

NYLA Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 8, 2012
11:00 AM
NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY

In Attendance:

Matt Bollerman, NYLA President; Marcia Eggleston, NYLA Past-President; Carol Anne Germain, NYLA President-Elect; Tim Burke, LAMS President; Barbara Nichols-Randall, SMART President; Fran Roscello, SSL Representative; Joyce Laiosa, YSS President; Ellen Rubin, Councilor-at-Large; Mary Donohue, Councilor-at-Large; Tom Bindeman, Councilor-at-Large; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Councilor-at-Large; Rocco Staino, ALA Councilor; Michael Borges, NYLA Executive Director; Jeremy Johannesen, NYLA Deputy Director.

Via Web Conference:

Christine McDonald, NYLA Treasurer; Elaine Bergman, ASLS President; Sue Considine, PLS President; Kelly Yim, RASS President; Debby Emerson, Councilor-at-Large; Paige Jaeger, Councilor-at-Large.

Before formally calling the meeting to order, there was discussion regarding interpretation of the NYLA Bylaws regarding the appointment of members of the NYLA Council. It was determined that in accordance with the bylaws, the board of each section may appoint a representative to serve on the NYLA council, and that it is the intent of the bylaws that one individual serve for the entire term of service. The term of service is defined as one year from NYLA conference to NYLA conference. It was decided that Fran Roscello would be recognized as the SSL representative to the NYLA Council for 2011-12.

The meeting was called to order at 11:14 AM

I. Welcome and Introductions

II. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to accept the agenda for the February 8, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting as proposed.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Marcia Eggleston.

Approved unanimously.

III. Approval of Minutes from November 3, 2011

MOTION II: Motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November 3, 2011 Council Meeting with corrections as discussed.

Made by: Barbara Nichols-Randall, Seconded by: Tom Bindeman.

Discussion:

Corrections, complete attendance, add president-elect report, councilors-at-large roundtable liaison assignments, ALA Councilor report.

Approved unanimously.

IV. Finance Report

The NYLA Financial report was presented by Treasurer Christine McDonald. Income is on track with budget projections. Expenses are roughly 10% above budget year-to-date. Both income and expenses for the conference were above budget. The Digital Literacy Grant will provide additional income during the next three years. Committee expenses are on target with budget projections.

A request was made for the finance report to be distributed further in advance of NYLA Council meetings.

V. President's Report

A written report was distributed in advance of the meeting. No questions were posed in response to the report. <See attached.>

VI. President-Elect's and Past-President's Report

President-Elect, Carol Anne Germain, offered no report. Past-President, Marcia Eggleston, reported that the Nominating Committee is coming along nicely with developing a slate of candidates for the 2012 NYLA Council Election.

VII. Executive Director's Report

Legislative

- Continue to work with libraries and OSC on answering questions related to the tax cap.
- Testified at Joint Legislative Budget Hearing on January 20th
- Senate announced creation of Select Committee On Libraries – Holding roundtable discussion on March 5th
- Black and Puerto Rican Caucus sent letter of support to Speaker
- Attended Senators Martins, Farley and Skelos fundraisers and Speaker Silver's
- Finalized 2012 legislative priorities – introduction of bills
- Resubmitted APPR Rubric for school librarians to SED.
- Pre-Advocacy Day and Advocacy Day events scheduled

Membership

- Membership continues to move upwards, going from 3,906 in December 2011 to 3,966 at end of January (also year-to-year increase of 159 - 3,807 in January 2011).
- New membership software application Affiniscape should be in place by end of March.
- Focus Groups taking place with Libby Post.

Professional Development

- Library Assistant Training Program scheduled for SUNY Albany March 26-31st and Nassau Community College – May 14-19th (also Onondaga in the summer).

- Leadership Academy Summer Session – Scheduled for June 6-8th
- Started planning process for developing Pedagogy Course for Librarians with College of St. Rose.
- Three Webinars Scheduled – Customer Service, SED Reform Agenda, Mobile Devices for Libraries.

