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April 21, 2016

TO: Honorable Mayor
Members of the City Commission

FROM: Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director
Alachua County Library District

SUBJECT: Nominations - Library District Board of Trustees

BACKGROUND:

The Library District's Board of Trustees consists of seven (7) members appointed by the Library District Governing Board. Three (3) of the seven members are City of Gainesville representatives, three (3) are Alachua County representatives, and one (1) is a representative of the Alachua County League of Cities. The term of City Representative Michael P. Allard expired on March 31, 2016.

The Library District advertised one City of Gainesville vacancy and one Alachua County vacancy, from January 12, 2016 – March 18, 2016. One application for the City of Gainesville position was received from Ms. Sharlynn Dawn Sweeney.

Ms. Sweeney's application and a list of the current members of the Board of Trustees are attached.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Commission nominate the applicant for consideration of appointment by the Library District Governing Board.

Attachments



**ALACHUA COUNTY LIBRARY DISTRICT
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
April 2015 – March 2016**

NAME / ADDRESS	PHONE / EMAIL	TERM
Michael P. Allard, Chair (April 15, 2015 – March 31, 2016) 2006 NW 55 th Ave, #F12 Gainesville, FL 32653	381-8498 (res) 215-1639 (bus) admiralelk@aol.com	April 1, 2013 – March 31, 2016 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]
Susan H. Sonsini, Vice Chair (April 15, 2015 – March 31, 2016) 1606 NW 170 th Street Newberry, FL 32669	472-3256 susansonsini@gmail.com	October 10, 2013 – March 31, 2016 (Alachua County Representative) [1 st Term]
Sheila K. Dickison, Ph.D. 3000 NW 66 th Terrace Gainesville, FL 32606	376-0300 (res) 846-1575 (bus) 273-1088 (office-for agenda review) skddac@gmail.com	April 10, 2014 – March 31, 2017 (Alachua County Representative) [2 nd Term]
Bessie G. Jackson, Ph.D. 6012 NW 37 th Drive Gainesville, FL 32653	384-3949(res) bessiegautier@yahoo.com	April 15, 2015 – March 31, 2018 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]
Ellen Vause P.O. Box 1270 Hawthorne, FL 32640	443-2907 (res) 481-2432 (bus) evause@cityofhawthorne.net	April 10, 2014 – March 31, 2017 (Alachua County League of Cities Representative) [1 st Term]
Elmira K. Warren 14230 NW 25 th Avenue Gainesville, FL 32606	275-6847(cell) 332-0880 (res) beaverkake@gmail.com	April 15, 2015 – March 31, 2018 (Alachua County Representative) [1 st Term]
Robert L. Woody 3737 NW 75 th Street Gainesville, FL 32606	328-9472 (res) rlwoody53@yahoo.com	April 10, 2014 – March 31, 2017 (City of Gainesville Representative) [1 st Term]

STAFF	Phone
Alachua County Library District Headquarters - Gainesville 401 East University Avenue Gainesville, FL 32601	(352) 334-3910 (bus)
Shaney T. Livingston, Library Director	
Terry Rasch, Assistant to Library Director	



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RETURN THIS APPLICATION TO:

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(352) 334-3910
TDD (352) 334-3904

Please specify which entity you wish to be appointed to represent (check one of the following):

City of Gainesville: Alachua County: *League of Cities: N/A

Do you reside within the Corporate Limits of the City of Gainesville? Yes No. If yes, would you like to also be considered for the Alachua County vacancy? Yes No.

Do you reside within Alachua County? Yes No.

	Last	First	Middle
NAME:	Sweeney	Sharlynn	Dawn
ADDRESS: 2201 NE 6th Terrace			
CITY: Gainesville	Florida	ZIP CODE 32609	
TELEPHONE: 352-336-5149 (Home) 392-2424 (Business) sharlynn dawn@gmail.com (Email address)			

OCCUPATION/POSITION: Program Manager		
EMPLOYER: University of Florida - Howard T. Odum Center for Wetlands and Center for Environmental Policy		
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER: PO Box 116350, 1953 Museum Road		
CITY: Gainesville	Florida	ZIP CODE 32611

Training/experience:

I have a MLIS degree (Masters in Library and Information Studies), so I have 2 years of in-depth coursework regarding libraries. I also completed an internship at the UF Digital Library Center and I manage the small Center for Wetlands library, organizing, digitizing, and fulfilling reference requests for reports and literature produced during the 40 years of research at the Center. I am also connected to many library contacts and resources on Twitter, which helps me to stay current on the advances and issues concerning libraries in a time of interesting transition during the digital age.

What contributions do you feel you could make to the Board of Trustees if you are selected?

I am highly skilled in research and reporting, and can assist with recommendations or reports requested by the public or the Governing Board. Additionally, I'm familiar with quality sources of information regarding research, issues, and trends in libraries. I have an MLIS degree, thus formal schooling in various aspects of libraries (cataloging, research, management, digital assets, information policy, website architecture, etc.). I have a deep enthusiasm for public libraries and the goal of access to information for all, and would gladly attend meetings, workshops, and conventions.

