



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, December 13 2012
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
via Conference Call
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

In Attendance:

Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President-Elect*; Matthew Bollerman, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Christine MacDonald, *Treasurer*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer-Elect*; Claudia Depkin, *LAMS President*; Kathy Naftaly, *PLS President*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*; Rachel Jaffe, *SMART President*; Susan P. Kowalski, *SSL President*; Jen Ogrodowski, *YSS President*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ellen Rubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent:

Elaine Lasda Bergman, *ASLS President*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented with amendments.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded By: Debby Emerson.

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from November 7, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2012 Council Meeting as presented, with correction of typo.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Sara Kelly Johns

Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report
 - a. October Financial Statement / Report

NYLA Treasurer Christine McDonald reviewed the October monthly financial statement. There are no unexpected items in the report. Income is ahead of projections for the year to date, expenses are below. Final profit/loss number for this year's conference will be available for the next Council meeting and have been delayed by processing of the near 100 Hurricane Sandy related credit vouchers.

5. President's Report

Carol Anne Germain Reported on the following items:

New York State Assembly's Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology hearing on Funding Public Libraries in New York State, November 29, 2012

All witnesses were uniformly 'on message' with the top 2013 priority of restoration of library aid funding to the 2007 level of \$102M. Chairman Bob Reilly was supportive though challenging, and promised to pen a letter to the Governor in support of library representation on the Regional Economic Development Councils.

Better World Book

Following up on a conversation begun at the NYLA Conference, Better World Books has agreed to designate a six week period (targeted for early 2013) during which program participants can elect to have a portion of the proceeds of the sales of the books they submit be divided between the NY and NJ disaster relief funds to benefit libraries impacted by Hurricane Sandy.

NYSHEI Taskforce Update

The taskforce delegates charged with exploring collaborative options with NYSHEI met with their NYSHEI counterparts on December 6, 2012. Both groups agree there are many areas within the missions of both groups that align and lend themselves toward greater collaboration. NYSHEI's number one priority is the continuation of their ongoing advocacy efforts. It is believed that both groups are open to the concept of NYSHEI being dissolved and becoming a part of NYLA, while at the same time taking steps to preserve its mission and culture.

The initial timeline calling for a January 2013 deadline has been vacated.

The group is scheduled to meet on January 3, 2013 to continue conversations and is slated to take up items including dues structure and membership logistics.

Library School Student Memberships

This proposed initiative would offer one year of NYLA membership for free to all students enrolled in a Library School program in NYS. The proposal has been referred to the Membership Committee for review.

NY Times Foundation – Love Your Librarian Awards

For 2013 three of the ten 'Love Your Librarian' Award winners are from NYS. Several members of Council will be attending the award ceremony on 12/18 in NYC. One of the honorees is NYLA Council member Sue Kowalski.

6. Executive Director's Update

NYLA 2012 Conference was a success. Attendance would have increased over 2012 level if not for the nearly 100 cancellations due to Hurricane Sandy. Credit vouchers were issued for those forced to cancel, cancellation deadlines were waived, as were standard voucher administrative fees. The result is nearly \$14K in conference revenue that will be deferred to 2013.

Sections are encouraged to make use of NYLA's webinar registration and delivery infrastructure, bringing topics of interest to their members.

2013 Advocacy Day in Tuesday, March 5 – please plan to attend. NYLA has secured the 'Well' of the Legislative office building (LOB) for our mid-day rally. The idea of offering a program for high school students who attend was discussed. The NYs for Better Libraries PAC will hold its annual fundraising banquet the night before.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Endorsement of ALA e-Book Resolution

The NYLA Council approved a resolution addressing the treatment of libraries by the publishing community at the November 7, 2012 meeting. Concurrently the American Library Association drafted a similar resolution and has asked for endorsement of their statement by each of the state chapters.

The text of the ALA resolution is attached.

MOTION III: Motion to endorse the ALA e-Book Resolution as presented.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Tim Burke.

Approved unanimously.

b. Approval of Information Fluency Continuum Resolution

The NY City Department of Education has developed an Information Fluency Continuum Curriculum. The School Library System Association (SLSA) has asked the NYLA Council to review and endorse the document. SSL has submitted a draft resolution (attached) to endorse the document and call upon the NYS Department of Education to recognize and approve the document for use.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve the Information Fluency Continuum Resolution as presented.

Made by: Sara Kelly Johns, Seconded by: Sue Kowalski

Approved unanimously.

c. Approval of 2013 NYLA Legislative Agenda

The NYLA Legislative Committee met in August and again in December to consider a host of potential legislative items for inclusion on the 2013 Legislative Agenda. There were no challenges to any of the items included on the proposed agenda.

Sara Kelly Johns called for the inclusion of an item calling for the requirement of a certified elementary school librarian. This item had been on the Legislative Agenda from 2005-08, but was removed in 2009 in order to focus on items that were deemed by the committee to be attainable. Given the Regent's endorsement of the Regent's Advisory Council's 2020 Vision Plan, which includes the recommendation for requiring a certified elementary school librarian, it was concluded that the item should once again be included on the Legislative Agenda.

MOTION V: Motion to approve the 2013 NYLA Legislative Agenda as proposed by the Legislative Committee, with the understanding that an item will be drafted and added addressing a requirement for a certified elementary school librarian.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

MOTION VI: Motion to adjourn the December 13, 2012 NYLA Council Conference Call at 4:18 PM.

Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Sue Considine.

Approved unanimously.