

MEMORANDUM

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

Name: Leora Siegel
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I am the representative of the Chicago Botanic Garden's Lenhardt Library

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What community service activities have you been involved in?

I am involved with my community through service through my synagogue. The building was recently rebuilt and achieved the platinum LEED rating from the U.S. Green Building Council. I serve on the Environmental Task Force and am a docent leading tours of the building.

My family is involved with the community by donating our time and funds to support Ma'ot Chitim, an organization that feeds the hungry in the Chicago area.

What leadership roles have you held?

I am current president of the Council on Botanical and Horticultural Libraries, serving a four-year term on the board. CBHL is the leading professional organization in the field of botanical and horticultural information services.

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

I have served on the board of NSLS for the past two years and am a member of the Management Affairs and Legislative Affairs committees.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

As a part of the NSLS board effort to raise the level of advocacy during the past two years, I have sent emails to legislators on behalf of libraries, attended the NSLS Legislative Breakfast, Illinois Legislative Day in 2008, and made some contact with State representatives.

How would you contribute to these roles?

As an NSLS board member, I will contribute to the Governing Strategies by fully understanding all that NSLS does and promoting and participating in activities.

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

One of the biggest challenges facing libraries today is the turbulent economic situation. With cuts to library budgets and a public that is using libraries more than ever, libraries need survival tools and methods.