

North Suburban Library System

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: NSLS Board of Directors  
FROM: Sarah Long  
DATE: May 14, 2010  
RE: Self-Nomination for Paul Kaplan

Name: Paul B Kaplan  
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I am the representative of the Elk Grove Village Public library.

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What community service activities have you been involved in?  
I served as an officer in the Elk Grove PTO Board at the elementary level and junior high level. Serve on the Elk Grove High School booster Board for 10 years and President of the music boosters for several years. Served on the local board for the Elk Grove Jaycees.

What leadership roles have you held?  
I headed the mechanical division of the Alexian Brothers Hospital Construction Advisory Committee. Have served on the Cook County State's Attorney Public Relations Committee; Housing Commission for the Village of Elk Grove; Zoning Board of Appeals for 15 years, of

which I am currently the chairman.

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

In addition to the leadership roles discussed above, two others and I formed the Friends of the Elk Grove Library which I still continue to be involved in for the last 26 years. I have been the NSLS Representative for the Elk Grove Library and also served as director and officer on the NSLS Board for six years continuously and back after a three year break and continued for another two years.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

Keeping our elected officials both at the local and State levels aware of how important libraries are to our community and our state.

Now we are in a battle to keep NSLS in business and functioning in face of the severe cut backs and no money coming in.

How would you contribute to these roles?

Our governing strategies has taken a new role. We as board members need to continue fighting for our fair share in this era of budget cuts to keep NSLS open and continue to serve the libraries. I would continue my contribution in this area and sometime make decisions that are very difficult but necessary to keep our doors open.

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

Working within a reduced budget but providing the same quality services that our member libraries expect.

How long have you served on your local Board?

17 years

When does your current term of office expire??

June, 2011