



NYLA Council Meeting MINUTES

Thursday, September 13 2012

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY

NYLA President, Matthew Bollerman, Presiding

In Attendance:

Matthew Bollerman, *NYLA President*; Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President-Elect*; Marcia Eggleston, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Christine MacDonald, *Treasurer*; Elaine Lasda Bergman, *ASLS President*; Tim Burke, *LAMS President*; Pauline Herr, *SSL President*; Joyce Laiosa, *YSS President*; Mary Donohue, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ellen Rubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Tom Bindeman, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Councilor-at-Large*; Fran Roscello, *SSL Representative*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Guests:

Claudia Depkin, *Incoming LAMS President*; Rachel Jaffe, *Incoming SMART President*; Kathy Naftaly, *Incoming PLS President*; Susan P. Kowalski, *Incoming SSL President*; March Strong, *Incoming Councilor-at-Large*

Attending Remotely via Webinar:

Sue Considine, *PLS President*

Absent:

Barbara Nichols-Randall, *SMART President*

Kelly Yim, *RASS President*

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve the meeting agenda as submitted.

Made by: Ellen Rubin Seconded by: Joyce Laiosa

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2012 & June 18, 2012 NYLA Council Meetings

MOTION II: Motion to approve the May 10, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Made by: Rocco Staino Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the June 18, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Made by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report

- a. July Financial Statement / Report - See written report.
- b. Audit Update – Full report scheduled for November 7, 2012 Meeting
- c. Review of Investments – Endowment & Vitality Funds have been consolidated.

Monthly financial statement for August was distributed without an accompanying written report as the statement was not available with enough lead time to prepare a report.

Refinancing of the 6021 State Farm Road NYLA building mortgage, was completed to the new rate of 5% via the Community Loan Fund. One condition of the refinance is that a minimum of \$100K from the proceeds of the sale of 252 Hudson, if and when completed, must be applied to the principal balance of the mortgage on 6021 State Farm Road.

252 Hudson office space leasee (RA Pilates) has given notice that they will be breaking their lease and vacating the space by September 30, 2012, and they are vacating their option to purchase the property at a previously agreed to price in April, 2014. The intention is to immediately relist the property for sale, with the hope of garnering an improved purchase price.

5. President's Report – see written report.
6. President-Elect's and Past-President's Report

October has been declared Information Literacy Month by Governor Cuomo. University at Albany is hosting an Information Literacy Symposium on October 18, in support of the declaration. Author Alice Hoffman has agreed to serve as keynote speaker for the 2013 NYLA Annual conference in Niagara Falls.

Past-President Marcia Eggleston – nothing to report.

7. Executive Director's Report – see written report.

The Librarian Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) evaluation rubric that has been developed in partnership between NYLA-SSL and the School Library Systems Association (SLSA) has been resubmitted with revisions and we remain hopeful that it will be approved and endorsed for use by the NYS Department of Education.

It was determined that it would be appropriate to draft a resolution calling on the NYS Education Department to approve and endorse the tool. The resolution will be drafted by representatives from SSL and distributed for electronic approval.

8. Conference & Trade Show Report – see written Executive Director's report.
9. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports
 - a. ASLS reported a successful conference in partnership with NYSHEI at Syracuse University in June, 2012.
 - b. YSS reports they have been awarded the Arbuthnot Lecture for April 2014.
 - c. EFRT is holding a 20th Anniversary Luncheon in Rochester on October 9, 2012.
 - d. Awards Committee is preparing the nominations for the 2012 NYLA awards; an electronic vote will be distributed.

10. ALA Councilor Report – see written report.

- a. Center for the Book Report

The Empire State Center for the Book will hold its gala to induct new members into the NYS Writers Hall of Fame on June 4, 2013.

The ESCFTB will be represented at the National Book Festival in Washington D.C.

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- a. Approval of 2012 NYLA Awards – this will be conducted via electronic vote and ratified at the November 7 Council Meeting.

b. Renaming of Endowment Fund

As advised by our auditors, we are renaming the Endowment Fund, as it is not a true donor restricted endowment, but rather a temporarily restricted board designated fund. A call for name suggestions was issued to the NYLA membership. Lyn Swafford suggested 'NYLA's Fund for the Future'. As her suggestion was chosen, she will receive a \$25 gift card to the Target department store.

MOTION IV: Motion to rename NYLA's Endowment Fund to 'NYLA's Fund for the Future'.

Made by: Rocco Staino Seconded by: Debby Emerson

Approved unanimously.

c. Suffolk County Library Association – NYLA Chapter Bylaws Amendments

A taskforce comprised of Ellen Rubin, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, and Jeremy Johannesen met to discuss and have proposed the required bylaws amendments to allow for NYLA to establish regional chapters.

The group determined that it would be best to model the minimum requirements for the formation of a regional chapter on existing standards for the formation of a NYLA Section.

A draft of proposed bylaws changes, creating Article XIV, to allow for the formation of regional chapters was discussed. The requirement for the president of a regional chapter to hold NYLA membership was added to the draft.

MOTION V: Motion to accept the proposed bylaws Article XIV with revisions and to advance the proposed item to the NYLA membership for approval at the November 9, 2012 Membership Meeting.

Made by: Elaine Lasda Bergman Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

A second bylaws change would provide a guaranteed seat on the NYLA Council to the president or other designated representative of any NYLA Regional Chapter. This would require additions to Article V of the current NYLA bylaws. This option was discussed. Fran Roscello voiced concerns about granting regional groups a voice on the Council which is currently populated by individuals representing types of libraries or librarians. It was determined that there are a limited number of potential regional chapter (based on the requirements for formation laid out in Article XIV) and that the number is not significant enough to sway to makeup or decision making of the Council as a whole.

MOTION VI: Motion to accept the proposed additions to bylaws Article V and to advance the proposed item on to the NYLA membership for approval at the November 9, 2012 Membership Meeting.

Made by: Debby Emerson Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain

Approved unanimously.

d. NYLA Organizational Dues Review

Jeremy Johannesen outlined the challenges facing NYLA in terms of delivering the services that are desired by organizational members (particularly system members) for advanced advocacy activities, namely engaging a lobbying firm, given the current organizational dues structure. This is evidenced by the fact that the working group known as the NY Alliance of Library Systems has imposed an additional dues levy on themselves to fund the hiring of a lobbying firm. Additionally, with only a two tiered model of

organizational dues there is only one step in dues rates separating the smallest rural library from the largest metropolitan library. This inequity causes many small libraries to not be able to afford to participate.

The following individuals voiced their willingness to participate in task force discussions to explore the options for restructuring NYLA organizations dues:

Tim Burke, Marcia Eggleston, Ellen Rubin, and Sue Considine

Members of the existing 'Emerging Issues' Taskforce will also be invited to participate.

e. NYSHEI merger taskforce

Jeremy Johannesen met with Jason Kramer, Executive Director of the NYS Higher Education Initiative (NYSHEI) for an open conversation regarding expanded collaboration between NYLA and NYSHEI. This led to a meeting that was expanded to include the current Board Chair for NYSHEI, Enid Gerer and NYLA President-elect, Carol Anne Germain. After a frank and open discussion this group agreed to ask their respective governing board to approve the formation of a taskforce to explore the possibilities of greater engagement, up to and including possible merger of NYSHEI into NYLA. The NYSHEI board has drafted and passed a motion authorizing participation in such a taskforce, as well as allocating up to \$10K to the project.

After discussion the Council requested that a similar motion be drafted with matching terms, with the exception of the time table put forward by NYSHEI. This motion will be drafted and approved by Carol Anne Germain before being distributed for approval via electronic voting. A second motion will be drafted naming three delegates from the NYLA Council to serve on this taskforce.

f. Approval of ULU as an affiliate member of NYLA

The group Urban Librarians Unite (ULU) has requested status as an affiliate member of NYLA with all the included rights and privileges. ULU focused on library advocacy within the greater NYC metro region.

MOTION VII: Motion to approve Urban Librarians Unite as an affiliate member of NYLA.

Made by: Rocco Staino Seconded by: Joyce Laiosa

Approved unanimously.

13. Next Council Meeting

November 7th at NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs

MOTION VIII: Motion to adjourn the September 13, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting at 2:36 PM.

Made by: Ellen Rubin Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain

Approved unanimously.

Attachments:

July & August 2012 Financial Statements

President's Report

Executive Director's Report

NYLA Regional Chapter Proposed Bylaws Changes

Section and Roundtable Reports

ALA Councilor at Large Report

NYSHEI's Taskforce Formation Motion