Digital Literacy

- Digital Literacy Standards revisions completed and Advisory Committee finalizing curriculum for workshops to be started in late March or early April.
- Submitted first invoice for \$30,000.
- Draft website up – www.digitlity.org

VIII. Conference Report

Jeremy Johannesen, reported that the 2012 Conference programmers met on February 7, 2012 to review conference program proposals and that the slate of programming is very strong. David Weinberger will be the keynote speaker for this year's conference, and the scholarship bash will be held at the clubhouse of the Saratoga National Golf Club. New for 2012, ALL conference registrations will be processed online; fax or mail registrations will not be accepted.

IX. Committee Reports

No committee reports were offered.

X. Section and Roundtable Reports

ASLS- Reported they are working on conference programming.

LAMS – Submitted written report.

PLS- Submitted written report.

SMART – Submitted written report.

SSL – Spring Conference is May 4-5 in Binghamton. Concerns regarding dropping membership. APPR (annual performance evaluations for school teachers based on standardized tests) continues to be an issue for school librarians (as teachers with no subject specific standardized tests.)

YSS – Submitted written report.

Several roundtable reports were submitted in writing by the councilors-at-large who had been assigned to them.

XI. ALA Councilor Report

A written report was submitted.

Rocco asked for support from the NYLA office in completing the chapter reporting to the ALA national office. An update was provided on the work of the ALA committee working with publishers on issues surrounding libraries and e-books.

XII. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business was brought forward.

XIII. New Business

The 2020 Regents Advisory Committee – Vision for Library Services
The comment period on the draft report is coming to a close. Praise was offered for the inclusion of a wide variety of constituents in drafting the report.

MOTION III: Motion to charge NYLA Executive Director will issuing a letter congratulating those involved in the drafting of the 2020 Vision for Libraries report.
Made by: Marcia Eggleston, Seconded By: Mary Donohue
Approved unanimously.

XIV. Executive Session

MOTION : Motion to enter into executive session at 1:21 PM.
Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin
Approved unanimously.

Executive Session addressed personnel issues.

MOTION IV: Motion to suspend executive session and resume regular session at 2:08 PM.
Made by: Marcia Eggleston, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin
Approved unanimously.

MOTION V: Motion to cancel contract with NYSUT related to the delivery of legislative advocacy services, effective immediately.
Made by: Marcia Eggleston, Seconded by: Tom Bindeman
Approved unanimously.

MOTION VI: Motion to accept the resignation of Michael Borges as NYLA Executive Director, effective March 10, 2012, with regrets.
Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Marcia Eggleston
Approved unanimously.

MOTION VII: Motion to offer the position of Interim Executive Director to Jeremy Johannesen, at a rate of \$72K per year – pending acceptance by Jeremy.
Made by: Marcia Eggleston, Seconded by: Sue Considine
Approved unanimously.

The Executive Committee will serve as the Search Committee.
The current draft of the Executive Director job description will be distributed to the NYLA membership and feedback from members will be collected and returned by section leaders, no later than April 1, 2012. Resulting information will be used to revise the job description prior to posting for a call for applicants. A salary range for the position will also be determined at that point.

Michael Borges will (pending approval by his new employer) continue to serve as a consultant on legislative issues through the remainder of this legislative session.

Jeremy confirmed that he gratefully accepts the appointment to the Interim Executive Director position.

MOTION VIII: Motion to appoint Jeremy Johannesen to the position of Interim Executive Director effective March 10, 2012 at the salary of \$72K per year.

Made by: Tom Bindeman, Seconded by: Barbara Nichols-Randall
Approved unanimously.

XV. Next Council Meetings

2012 NYLA Council Meetings

May 10th @ NYLA Office

September 13th @ NYLA Office

November 7th @ NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs

MOTION IX: Motion to adjourn the February 9, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting at 2:31 PM.

Made By: Tom Bindeman, Seconded by: Fran Roscello

Approved unanimously.