



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, February 7, 2013
11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

In Attendance:

Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President-Elect*; Christine MacDonald, *Treasurer*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer-Elect*; Claudia Depkin, *LAMS President*; Kathy Naftaly, *PLS President*; Rachel Jaffe, *SMART President*; Susan P. Kowalski, *SSL President*; Jen Ogradowski, *YSS President*; Ellen Rubin, *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)*

Participating via video-conference:

Matthew Bollerman, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*

Absent:

Elaine Lasda Bergman, *ASLS President*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded By: Sue Considine.

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 12, 2012 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2012 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

4. Approval of e-Voting from December 2012

MOTION III: Motion to ratify the results of the December 2012 electronic voting.

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

Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Treasurer Christine McDonald reviewed the December monthly financial statement, and her written report. There are no unexpected items in the report. Discussion included plans for fundraising during 2015, NYLA's 125th

Anniversary. Additional conversation was held regarding the collections for the Disaster Relief Fund. Questions were raised regarding what items are included in the 'Miscellaneous' line; clarification was provided.

6. President's Report

Carol Anne Germain reviewed her written report.

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

Sara Kelly John's reported on her recent appointment to the American Library Association Executive Council.

Matt Bollerman reported progress on the establishment of the 2013 slate of nominees of NYLA Council. A finalized slate is expected for the March meeting.

8. Executive Director's Update

In addition to the written report – Jeremy Johannesen reported that a written offer has been received on the 252 Hudson Avenue property. The offer is for \$165K, with a \$5K credit for needed repairs, for a final cash offer of \$160K. As stipulated by the Community Loan Fund, the first \$100K of the proceeds of the sale must be applied to the principal balance on the 6021 State Farm Road property. A proposal was put forward to put any remaining proceeds toward the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund, to support the ongoing maintenance of the NYLA office.

MOTION IV: Motion to accept the written offer to purchase the 252 Hudson Avenue office space, received from the NY News Publishers Association in the amount of \$165K, with a \$5K credit for needed repairs, for a final cash offer of \$160K.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Christine McDonald
Approved unanimously.

MOTION V: Motion to allocate the proceeds of the sale of the 252 Hudson Avenue office space, remaining after satisfying the required \$100K disbursement to the Community Loan Fund, for the establishment of a Capital Improvement Fund.

Made by: Christine McDonald, Seconded by: Sara Kelly Johns
Approved unanimously.

9. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

The Section representatives reviewed their written reports.

10. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor reported on recent actions of the ALA Council. The ALA passed a resolution calling on the United States Government to approve the national interest waiver and pay its dues to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

MOTION VI: Motion to endorse the UNESCO resolution as proposed. (Attached.)

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Approved unanimously.

The ALA Emerging Leaders Program was discussed and the ALA Councilor was charged with developing a formal recommendation for the identification and support of accepted program participants from New York State.

11. Empire State Center for the Book Report

The Center for the Book will hold its Gala to induct the class of 2013 into the Empire State Writers Hall of Fame on June 4, 2013 at the Princeton Club in NYC.

Work on supporting literary landmarks continues.

The Poetry Out Loud program continues and provides additional exposure for CFTB.

The Letters about Literature is also underway for 2013.

12. Unfinished Business

13. New Business

a. Discussion of Council at Large Election Procedure / Section Election Procedure

The Council discussed the proposal submitted by the Executive Director for consideration of revision of the procedures for the election of Councilors at Large. It was agreed to leave the historic procedures in place, and to formalizing that process in the NYLA Policies Manual. The Section presidents also requested details on the NYLA election timeline so that they can plan accordingly.

b. Approval of Disaster Relief Fund Awards

In response to the appeal following Superstorm Sandy just under \$13K has been collected to date. Thus far requests for support have been received from eight libraries. Claudia Depkin voiced interest in making a request from the Haverstraw King's Daughters Public Library, taking the total to nine. Additional requests are anticipated from the Brooklyn Public Library, but the number of impacted branches is not currently known.

MOTION VII: Motion to distribute \$1000 to each library that has requested support from the Disaster Relief Fund due to damage from Superstorm Sandy by 2/15/13.

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

Approved by all present with the exception of Claudia Depkin who abstained.

c. Update of the Continuing Education Committee Charge

Meg VanPatten, Chair of the Continuing Education Committee submitted suggested revisions to the Committee's Charge, which move the policy in line with current practices. (Attached.)

MOTION VIII: Motion to approve the requested revisions to the Continuing Education Committee's charge.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Jen Ogradowski.

Approved unanimously.

MOTION IX: Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation of the Executive Director at 2:50 PM.

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded by: Rocco Staino.

Approved unanimously.

MOTION X: Motion to suspend Executive Session at 2:53 PM.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Sue Considine.

Approved unanimously.

MOTION XI: Motion adjourn the February 7, 2013 NYLA Council meeting at 2:55 PM.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Sue Considine.

Approved unanimously.