

**WESTCHESTER LIBRARY ASSOCIATION**  
**80<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**  
**Friday, May 5, 2017**  
**HNA Palisades Premier Conference Center, Palisades New York**

The Business Meeting of the Westchester Library Association (WLA) was called to order at 9:35 A.M. President Sara Rodgers welcomed all members of WLA, members of the Library Association of Rockland County (LARC) and all of the vendors in attendance to the 2017 conference. She gave a special thank you to the members of the planning committee who brought our two organizations together for this year's conference.

Sara began by telling members how excited she was to serve as WLA President this year and then summarized the WLA events and activities of various committees throughout the year.

She began by noting that in October, she, along with LARC's Jessica Bowen and Maria Gagliardi, signed an official agreement to host a joint conference between our two organizations, on a trial basis for 2017 and 2018. She is looking forward to future successful collaborations between LARC and WLA.

In January, we held our Mid-Winter Conference, featuring *Library Journal Mover and Shaker* Erica Freudenberger.

WLA provided a great deal of support for youth services initiatives in the last year. We funded refreshments at October's Battle of the Books competition and many WLA members volunteered their time throughout the Battle day. We provided money for the WLS Performer's Showcase in November, the Mock Awards in January, and the Not Just For YA Book Club continues to meet regularly.

WLA was also a presence at this year's Multi-Language Book Fair.

Our Professional Development and Scholarship committee worked diligently this year on providing excellent programming to WLA members. They are offering four workshops this year, where members can learn, network, and earn continuing education credits.

The Legislative Committee worked diligently throughout the year and participated in a big push on Library Advocacy day.

Sara ended the meeting by expressing her wishes that everyone in attendance have an interesting, educational and invigorating day.

Respectfully submitted by Mallory Marinaro