

NYLA Council Meeting Minutes
Saratoga Hilton
Saratoga Springs, NY
November 2, 2011

In attendance: Marcia Eggleston, Christine McDonald, Matt Bollerman, Rocco Staino, Debby Emerson, Fran Roscello, Pauline Herr, Kathy Miller, Julie Hamrah-Johnson, Tim Burke, Jennifer Morris, Blake Carver, Rose Cerny, Gail Barraco, Elaine Lasda-Berman, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Kelly Yim, Tom Bindeman, Mary Donohue, Barbara Nichols-Randall, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Carol Ann Germain, Ellen Rubin, and Michael Borges.

1. Meeting Called to Order at 12:05 p.m.
Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Matt Bollerman and Seconded by Ellen Rubin. Vote was unanimous.

3. Approval of September 2011 Minutes
Moved by Matt Bollerman and Seconded by Rocco Staino. Vote was unanimous.

4. Finance Report
Christine McDonald reviewed September Financial Report and also the proposed revised 2011-12 Budget that takes into account the federal Digital Literacy Grant. In addition, some revenue numbers were revised downwards (conference and membership) based on income received so far in this fiscal year.

Motion to adopt revised 2011-12 Budget.
Moved by Matt Bollerman and Seconded by Ellen Rubin. Vote was unanimous.

Dan Weinberg of Empire Asset Management gave overview and update on NYLA's investments. It went on for what seemed a long time and I don't remember much of what he said, other than the market is very volatile at this time and we have a pretty conservative investment strategy.

Bob Doyle, Executive Director of the Illinois Library Association gave a presentation on the iRead Summer Reading program and how it could be a revenue source for NYLA if libraries in New York participated in the program.

5. President's Report

Marcia Eggleston gave an overview of the Strategic Plan that the Council worked on at the September Retreat and subsequent conference calls with Council members that fine tuned the document further. The adopted Strategic Plan would be presented at the Membership Meeting. Marcia thanked all the Council members for serving with her during her presidency.

Motion to adopt new Strategic Plan.
Moved by Matt Bollerman and seconded by Christine McDonald. Vote was unanimous.

6. President Elect Report

Matt Bollerman made announcement about New Yorkers for Better Libraries PAC reception in his suite and discussed assignments of Councilors-at-Large as liaisons to Roundtables and Affiliate Organizations. The following committee chair nominations were made: Kevin Verbese, Legislative,

Brian Hildreth, Membership, Meg Van Patten, Continuing Education, Ellen Rubin, Exhibits and Lauren Gilbert, Conference Planning, Robert Hubsher, Intellectual Freedom.

Past President Report – no report

7. Executive Director's Report

Dewey Scholarship Nominations – Jennifer Daddio, CUNY/Queens College, Abigail Garnett, Long Island University/Palmer School, Tessa Brawley, Syracuse University, Tor Loney, University at Albany, and Amanda Koziura, University at Buffalo.

Motion to approve 2011-12 Dewey Scholarship Nominations.

Moved by Matt Bollerman and seconded by Debby Emerson. Vote was unanimous.

Legislative

The Governor signed last of three Legislative Priorities passed by the Legislature – Library Construction Bill (S.4101/A.113). The State Comptroller's Office confirmed NYLA's Advisory Opinion on Tax Cap assuring library budget votes (for all types of public libraries) would have separate tax cap. Legislative Committee met and has proposed 2012 Legislative Priorities. NYLA Advocacy Day will be Tuesday, March 6th and Library Snapshot Day – will be Feb. 13-24th. Libraries are Essential website will be portal for the public interested in library advocacy and getting folks signed up to be library champions and make donations to New Yorkers for Better Libraries. 2011 Voters Guide has been released.

Legislative Committee recommended 2012 Legislative Priorities for Council approval.

Moved by Jennifer Morris and seconded by Julie Hamrah-Johnson. Vote was unanimous.

Membership

Membership continues to inch upwards due to conference and mailing to public libraries.

Professional Development

Next Leadership Academy course scheduled for November 2nd 25 people signed up. Recently held Library Assistant Training Program at Genesee CC with 12 participants. Signed up Westchester CC to hold Library Assistant Program in June 2012 and SUNY Albany in March 2012.

Grants

Digital Literacy Grant contract approved – beginning implementation.

Miscellaneous

Task Force on Civil Service Reform Chaired by Geoff Kirkpatrick held meetings and working with NYS Dept. of Civil Service to review Library Assistant/Clerk exams. The lower floor training room was used for first time to hold Leadership Academy class on September 22nd.

8. Conference Update

Reviewed attendance figures (flat with 2010) and exhibitor participation (down from 2010). About 20 less workshops scheduled compared to last year. Proceeds from Inaugural Celebration and Farewell Luncheon will benefit disaster relief fund.

9. Committee Reports

10. Section Reports

11. ALA Councilor Report

12. Unfinished business

13. New business

14. Next meeting February 9th, Virtual Online Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 3:40 pm made by Matt Bollerman and Seconded by Carol Ann Germain. Vote was unanimous.