

June 16, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
of The Susquehanna County Historical Society & Free Library
Association held at Forest City

President Will Squier called a second Board Meeting to Order on June 16th at 6.35PM.

Discussion Topic: Amendment of Bylaw 15a of the Association

Article 15a currently reads as follows:

a: These Bylaws may be amended at a stated meeting of the Association, by a vote of two-thirds of the members present. The proposed changes shall have been approved at a previous meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Article 15a proposed amendment:

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Special Board Meeting notification was emailed to all Board members on June 11th 2025

A Member ship Meeting for June 16th 2025 at 7PM was published in the Forest City News on May 29 2025. Membership meeting was to be held in Forest City

Will: We must have a two-thirds vote of approval by the members present at a scheduled membership meeting in order to amend a bylaw of the Association.

Scott Thomas had previously met with the officers and said that this needs to change, stating that the Board needs to remove control from the membership in order to enact changes in governance in the Association, he stated it was too unwieldy to have so much input and control outside of the Board, we were the only library in the state that operated in this manner. He further stated that Library boards across the state nominated and voted on Board members without any other input from library users.

Steve Hinds made the motion to make the By-Law Changes. Seconded by Ginny Lewis.

All present were in favor.

Will asked to adjourn the meeting at 6:59 pm.

Motion by Steve Hinds,

Meeting Adjourned

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Notification was emailed to all Board Trustees on June 11th for a special Board meeting to be held on June 16th at 5:30PM in Forest City.

Will further explained that Notice was posted for two consecutive weeks in the Forest City News of the call to a Membership Meeting.

A copy of the email sent to the Board members and a copy of the May 29th edition of the Forest City News will be kept on file at the library.

The Board is proposing to change the By-Laws and has held a Trustee Meeting on June 16th and has unanimously voted to amend Article 15 of the By-Laws of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

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We would at this time like to ask the members to please enter their vote by ballot to amend Article 15 of the By-Laws of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

The ballots were distributed, filled out and collected and each Association Member was asked to enter their name on the roster of voters as they returned their ballots.

The names were then verified by Lorraine Chidester and Will Squier as members in good standing of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

The votes were counted by Steve Hinds, observed by Eric Powers

The Membership unanimously voted to amend Article 15 of the By-Laws of the Susquehanna County Historical Society and Free Library Association.

There were 50 voting Members present at this meeting. A roster of voters was filled out and will be kept on record at the library.

Will thanked the Membership for their attendance and their concerned involvement in the Association. He further addressed the Membership with his vision for the library. "It is to be a welcoming place for all." He further went on to say that he has invested a lot of time and research

into necessary changes for the perpetuation of the Association. He thanked Lorraine Chidester for her countless volunteer hours and for the financial guidance to ensure the Association is fiscally responsible. (The Membership clapped and thanked her).

Closing Remarks

Will thanked all of the Members in attendance. Will said, this will allow the Board to make further changes needed for the stability and sustainability of the Association.

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Will asked the Membership for a Motion to Adjourn:

Motion Valerie Seneese Second Wes Campbell

Meeting Adjourned at 7:27 PM.