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To whom it may concern:

Our library foundation hit a rough patch this winter, just as I was moving from the office of president elect to president. The library had redirected the services of our executive director and the board was quite confused about the foundation's mission and its relationship with the library.

Our librarian recommended an emergency retreat to reaffirm our mission and reclarify our goals as well as to assess how we would continue without an executive director. We hired Allison Sampson as the facilitator of that meeting.

Allison took on this task with short lead time and a minimal amount of funding. She worked effectively with three people in planning the meeting, obtaining concessions and clarifications that were then sent to members in a pre-meeting packet. Everyone came prepared to participate fully that Saturday morning, at least in part due to the well-thought-out packet of material they received before the meeting. Allison had thought through the goals and the possible pitfalls of the meeting in advance, and that planning led to a highly productive meeting.

Our board members left the meeting energized and recommitted to our goals 100%. Our next year now looks promising due to Allison's skills in encapsulating our thoughts and helping us to plan a list of achievable activities for the year.

Sincerely,  
*Molly Carpenter*  
Molly Carpenter, President  
Riverside Public Library Foundation