

## MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors  
FROM: Sarah Ann Long  
DATE: May 8, 2009  
RE: Self Nomination for Stu Baker

Name: Stu Baker  
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I am the representative of the Northwestern University library

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What community service activities have you been involved in?

I have been involved in community service as a volunteer for the Lincoln Park Zoo (Education Division) assisting in the creation of their first web site. I also assist them in doing computer support for K-12 programs.

I participate in a job shadow day for Evanston Township High School. Two High School students came to our library and 'shadowed' me for the day to learn more about libraries and the profession.

What leadership roles have you held?

My current position is the Associate University Librarian (AUL) for Library Technology at Northwestern University Library. This is a senior management position responsible for

developing information technology strategies to support the library's vision for improved operations, resources, and services. I oversee the management and operations of the library technology division, a major unit of the library organization engaged in digital repository and online services development; and in support of major library systems, student computing labs, staff and public workstations.

Other leadership roles at Northwestern and the profession:

- Northwestern University School Technology Leaders
- Northwestern University Information Technology Coordinating Council
- Northwestern University Web Steering Committee
- Enterprise Systems Advisory Committee (chair)
- Digital Library Coordinating Committee (chair)
- Library Web Services Group
- Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)  
Library Information Technology Directors  
Northwestern CIC-Google Planning Team

What activities have you been involved in relating to libraries and library services?  
I have worked at Northwestern University Library for 28 years in various capacities. I have served over half of that tenure in Public Services. My current position is the Associate University Librarian for Library Technology. The nature of my job necessitates collaboration with all units of the library, in addition to the Medical, Law and Theological libraries.

Professional affiliations:

Member of American Library Association (ALA);

Library & Information Technology Association (LITA);

North Suburban Library System (NSLS);

Board of Directors, Academic Library representative (2007 - present)

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

I recently participated in the Illinois Legislative Day event in Springfield IL. I also attended the NSLS Legislative Breakfast and have attended numerous NSLS Legislative Committee meetings.

How would you contribute to these roles?

Through my professional activities I have learned an enormous amount about the

complex operational and management aspects of a library. The past two years serving on the NSLS Board has given me tremendous exposure to the issues and challenges of public, special and school libraries. I feel that I have adhered to and made contributions in all four governing strategies

In your opinion, what are the biggest challenges facing libraries today?

Observing, measuring and reflecting the needs of the community to ensure that the library is a relevant and inviting place to visit in person and online.

Effectively managing the creation, access and preservation of digital collections.

Developing strategies for selection, licensing and access of commercial electronic resources; while maintaining a balance of continued growth for print and other physical materials

Providing the appropriate tools and opportunities for library staff to keep their skill sets up to date in order to meet the needs of today's patrons.