



NYLA Council Special Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

3:30 PM to 4:00 PM

via Web Conference

NYLA Executive Director, AnnaLee Dragon Presiding

In Attendance: Arlene Laverde, President-Elect; Barbara Stripling, Immediate Past President; Kelly Harris, Treasurer; Frank McKenna, Treasurer-Elect; Cassie Guthrie, ALA Chapter Councilor; Angela Hackstadt, ASLS President; Kerstin Cruger, FLS President; Amanda Perrine, LAMS Representative; Dawn Pressimone, SSL President; Amanda Schiavulli, YSS President; Simone Yearwood, Councilor-at-Large; Lisa Kropp, Councilor-at-Large; Laura Osterhout, Councilor-at-Large; Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, Councilor-at-Large; Kristina Graves, Councilor-at-Large; Rosemarie Gatzek, SMART President.

Absent: Beth Merkle, President; Alana Mutum, IDEAS President; Jean Currie, LTAS President; Meg VanPatten, PLS President; Alexandra Mercado, SCLA Representative

Guests: Michelle Young

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Position Statement on Intellectual Freedom in Ukraine

The New York Library Association stands in solidarity with our colleagues in Ukraine. We are committed to working with information professionals around the world to ensure that complete and factual information about the Ukrainian - Russian conflict is available freely to everyone, as it is vital in the pursuit of democracy and freedom for all. We condemn any action against the fundamental human rights of intellectual freedom, freedom of access to knowledge, freedom of expression, and access to technology. We are ready to support our Ukrainian colleagues should they need assistance to uphold these freedoms and in the battle against misinformation.

MOTION: Motion to accept the aforementioned statement.

Made by: Amanda Perrine

Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously

3. Review/Adjournment

MOTION II: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:48pm

Made by: Rosemarie Gatzek

Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously