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Westport, Connecticut
Minutes of the Governance/Nominating Committee
February 1, 2011

Trustees Present: John Hooper, Linda Franciscovich, Sandy Nathan

Trustees Absent: Andy Nevas, Julie Belaga

John Hooper, Acting as Committee Chair in Andy Nevas' absence called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Minutes of last meeting: Sandy Nathan moved to approve the minutes of the December 7, 2010 meeting, John Hooper seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved by the members of the Committee.

Topics discussed: The Committee began a discussion about revisions to the Exhibit Policy. Beth D. joined the meeting and passed out the original version of the Policy and highlighted proposed revisions. John Hooper complimented staff on their work to make the policies more concise. The committee agreed with the proposed revisions and will present the recommended revisions to the Trustees for approval at the next Board meeting. The Committee then reviewed the Posting Rules and Procedures. The Committee agreed with the proposed revisions and will present the recommended revisions to the Trustees for approval at the next Board meeting.

The next item of business was a discussion about the nomination process for trustee vacancies for 2011. Maxine noted that no vacancies are expected. Both Andy Moss and Sandy Nathan are starting a second term in June 2011. At the direction of the Board and Committee chairs, staff is preparing a three question survey which will be sent to board members prior to the February 16 meeting. The survey will ask trustees: (1) to confirm their interest in continuing to serve; (2) if they are interested in serving in a leadership role and which position; and (3) whether they have recommendations for trustee nominations. Based on survey results a slate of officers will be created and recommended.

Maxine reported that she will be meeting tomorrow with the Executive Committee of the Friends of the Library to continue to discuss better integration of both organizations. John Hooper recommended that we continue to look at alternate governance structures including the possible creation of a Library Foundation. The next meeting date was set for March 1, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. There being no other business, Sandy Nathan moved to adjourn the meeting and the motion was seconded by Linda Franciscovich. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Franciscovich Recording Secretary