

North Suburban Library System

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Long
DATE: May 14, 2010
RE: Self-Nomination for Anita Forte-Scott

Name: Anita Forte-Scott
Library Type: Public
I am the representative of the Schaumburg Township District library.

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Occupation: Administrator / Educator

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What community service activities have you been involved in?

- Schaumburg / Hoffman Estates Rotary Club
- Hoffman Estates Environmental Commission
- Hoffman Estates Tartan Day Commission
- Poplar Creek Watershed Planning Commission
- PSO/Illinois' Child Care Association

What leadership roles have you held?

- President, Schaumburg Township District Library Board (2 years)
- V.P. / Secretary, - STDL Board (1 year)

- V.P., PSO/ICCA Board of Directors
- Administrator, Bright Stars Academy
- President, Poplar Creek Watershed Commission

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

- STDL Board of Trustees
- North Suburban Library System Board of Trustees
- National Library Week activities and events
- Illinois Library Association - Advocacy Day (3 years)
- American Library Association - Washington D.C. Advocacy Days (1 year)
- ILA Conferences Attendee
- Trustee Training
- NSLS Library Tours

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

- ILA - Advocacy Day, Springfield, IL.
- Save our Libraries Campaign
- ALA - Advocacy Day, Washington D.C.
- Visit with Legislators regarding library and library services.
- National Library Week Advocacy / Awareness

How would you contribute to these roles?

- Discuss & Decide upon System Mergers
- Keep Illinois Library Systems alive
- Explore other funding streams
- Contact Secretary of State & General Assembly about library / system funding
- Seek position on Executive Board of NSLS
- Be pro-active on NSLS committees and contribute ideas / solutions.

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

- System closings / mergers
- State of Il. funding diminishing for systems
- Closure or reduced services for some libraries due to municipal funding cuts
- Increased usage by patrons with decreasing staff / funding / materials
- Keeping up with new technologies & training of staff
- Transparency Issues with governing body

How long have you served on your local Board?

5.5 years

When does your current term of office expire??

April, 2013