PRESENT
Edna Auerfeld (Greenwood Lake); Christine Banuls (Goshen); Vanessa Baron (Florida); Karen Cissel (Middletown); Tiffany Davis (Mount St. Mary College); Carolyn Diiorio (Chester); Linda Frazer (Tuxedo); Linda Gale (O-U BOCES); Catherine Gilligan (Newburgh); Barbara Introcaso (Valley Central); Diane Lang (O-U BOCES); Laura Lerner (Monroe-Woodbury); Dolores Lombardo (Minisink); Sheri McNair (Highland Falls); Lisa Perkowski (Port Jervis); Teri Richardson (Washingtonville); Lisa Ruyack (Pine Bush); Maggie Spicehandler (Minisink); Maureen Stalter (Marlboro); Kathleen Turner (Warwick).

ABSENT
Amy Cordisco (O-U BOCES); Lynn Daniels (Cornwall); Randall Enos (RCLS); Lauren Milholland (O-U BOCES); Zachary Spalding (SENYLRC); Deborah Tamulis (NYMA).

CALL TO ORDER
Linda Frazer, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. She welcomed all to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER, 2016 AND FEBRUARY 24, 2017 MINUTES
Copies of the December, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes were distributed to members for review and/or additional corrections if needed. Linda Frazer asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made by Maggie Spicehandler to accept the minutes as corrected. Barbara Introcaso seconded the motion. All members moved to accept and the December 16, 2016 Amended Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

Next on the agenda was the approval of the February 24, 2017 Minutes. Linda Frazer asked for a motion to approve. On page 3 under Mount Saint Mary College, Item #4, “Marker Spaces” should read “Maker Spaces.” Also, on page 4, 8th arrow bullet, “SLMSSEN” should be changed to “SLMSSENY.” The Library Services secretary made note of both changes. Maggie Spicehandler made the motion to approve with these corrections. Maureen Stalter seconded. All members moved to accept and the February 24, 2017 Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

REGIONAL INFORMATION
Ramapo Catskill Library System Report

No report. Randall Enos was absent.
Southeastern NY Library Resources Council Report

Zachary Spalding was not present at the meeting, but had sent information on SENYNLRC upcoming events and new information on ILL’s to the SLS secretary to be shared at the meeting. This included:

- The 2017 50th Annual Meeting of the Council of SENYLRC will be held June 2nd at SUNY New Paltz.
- Special Interest Group for Library Support Staff meeting, June 20th at Southeastern
- Library Media Literacies for Educators, August 14-16, Southeastern & Mount Saint Mary College, three different workshops offered. Tiffany Davis shared more information on this at the meeting.
- Web Literacy Training Using Mozilla’s Framework, June 13, Southeastern.
- Two Classes from National Network of Libraries of Medicine, July 11, Southeastern.

Linda Gale read more information from Zachary Spalding’s email regarding Regional Interlibrary Loan Code for the Mid-Hudson/Ramapo Catskill/Southeastern Region and the Interlibrary Loan Code for the United States. Librarians on the Orange-Ulster BOCES listserv will receive all of this information attached to an email, which will be sent out later today.

Other handouts for this meeting included:

SLS Spring/Summer 2017 News and Events
SLS Council/Liaison Committee Membership, 2016-2017

**REVIEW OF COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2017-18**

Linda Gale had asked all Council members to bring their school calendars so that possible meeting dates for the upcoming year could be voted upon and approved at this meeting. She stressed that these dates should be firm to avoid any need for changes. These are the approved Council Meeting dates for 2017-18:

Friday, September 29, 2017

Friday, December 8, 2017 (Snow Date – Friday, December 15, 2017)

Friday, February 9, 2018 (Snow Date – Friday, February 23, 2018)

Friday, May 18, 2018

**Alternate Locations for Council Meetings**

A discussion followed on suggestions for Council Meeting locations for the coming year. Some suggestions were: Museum Village, Hyde Park, the Huguenot Library in New Paltz, with the meeting taking place at SENYLRC, West Point, Washington’s Headquarters, Washington Irving Museum. Bringing a social studies teacher, getting a bus if it ties into a social studies theme, could work well if it is made part of our program.

**Presentation on Great New York Read-Aloud-Maggie Spicehandler**

Maggie Spicehandler brought video recordings of students performing at the Great New York Read Aloud this year to share with the Council. Included were the Ukelele Club from Minisink Valley Middle School and a coffee-house style presentation of “Jokes, Quotes and Poems,” from Warwick Valley High School.
Following the video, there was a discussion of whether or not to continue with the Read-Aloud program. Christine Banuls reported that participation this year was down. Only two groups signed up initially, and others joined very late. Last minute sign-ups create a short window of time for performers to practice and plan their programs. It also makes it difficult for her to keep on schedule with all the planning and preparation which goes into this event.

Many suggestions were offered to change the format/time of year/content of this program. Included were to have instead a Battle of the Books (also done by public libraries), a Makerspace piece, STEM challenge for a hands-on approach, an Author Fair, a parent who writes “Science Stunts” on physics, Jordon Brown (very reasonable cost), a blend of ideas using Read-Aloud and Author Presentations, a Poetry Slam contest, a Coffee House performance, bring in Charles Smith, poet, a Fall Festival, Children’s Book Festival (like the one in Warwick) and have a booth there or at the Applefest. Randy Enos may be able to help with this. If the Read-Aloud was moved to be part of the Applefest, Christine Banuls said there would be no time to sign up and prepare students for a booth this coming October. Because there may be a cost to support some of these suggestions, Catherine Gilligan suggested that a Donor’s Grant could be written. She mentioned that Barnes & Noble has a Maker Fair in Newburgh where the groups get money from sales of books which can be used to sponsor events in the future. Linda Frazer would like to see a committee created to explore all these options. Lisa Perkowski noted that these public events would be a great way to promote school libraries and librarians.

