

North Suburban Library System

**MEMORANDUM**

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

Name: Penny Sympson  
Library Type: Special  
I am the representative of the Wiss Janney Elstner Associates, Inc library.

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Occupation: corporate librarian

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Northbrook, IL 60062

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What community service activities have you been involved in?  
Organized block parties when I lived in Chicago.  
Volunteered at the Anti-Cruelty Society.

What leadership roles have you held?  
Lead coordinator of block parties.  
Manager of my firm's organizational library.

What activities have you been involved in relating to libraries and library services?  
Past service on NSLS board.

Corporate librarian for 8+ yrs.  
Public librarian for 3 yrs.  
Synergy 2010 participant.

What advocacy efforts have you pursued on behalf of libraries?

Past activities on NSLS board including attending Rotary meetings discussing libraries).  
Created two videos on libraries/librarians.

How would you contribute to these roles?

I have worked in three types of libraries and can offer experiences from each.

My economics background can assist with finance and fiscal responsibilities.

I am creative and can offer ideas and support.

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

funding.

perceived (lack of) economic value.