



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 14, 2023

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

Online via Zoom

NYLA President, Lisa Kropp Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Spindler, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Bartolomeo, <i>SMART President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene Laverde, <i>Immediate Past President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Perkowski, <i>SSL Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Bollerman, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jerrie Grantham, <i>FLS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rakisha Kearns-White, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Charles-Scaringi, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerrie Burch, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah O'Shea, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i> | |

Absent:

Ryan Perry, *ASLS President*

Joyce Laiosa, *YSS Representative*

Laura Schiefer, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests:

C Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications and Member Engagement*

Lauren Hoyt, *NYLA Director of Association Operations*

Max Prime, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

Kelly Harris

Tony Iovino

Maureen Squier

Adam Traub

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome
NYLA President Lisa Kropp called the meeting to order at 3:17pm and welcomed the group.
2. Annual Review of the NYLA Code of Conduct
NYLA President Lisa Kropp reviewed the NYLA Code of Conduct, upheld at all NYLA meetings and events, and pointed to its location on the NYLA website for reference.
3. Review of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve the agenda.

Made by: Matt Bollerman

Seconded by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn

Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes from November 1, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from November 1, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Matt Bollerman Seconded by: Kerrie Burch

Approved unanimously.

5. Council Introductions

6. Treasurer's Report

a. November Financial Statement

Treasurer Frank McKenna reviewed the November Financial Statement.

b. Audit Process

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon reported that the audit is underway, and that she and NYLA bookkeepers SVT are working with audit firm BST to complete the audit. The goal is to have the audit completed by the end of January 2024. When the process is complete, BST will attend a Council meeting and present the results.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Potential NYLA Position Statement

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon said that there had not been time for NYLA staff to begin a draft of the Position Statement on libraries hiring fully remote Directors, due to the audit and the transition to the new website/membership database. A draft of that statement will be forthcoming for Council members to discuss, etc.

8. New Business

a. NYLA Committee Reauthorizations

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon presented the updated Committee charges, compositions, and rosters that were included in the meeting materials for approval. Dragon noted that there are one or two vacancies that are being filled currently and those new additions to the rosters will be approved at a future Council meeting.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the NYLA Committee charges, compositions, and rosters as presented.

Made by: Matt Bollerman Seconded by: Tim Spindler

Approved unanimously.

b. Potential NYLA Statement on Vandalism at NYPL

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon noted that a member had written NYLA saying that neither ALA or NYLA had commented publicly or made a statement regarding vandalism that occurred at NYPL over Thanksgiving during a pro-Palestine protest. NYPL is not characterizing this vandalism as a hate crime but has said it will be expensive to repair the damage to the historic façade of the building at a time when NYC libraries are facing multiple mid-year budget cuts by the Mayor. Dragon also noted that the idea had been raised to make a donation to NYPL from the Disaster Relief Fund as a more concrete way of helping a member library, rather than making a statement on the issue as the clean up costs appear to be the library's major concern per their statement. President Lisa Kropp said the estimate to clean the graffiti is \$75,000.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve a \$1,000 distribution to New York Public Library from the Disaster Relief Fund to assist in paying for the clean up of the graffiti from the Thanksgiving 2023 incident.

Made by: Kerrie Burch Seconded by: Jean Currie

Approved unanimously.

6. President's Update

Lisa Kropp reported. She attended a state chapter advocacy workshop put on by ALA in early December. All 50 states sent their Presidents and their President of the School Library State Chapter as well, and the travel and costs were paid for by a grant. Kropp reported that both she and Maureen Squier (SSL President) learned a lot and found the time helpful and informative, particularly the Media Training.

Kropp said other than this important event, she is attending ULU's Candlelight Vigil this weekend with Max Prime to represent NYLA. The vigil is to mark the end of Sunday service due to the Mayor's budget cuts. Kropp is also working with NYLA staff to finish committee assignments and to get the new Governance Committee up and running and begin work on the necessary policies and procedures to enact the recommendations of the Balanced Budget Task Force.

7. Executive Director's Update
AnnaLee Dragon submitted a written report.
8. Legislative Update
Max Prime submitted a written report.

MOTION V: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Jean Currie Seconded by: Arlene Laverde

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, February 1 via Zoom at 3:15pm.
Reports Due: January 18