



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2014
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
NYLA Office
Guilderland, NY
NYLA President, Sara Kelly Johns Presiding

In Attendance: Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President-Elect*; Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Gillian Thorpe, *LAMS President*; Sara Dallas, *PLS President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Attending Via Web-Conference: Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*

Absent: Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*

Guests: Mike Neppel, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded By: Geoff Kirkpatrick
Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 19, 2013 Council Meeting as with corrections as noted.
Made by: Geoff Kirkpatrick, Seconded by: Tim Burke
Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed the December Financial Statement. As of 12-31-13 50% of NYLA fiscal year is complete. Any individual account lines that deviated from the 50% mark were discussed.

5. President's Report

NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reported on her written report.

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

Geoff Kirkpatrick and Carol Anne Germain reviewed their written reports.

7. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed his written report, and in addition discussed:

- Advocacy activities, including Budget Hearing Testimony and CapWiz campaign efforts
- Newspaper article driven controversy surrounding the salary of Queens Library director Tom Galante.

8. Legislative Report

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy Mike Nepl reviewed the current Legislative Agenda, Advocacy Initiatives and outlook for the post-budget portion of the Legislative Session.

9. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

Each Section addressed questions and offered comments on their written reports.

10. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reviewed his written report.

MOTION III: Motion to adopt the Memorial Resolution for Major Owen as presented.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Approved unanimously.

MOTION IV: Motion to publicly endorse Sari Feldman, as a former NYer and former active member of NYLA / YSS, in her candidacy for ALA President.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Sue Considine

Approved unanimously.

11. Empire State Center for the Book Report

CFTB Chair Rocco Staino reviewed his written report, which included the announcement of the 2014 Inductees to the Empire State Writers Hall of Fame.

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

a. Sustainability Resolution

Rebekkah Smith Aldrich submitted a written motion for consideration calling for leadership by NYLA on the issue of sustainability.

MOTION V: Motion to approve "Resolution on the Importance of Sustainable Libraries" as submitted.

Made by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

b. Catskill Public Library – Disaster Relief Application

An application for support from the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund was submitted by the Catskill Public Library in response to damage to the library incurred due to a burst water pipe. Damage is estimated at \$30K.

Discussion focused on whether or not there was any negligence on the part of the library or library board in failing to address the issue in an appropriate and timely manner. It was determined that the library had not been negligent.

MOTION VI: Motion to award \$1K from the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund to the Catskill Public Library, in response to their request, with the understanding that there was no negligence on the part of the library.

Made by: Carol Anne Germain Seconded by: Sue Considine

Approved unanimously.

c. Approval of 2014 NYLA Council Election Roster

This item was tabled pending confirmation of the remainder of the complete slate.

MOTION VII: Motion adjourn the February 6, 2014 Council Meeting at 2:36 PM.

Made by: Karen Gardner Athey, Seconded by: Sheryl Knab

Approved unanimously.