

North Suburban Library System

MEMORANDUM

TO: NSLS Board of Directors
FROM: Sarah Long
DATE: May 14, 2010
RE: Self-Nomination for G. Victor Johnson

Name: G. Victor Johnson
Library Type: Public
I am the representative of the Arlington Heights Memorial library.

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What community service activities have you been involved in?
Arlington Heights Memorial Library
Arlington Heights Industrial and Commercial Development Commission
Arlington Heights Citizens Action Committee Against Flooding
Arlington Heights Blue Ribbon Task Force to Assess formation of First TIF
North Suburban Library System Board
Illinois Library Association Trustee Forum Executive Board
ALA's Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations (formerly ALTA)

What leadership roles have you held?

President, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, as well as Treasurer, VP, Secretary, and various committee chairs (currently President)

President, North Suburban Library System, as well as Treasurer, VP and committee chair

President, ALA's Association of Library Trustees and Advocates, as well as VP and committee chair

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

See above.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

For a number of year, I regularly visited Washington D.C. and our legislators there, and Springfield, Illinois, and our legislators there. While I haven't travelled to those places in the last few years, I have visited with legislators in their local offices, or over dinner.

How would you contribute to these roles?

I wish to bring my library experiences and my occupational expertise to bear on the problems facing NSLS. While I have the utmost respect for the accomplishments of Sarah, and what she has done with NSLS, I fear we, the NSLS community, now need to make some tough decisions, and I believe I can make valuable contributions to that effort.

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

Funding. The current difficulties being experienced by many in this economy are causing those organizations that provide social services, particularly in Illinois, to be "crushed". What is happening to NSLS is really a crime, especially but of the excellent services NSLS has provided. Unfortunately, I don't believe it is a very short-term, temporary condition. It is the new reality that is facing those of us who are library supporters.

How long have you served on your local Board?

28+ years

When does your current term of office expire??

May, 2013