*The Alachua County League of Cities (ACLOC) is made up of elected representatives from each municipality in Alachua County. An ACLOC appointee was added to the Board of Trustees primarily to insure a voice for the small municipalities in Alachua County.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

	Date of Graduation	Degree
College/Higher Education University of Florida	August 2009	PhD, Systems Ecology
Florida State University	August 2012	MLIS, Library and Information Studies
High School Choctawhatchee	May 1997	diploma with honors

CIVIC/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(include participation in previous boards and committees)

American Library Association
International Society for Advancement in Energy Studies (ISAER), recipient of grant to create a global database of national environmental and economic flows, served on organizing committee for the last three Biennial Energy Conferences
Humanities, Arts, Science, and Technology Alliance and Collaboratory (HASTAC)

REFERENCES

NAME	PHONE	BUSINESS/ OCCUPATION	ADDRESS
Dr. Mark Brown	215-9191, 392-2309	Professor, Director	PO Box 116350, Gainesville, FL 32611
Dr. Matt Cohen	846-3490	Associate Professor	School of Forest Resources and Conservation, UF
Dr. Mark Clark	392-1803, ext. 319	Associate Professor	Dept. of Soil and Water Science, UF

If you have any additional information, such as a resume, please attach.

Are you willing to attend meetings in accordance with the bylaws of the Board of Trustees (see the attached Board of Trustees Bylaws and Board of Trustees Position Description)? Yes No.

According to the State of Florida, Commission on Ethics, persons appointed to this board will need to fill out a Financial Disclosure Statement. Would you be willing to file the required financial statement? Yes No. If you have any questions about this law, please call the Administration Office of the Alachua County Library District at 352/334-3910.

Signature <i>Charlynn Jweeney</i>	Date 3/17/16
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Sharlynn D. Sweeney, Ph.D., M.L.I.S.

AREAS OF INTEREST: public, academic, & digital libraries • program coordination & outreach • information services • facilitation of research life cycle • digital scholarship • research data management • geographic information systems • systems ecology

EDUCATION

MLIS, Florida State University

August 2012

School of Library and Information Studies, Tallahassee, Florida

Coursework: Information Policy, Information Services, Museum Informatics, Information Organization (taxonomies), Management of Information Organizations, Database Management, Advanced Web Applications, Metadata, Social Media, Research in Information, Digital Libraries, Web Design

PhD, University of Florida

August 2009

Ecological Systems, Interdisciplinary Concentration in Geographic Information Systems

Department of Environmental Engineering Sciences, Gainesville, Florida

GRADUATE FELLOW: coursework in ecological systems, GIS, energy analysis. Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need Fellowship. Dissertation: *Renewable Water Flows and Wealth in Thailand*.

TEACHING ASSISTANT: Ecological Engineering, Biological & Ecological Systems, Environmental Planning, Energy Analysis, Environmental Analysis (full responsibility for lab section), Spatial Analysis.

BS, University of Miami

May 1992

Dual major in Marine Science and Biology. Coursework in physical and life sciences.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Florida, Center for Environmental Policy & Howard T. Odum Center for Wetlands Gainesville, FL

Nov 2007 to present

PROGRAM MANAGER: Maintain research library, manage digitization and online dissemination of publications. Perform information searches for academic scholars and the public. Select and coordinate speakers for a cross-disciplinary academic seminar with 28 speakers per year (Water, Wetlands and Watersheds Seminar). Organize and run the biannual conference *Emergy Synthesis: Theory and Applications of the Emergy Methodology*. Managing Editor for the conference Proceedings: oversee peer review for 50+ articles, communications with authors, article editing, final publishing. Manage 3 academic certificate programs for graduate students. Manage 5 websites. Moderate the Emergy Listserv, with 130 international members. Oversee IT issues, software licenses, office administration. Serve as first point of contact for both Centers. Work on research projects as needed, including creation and continuing development of the National Emergy Accounting Database (NEAD).

Sustainable Ecosystem Restoration, LLC

July 2012 to July 2014

Mobile, AL (remote work)

INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR (Reference, Research, Analysis): Identify, locate, compile and analyze information and data sources for various studies involving the ecosystem impacts of the BP oil spill. Write reports synthesizing data and information findings for a variety of stakeholders.

University of Florida, Digital Library Center Gainesville, FL

May 2011 to Sept 2011

DIGITAL LIBRARY INTERN: Developed the H.T. Odum Center for Wetlands Digital Collection. Selected resources, scanned and edited images, created and edited metadata, utilized Adobe Photoshop, Acrobat, SobekCM METS Viewer & Editor, and SobekCM Digital Collections Tool Suite. Continue to add resources and monitor usage of the collection after internship period.

