



THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT / THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK / ALBANY, NY 12234

**TO:** Cultural Education Committee

**FROM:** Mark Schaming 

**SUBJECT:** Appointments to Regents Advisory Council on Museums and Regents Advisory Council on Libraries

**DATE:** October 5, 2017

**AUTHORIZATION(S):** 

**SUMMARY**

**Issue for Decision**

Does the Board of Regents approve of the Commissioner's recommendation to appoint one new member to the Regents Advisory Council on Museums and four new members to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries?

**Background Information**

Members of the Regents Advisory Council on Museums offer advice and consultation on issues of policy and service pursuant to the Board's statutory mandate to operate the State Museum and oversee museums across New York State. The Advisory Council is supported by staff from the Office of Cultural Education and the Deputy Commissioner of Cultural Education acts as the convener and chair of the council.

Current members of Regents Advisory Council on Museums include:

- Kate Bennett, President of the Rochester Museum & Science Center
- Suzanne LeBlanc, President of the Long Island Children's Museum
- Sara Pasti, Director of the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at SUNY New Paltz

- Paul S. D'Ambrosio, President and CEO of the Fenimore Art Museum
- Cecilia Esposito, Director of the Plattsburgh Art Museum
- Daniel Slippen, Vice President of Government Relations of the American Museum of Natural History
- Jan Ramirez, Chief Curator of the National September 11 Memorial Museum
- Joe Lin-Hill, Deputy Director of the Albright-Knox Art Gallery
- Elizabeth Dunbar, Director of the Everson Museum of Art
- Kris Wetterlund, Director of Education and Interpretation of the Corning Museum of Glass

Members of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries advises the Board on issues concerning library policy, works with the officers of the State Education Department in developing a comprehensive statewide library and information policy, and makes recommendations to the Regents for implementing library programs and initiatives.

Current members of Regents Advisory Council on Libraries include:

- Laurie Conway Brooks, Past Associate Deputy Director of Office of Library Services at Institute of Museum and Library Services
- Claudia Depkin, Director of Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library
- Nate Hill, Director of Metropolitan New York Library Council
- Mary Jean Jakubowski, Director of Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
- Emily Eich, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Coordinator (K-8) at East Moriches Union Free School District
- Colleen D. Sadowski, Instructional Director of School Library System and Media Services at Rochester City School District
- Charles Shatzkin, President of the Board of Trustees for New Woodstock Free Library
- Michael E. Stoller, Associate Dean of Collections and Research Services at Elmer Holmes Bobst Library, New York University

- Ann Thornton, Vice Provost and University Librarian at Columbia University
- Jacquelyn Thresher, Director of Nassau Library System
- Arlene Way, Past Library Trustee for Albany Public Library

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Board approve the Commissioner's appointments.

The Commissioner recommends the following appointment to the Regents Advisory Council on Museums for a five-year term effective November 1, 2017:

- Gretchen Sorin, Director of the Cooperstown Graduate Program in Museum Studies and Distinguished Professor

The Commissioner recommends the following appointments to the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries for five-year terms effective November 1, 2017:

- Susan Kowalski, Librarian at Pine Grove Middle School at the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District
- Mary-Alice Lynch, Trustee at the Clifton Park-Halfmoon Library
- Susan Polos, School Library Media Specialist at Bedford Central School District
- Juan Rivera, Library Media Specialist at A. Philip Randolph Campus High School (New York City)