

MEMORANDUM

September 30, 2002

TO: Mayor and Town Council
FROM: Robert Schreiner, Chair, Chapel Hill Public Library Board of Trustees
SUBJECT: Library Board Composition (for October 7 Council meeting)

The Chapel Hill Public Library Board of Trustees at its September 16, 2002 meeting voted to recommend the following:

- That applicant Paul Jones be appointed selected to fill the existing vacancy on the Board.
- That the Library Board membership be expanded from eight to nine members in order to avoid tie votes and to be better able to gain a quorum.
- That if Board membership is expanded to nine, Library Board applicant Margaret Siefert be appointed to fill this seat.

The Board believes that either Mr. Jones or Mrs. Seifert would be excellent board members. Because of his background in computers and technology and because the Library is currently working on a long term technology plan, the Board is recommending Mr. Jones to fill this vacancy.

Since the Council expanded the Library Board's composition to include a County appointed representative, the Board has had an even number of members. While this has not been a problem in the past, it raises a possible problem in the future. Because Mrs. Seifert would also be an excellent candidate, we respectfully suggest that the Board's membership be expanded to nine members and that Mrs. Seifert be appointed to this position. This count assumes that the Board's high school representative is a non-voting liaison.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. We appreciate your continuing support of the Library.

cc: W. Calvin Horton, Town Manager
Kathleen Thompson, CHPL Director