University of Florida, Center for Environmental Policy
Gainesville, FL

July 2004 to Nov 2007

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, UNEP funded project: *An Ecosystem Approach to Restoring West African Drylands and Improving Rural Livelihoods through Agroforestry-based Land Management Interventions*. Obtained, compiled and transformed global datasets of environmental and economic parameters to create a database producing environmental accounts of 164 nations. (Summarized results can be viewed at <http://goo.gl/2XE9bX>). Performed intensive internet and literature searches and created annotated bibliographies for agriculture, erosion, and carbon sequestration data in the West Africa region. Compiled and transformed regional environmental and economic data for specific land uses into energy accounting tables and analyzed a variety of farming practices and land uses in West Africa. Created graphics and contributed to papers reporting findings.

University of Florida, College of Medicine
Gainesville, FL

Jan 1995 to Jan 1999

BIOLOGICAL SCIENTIST: Performed a variety of molecular biology procedures in neuropharmacology (ELISA, western and northern blot, electrophoresis, etc.). Optimized laboratory procedures and protocols. Trained laboratory personnel. Managed, analyzed, and documented data and results.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- Coscieme, L., F. M. Pulselli, N. Marchettini, P.C. Sutton, S. Anderson, S. Sweeney. 2014. Energy and ecosystem services: A national biogeographical assessment. *Ecosystem Services* 7: 152-159.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecoser.2013.11.003>
- Brown, M.T., M.J. Cohen and S. Sweeney. 2009. Predicting national sustainability: The convergence of energetic, economic and environmental realities. *Ecological Modelling* 220(23): 3424-3438.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.ecolmodel.2009.08.023>

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- Sweeney, S., M. Cohen, D. King, and M. Brown. 2007. Creation of a Global Energy Database for standardized national energy synthesis. In Bardi, E. et al (eds.) *Emergy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Emergy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 23.1-23.18.
- Cohen, M., S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. Soil, water, fish and forests: natural capital in the wealth of nations. In Bardi, E. et al. (eds.) *Emergy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Emergy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 18.1-18.22.
- Cohen, M., S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. Computing the unit emergy value of crustal elements. In Bardi, E. et al. (eds.) *Emergy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Emergy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 16.1-16.12.
- D. King, M. Cohen, S. Sweeney and M. Brown. 2007. Comparative analysis of indicators of well-being using environmental accounting. In Bardi, E. et al (eds.) *Emergy Synthesis 4: Proceedings of the 4th Biennial Emergy Research Conference*, Gainesville, FL, pp. 4.1-4.18.

RESEARCH REPORTS

Cohen, M.J., S. Sweeney, D. King, G. Shepherd and M.T. Brown. 2012. Environmental Accounting of National Economic Systems: An Analysis of West African Dryland Countries within a Global Context. United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi. 139 pp.

Cohen, M.J., D. King, S. Sweeney, G. Shepherd and M.T. Brown. 2012. Ecosystem Services and Rural Livelihoods in the Sahel: Environmental Accounting and Wealth Surveys. United Nations Environment Programme, Nairobi. 115 pp.

MANAGING EDITOR, PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2015. Emergy Synthesis 8: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology. Proceedings of the 8th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, Jan 2013.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2013. Emergy Synthesis 7: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology. Proceedings of the 7th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2012. 586pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2011. Emergy Synthesis 6: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology. Proceedings of the 6th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2010. 610pp.

Brown, M.T. & S. Sweeney (eds.). 2009. Emergy Synthesis 5: Theory and applications of the emergy methodology. Proceedings of the 5th Biennial Emergy Research Conference, held Jan 2008. 610pp.

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND TRAINING

- Continuing education (Coursera): Copyright for Educators & Librarians, Data Scientist's Toolbox, R Programming, The History of (Mostly) Higher Education
 - Course development: developed lab course component of *Environmental Analysis* course and the lab modules for *Spatial Analysis* (a Geographic Information Systems course)
 - GIS/GPS/Remote Sensing software: proficient in ArcGIS, Arcview, MapfactoryWorks, Idrisi; familiar with ERDAS Imagine, ENVI and Pathfinder (GPS)
 - Laboratory and field experience: protein and nucleotide procedures (ELISA, electrophoresis, etc.); lab and radiation safety courses; various field research courses (coral reef ecology, wetland ecology); knowledge of Florida ecosystems
 - Website design, management and editing; Photoshop, Dreamweaver, Adobe Flashbuilder software; courses in HTML, CSS, Flex/Actionscript
 - Office software, Acrobat Pro, Statistics software Minitab and SPSS, Omeka (digital library software), oXygen XML Editor, SobekCM
 - Metadata familiarity/working knowledge: MARC, Dublin Core, MODS, METS and XML standards
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PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Mark Brown	Director, Center for Wetlands & Center for Environmental Policy, University of Florida, 352-392-2309, mtb@ufl.edu
Dr. Matt Cohen	Associate Professor, School of Forest Resources and Conservation, University of Florida, 352-846-3490, mjc@ufl.edu
Dr. Mark Clark	Associate Professor, Department of Soil and Water Science, University of Florida, 352-392-1803 ext. 319, clarkmw@ifas.ufl.edu
Dr. Michael Binford	Chair and Professor, Department of Geography, University of Florida, 352-392-0494 ext. 213, mbinford@ufl.edu