**Newsletter Discussion**

The group next thought that sharing each district’s news would greatly benefit the Council in planning and participation for events and meetings. Having a Council newsletter with blurbs from districts could be compiled and a final copy shared at each meeting. Lisa Perkowski thought that this would also be a great handout for superintendents’ and principals’ meetings to promote librarians and to also share updates. This could be a document called *SLS Council Updates*, for example, in Google Docs, with a link sent out for all members to follow to submit their postings. The SLS secretary will then edit for a final draft to be distributed at the September, 2017 meeting, and the next editions will also be posted and shared electronically in Google Docs for the subsequent meetings three to four times a year.

**ANNUAL LIBRARY SURVEY REVIEW-Linda Gale**

Linda Gale passed out to all present a copy of the *Orange-Ulster BOCES School Library System 2016-17 Annual Evaluation Survey*. Suggestions for editing were made, including: “Check all that apply.” is listed twice on questions #8 and #10. Also, add a new question for Social Studies Framework, and also, “and/or other professional organizations you belong to.” Other additions, state mandates and corrections were noted and will be included/corrected as needed. The final copy will go out to the entire O-U BOCES SLS listserv at the end of the meeting today, with a return date of June 2nd or before.

**SLMPE Rubric Update-Lisa Perkowski**

Lisa Perkowski put up on the conference screen the new SLMPE, School Library Media Program Evaluation, Rubric page so the members could all view the site. The link below: http://www.nysed.gov/school-library-services/teachers/nysed-school-library-media-program-evaluation-rubric brings you to the NYSED website, with the SLMPE Rubric 2016 file at the bottom of the page available to download. She reminded all that this evaluates a program and not a person. This is a great resource for all to aid in plans for program improvements to meet higher learning standards and improve student achievement.
Next Lisa spoke about the SSL 2017 Kearney Educational Leadership Institute: Future Ready Libraries: YOU Lead the Way! To be held at Cornell University on August 3rd to 4th, offering 12 hours of approved CTLE credit. She will send a flyer on the listserv to the group.

Break for lunch.

**VOTING AND RE-ELECTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS WITH EXPIRING TERMS**

Linda Frazer called the meeting back to order after the break to commence with the elections. Council/Communication Coordinator, Edna Auerfeld expressed an interest in moving to a voting member of Council. Linda Frazer called for a vote to move Edna Auerfeld to a Council Member position. Lisa Ruyack made the motion. Laura Lerner seconded. All present Council members were in favor and the motion was approved. Edna Auerfeld will serve as a new member for the 2017-2018 school term.

The next item on the Agenda called for the Nominating Committee to agree on a ballot for the new Council Chair. All Council members had been emailed to determine if any would be interested in being considered for the ballot and would like to be nominated for the position. Linda Frazer called for any final nominations. The ballot was approved by the Nominating Committee, and all Council members were given these ballots to cast their votes and place them in the ballot box. Once all votes were in and counted, and the majority winner was determined to be Lynn Daniels. She was announced as the new Chairperson.

Members whose terms were expiring had been voted in with their terms extended to June 2020 as follows:

Tiffany Davis, Motion by Christine Banuls, second by Sheri McNair.

Carolyn DiIorio, Motion by Vanessa Baron, second by Linda Frazer.

**SLS COORDINATOR UPDATE-Dr. Diane Lang**

Dr. Diane Lang reviewed the process for the search for a NYS Certified candidate for the open SLS Coordinator position at Orange-Ulster BOCES. The finalist recommended by the hiring committee, composed of area librarians, teachers, and BOCES staff and administrators was approved by the Board. Ms. Diana Wendell will assume the position beginning June 12, 2017. In addition, Linda Gale will be staying on as part of the SLS.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

It was agreed that new committees needed to be added and old committees updated. Membership will be on a volunteer basis, so a form was passed around for members to sign up for a committee(s) of their choice. The forms were returned to the SLS secretary, who will send out by email to the Council listserv. The new committees are:

- By-Laws and Member Plan of Service Committee;
- Nominating Committee;
- Professional Development Committee (includes committee meeting locations, trips, Mock Book Awards, Professional Development, CTLE webinars/opportunities, technology, databases);
- Event Committee (includes Spelling Bee, Read Aloud and community outreach).
YEAR IN REVIEW-SHARING

The group next shared the Annual SLS Retirement Dinner highlights, honoring four retirees this year: Linda Frazer, Barbara Introcaso, Marlayne Sick, and Linda Rutzky. Photos, fond farewells and wishes were shared from all to Barb and Linda, as this is their final meeting, and both spoke of their happy times enjoyed as Members of Council, and their plans for the future.

Laura Lerner is looking forward to working with the new SLS Coordinator. Many are looking forward to suggestions from the Annual Survey. Lisa Perkowski will be happy to see Destiny User Meetings in place. Carolyn DiIorio and Sheri McNair would like to reach out to Sullivan BOCES to share their ideas to improve on the Mock Book Awards next year.

ADJOURNMENT

Linda Frazer asked for a motion to adjourn. Maggie Spicehandler made the motion. Karen Cissel seconded. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes were submitted by:
Gail Heaton, SLS Secretary
Orange-Ulster BOCES