NYLA Academic and Special Libraries Section

Board Meeting

In Attendance: Elaine Lasda Bergman, Karen Gardner-Athey, Kim Myers, Marcy Strong, Suz Massen, Jonathan Coe, Debbie Emerson, Jessica Ernye, Michelle Young, Laura Osterhoust, Matthew Laudicina, Chris Poehlmann, Tinamarie Vella, Carol Anne Gemaine

Call to Order (Karen) – Meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM on July 27, 2015 by Karen Gardner-Athey. It was held at the CLRC in Syracuse, with some members joining by phone.

Introductions – including newly elected Board members who are present as guests

Approval of Agenda (Karen) – approved

Approval of Minutes (Kim) – minutes approved as amended (to include Jonathan’s treasurer’s report that everything is up to date)

Past President/Nominations Committee (Elaine) – Elaine councilor-at-large NYLA board, new members introduced themselves. Elections held – announce new members to the member list

Announcements and President’s Report (Karen) – NYLA Council meeting – discussed how to encourage more academic libraries to join NYLA – also how to align our goals and activities better with NYLA.

Planning is underway for the 2016 Academic Libraries conference. As of this meeting date there is no firm conference date or location.

Staff changes at NYLA office.

Vice President’ Report about Conference Planning (Marcy)

Programs – Reviewed programs (Professional Writing for Librarians, Copyright without Tears, Hot Topics in ASLS, Embedded Librarianship, Digital Humanities in Libraries, Digital Preservation for Libraries and Museums, and Connecting and Communicating with Your Audience.)

Membership Meeting – combined Hot Topics with meeting – how to generate topics? Discussion ensued on how to encourage attendance at the meeting, ideas –

Carol Anne agreed to take charge of the booth

Search for academic libraries with Maker Spaces who might want to share activities as part of the booth

Carol Anne will contact NJ Bradeen about artwork for ASLS brochures

Discussion about making buttons at the booth

Treasurer’s Report (Jonathan)

Jonathan reports that as of 6/30/15 ASLS has $20911 in our account
Committee Reports:

Membership (Suz) Suz will check with Lois to get latest membership numbers

Legislative (Debbie) NY3Rs and ASLS need to advocate more for their libraries by letting NYLA know what their needs are.

Web (Suz) Suz reports that she now has rights to edit our sub-page (on NYLA.org) and that all pages are now up to date

Intellectual Freedom (Wendy) No report. Karen will check to make sure that Wendy is on the ASLS Board List

Awards Committee (Elaine) – No nominations for either award yet, one Dewey Fellowship received – need more! Elaine resent the announcements.

Newsletter/BLOG – Blog to be posted on NYLA website- keep the NYLA brand – details being worked out regarding content and posting frequency – hope to bring more people into the section this way. (Who was going to run with this??) Discussion followed on how to connect this to other social media platforms, and who would contribute.

Old Business

Aligning our activities and goals with the NYLA goals – discuss NYLA mission statement and bylaws for/at annual meeting.

Encouraging academic libraries to join NYLA– how best to do this – generate membership lists of individual and institution members?

New Business

Michelle thinks that ASLS needs reach out more to special libraries, perhaps by having a program for them at Academic Libraries conference. Perhaps a virtual meeting focusing on special libraries. She was inspired by ARSL – Association for Rural and Small Libraries. They do a day long free conference that really inspired her.

Suggested monthly, one hour webinars on various topics, starting in Spring 2016?

Karen to talk about spotty NYLA technology. What can be done to improve it?

Some talk about new communications committee. Suz and Matthew Kopel (of CLRC) agreed to run the “nitty gritty” part (web pages, promotion, etc) but someone else needs to lead the “idea” part of communication. Karen to contact people who might be willing to do this.

Meeting adjourned at 2:37.