

MEMORANDUM

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

Name: Kathy Caudill
Library Type: Public
I am the representative of the Ela Area Public Library

Email address: kathy.caudill@sbcglobal.net

Occupation: Development Director for a non-profit organization/Licensed Attorney

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Chicago, IL 60645

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What community service activities have you been involved in?

Member of Friends of Ela Area Public Library (1999 - present)
St. Francis de Sales School Board (1995 - 2001)
Active volunteer at church and school (1989 - present)
Active boy scout/cub scout volunteer (1997 - present)

What leadership roles have you held?

Vice President, NSLS Board of Directors (2007 - present)
Chair, NSLS Management Affairs Committee (2007 - present)
Chair, NSLS Legislative Committee (2005 - 2007)
Co-Chair, Trustee Training Task Force (2005 - 2007)
President, Ela Area Public Library District Board of Trustee (2007 - present)
Vice President, Ela Area Public Library District Board of Trustees (2005 - 2007)
Vice President and Chair of various committees for church and school board
(1995 - 2003)
Co-coordinator of group of 75 volunteers (2000 - 2003)

What activities have you been involved in relating to libraries and library services?

Member, Board of Directors, NSLS (2005 - present)

NSLS Representative for Elia Area Public Library District, attending NSLS monthly meetings (Feb. 2004 - present)

Achieved Silver level of certification in the Trustee Training program

Board achieved Bronze level of certification in the Trustee Training program

Co-Chair, Trustee Training Task Force (2005 - 2007)

Contributed to beta testing and development of Trustee webpage on NSLS website

Attended ALA in Chicago (2005) and planning to attend ALA in Chicago (2009)

Attended ILA in 2004, 2005, and 2008

Presenter in a group panel trustee track presentation at ILA (2008)

Member of ALA, ILA, PLA, and ALTAFF (formerly ALTA)

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

NSLS Legislative Breakfast (2004 - present)

Wrote an advocacy article for NSLS website (February 2007)

National Library Legislative Day (2004-2007)

IL Library Legislative Day (2004 - 2007)

Visiting and corresponding with my federal and state legislators on a frequent basis (2003 - present)

Visited with Rep. Melissa Bean and her aides

Visited with State Senator William Peterson and his aide

Visited with State Senator Dan Duffy's aide

Visited with State Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr.

Attended numerous advocacy seminars at NSLS

How would you contribute to these roles?

The best indication of my future contributions to NSLS's governing strategies would be to examine my work in the past four years:

Innovative ideas

Designed the brochure "What does a Library Trustee DO?"

Worked on the development of the information outline for the Trustee web page on the NSLS website

Appeared in the Board Briefs videos about the Open Meetings Act and Ethics

Ordinance produced by NSLS

Advocate for Libraries

Two years as chair of the legislative committee

Article on advocacy for the NSLS web page (February 2007)

Legislative breakfast attendee since 2004

Visited State Senator Bill Peterson in his district office with NSLS Executive Director,

Sarah Long, to talk about systems
IL Legislative Day attendee (2004 - 2007)
Visits with Rep. Melissa Bean and her aides
Visits with State Senator William Peterson and his aide
Visits with State Senator Dan Duffy and his aide
Visits with State Rep. Ed Sullivan, Jr.
Attended various advocacy seminars at NSLS

Cooperatively identify and nurture talents of board members
Mentor for new NSLS board members
Encouraging participation of all committee members serving on the Legislative
Committee and Management Affairs Committee
Public Library Outreach presentations for NSLS public library boards.

Legal stewardship
Chair of Management Affairs Committee (2007 - present)
Chair of Legislative Committee (2005 - 2007)
Member of Management Affairs Committee (2005 - 2007)
Member of the Library Partnership Trust board until 2007

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

1. Need for greater awareness of the work of library systems and libraries of all types.
2. Need for increased funding for all libraries, including seeking pieces of the capital improvements/economic stimulus pies for libraries.
3. Finding new creative revenue alternatives to help increase library funding.
4. Increased need for advocacy.
5. First Amendment, internet and filtering issues.
6. Patron privacy issues.

How long have you served on your local Board?
Since 2003

When does your current term of office expire?
April, 2011