlein, member

Vacant

Marathon County representative
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NOTE: All exhibits may be accessed at <https://wvls.org/bot-agenda-exhibits/>.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Sweeney/Palmer motion to approve the agenda as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

Bobrofsky welcomed Jim Mildbrand to his first meeting as a trustee representing Clark County. Jim is also a member of the Loyal Public Library Board and the Clark County Library Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Exhibit 1)

J. Peterson/Palmer motion to approve minutes of the November 16, 2024 WVLS Board meeting and November 26, 2024 WVLS Executive Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS AND CURRENT BILLS (Exhibits 2-7)

Ackerman/Persike motion to approve the financial reports and current bills as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

2024 WVLS Treasurer’s Report (Exhibit 8)

Pietrzak/J. Peterson motion to approve the 2024 WVLS Treasurer’s report as presented. All aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF 2024 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee **Sweeney** (Chair), **Grunseth** and retiring board member **Louise Olszewski** met in 2024 and recommended a slate of 2025 officers returning **Bobrofsky** as President, **Palmer** as Vice-President, and **Otten** as Treasurer, along with at-large Executive Committee members **Persike, J. Peterson, D. Peterson** and **Sweeney**.

Ackerman/Palmer motion to accept the Nominating Committee report as presented and approve both the slate of officers and Executive Committee members as nominated. All aye. Motion carried.

WVLS CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND DISCLOSURE FORM (Exhibit 9)

Bobrofsky drew the board's attention to the conflict of interest forms sent in the board packet and asked those attending in person to fill out the paper copies at each place and those attending remotely to print a copy and return them to the office.

SELECTION OF DATES FOR 2025 MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND V-CAT STEERING COMMITTEE (Exhibits 10a, 10b)

Ackerman/Persike motion to approve the dates for meetings of the Board, Executive Committee and V-Cat Steering Committee. All aye. Motion carried.

2024 WVLS STAFF REPORT (Exhibit 11)

The report summarizing staff accomplishments will be discussed at the February 15 meeting. It accompanies the WVLS Annual Report submitted to DPI by March 1.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT (Exhibit 12)

Wendt provided updates on the Wisconsin Library Association endorsement and promotion of Department of Public Instruction state library aid requests for the 2025-2027 biennial budget. A post-election list of legislators serving WVLS counties was distributed. Library Legislative Day registration has topped a record 218, with additional guests and Madison iSchool students bringing morning anticipated briefing attendance to 236. There are 24 registrants from WVLS, including Board members **Ackerman, Mildbrand, Otten, Palmer, Persike, J. Peterson** and **Sweeney**. A zoom briefing by Wendt for WVLS registrants, as well as colleagues from neighboring systems sharing visits with the 11 legislators serving WVLS counties will be offered starting at 1:00 PM February 7.

2025 WVLS ACRONYMS AND GLOSSARY OF TERMS (Exhibit 13)

The annual WVLS Acronyms and Glossary of Terms is now 37 pages long.

CONCERNS, COMMENTS, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM AREA LIBRARY PERSONNEL

AND TRUSTEES: Bobrofsky thanked Nominating Committee members, Board officers and newly confirmed members of the Executive Committee and V-Cat Steering Committee.

CALENDAR

Library Legislative Day: Tuesday, February 11, 2025

WVLS Board meeting: Saturday, February 15, 2025

ADJOURNMENT: Sweeney/Ackerman motion to adjourn. All aye. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Adams Wendt, Meeting Recorder