



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, March 21, 2013
3:00 PM to 4:30 PM
via Conference Call
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

In Attendance via Conference Call:

Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President-Elect*; Matt Bollerman, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; 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*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *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*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*;

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded By: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from February 7, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2013 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded by: Rocco Staino

Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Treasurer Christine McDonald reviewed the February monthly financial statement, and her written report. There are no unexpected items in the report. Discussion included year end projections, which are on target with the budget.

5. President's Report

Carol Anne Germain discussed:

- Thanks for Library Advocacy Day Participation & PAC Gala attendance
- Participation of Sue Kowalski at the Alliance for Quality Education Rally

- The Better World Books donation for Disaster Relief yielded over 120K books, the proceeds to come later.
- The passing of long-time NYLA member Eva Efron was noted.

6. Executive Director's Update

Thanks were offered for participation in a successful Library Advocacy Day. Ongoing efforts are required to ensure positive outcomes in the budget process.

With assistance from SSL a letter in support of elementary school librarians was drafted, and along with the brochure 'School Libraries Improve Student Learning' from AASL, the letter distributed to the Board of Education of every school district in New York State.

In partnership with LAMS, the Leadership & Management Academy is being retooled, to include a curriculum update.

The Library Assistants Training Program is also being updated to be offered as a three day program in partnership with Library Systems.

The import of Suffolk County Library Association membership records into the NYL database is nearing completion.

With the exception of ASLS and RASS, every Section is offering a conference or professional development conference this Spring.

NYLA is offering a full day professional development conference on May 29 at the Javits Center in collaboration with Book Expo America.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. Report from NYSHEI Taskforce

With assistance from Carol Anne Germain and Tim Burke the results of the NYLA-NYSHEI Taskforce were presented. The NYSHEI Board chose to decline the NYLA proposal and offered no further discussion on merger at this time, but did leave the door open for conversation on further collaboration between the two organizations.

b. Section Election Timeline

Discussion of the written proposal to align all Section elections with the NYLA Council election timeline was held. It was widely agreed that this is a positive move and that it would improve election participation. The Section representatives in attendance asked that the item be tabled until the May meeting to allow for discussion with the individual Section boards.

c. ALA Emerging Leader Sponsorship - \$1K

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reported on the ALA Emerging Leaders program, to which NYLA has the opportunity to sponsor a participant. Sponsorship is in the amount of \$1K. Discussion included concern of potential overlap with the NYLA Leadership & Management Academy, the need for a requirement that the recipient be a NYLA member, and building in a project or participation requirement at the NYLA Annual conference.

MOTION III: Motion to sponsor an ALA Emerging Leader in the amount of \$1K, with the stipulation that the recipient be a current NYLA member.

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

Ayes: Carol Anne Germain, Sara Kelly Johns, Christine MacDonald, Tim Burke, Claudia Depkin, Kathy Naftaly, Rachel Jaffe, Susan P. Kowalski, Jen Ogradowski, Ellen Rubin, Debby Emerson, Marcy Strong, Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, Rocco Staino

Nayes: Matt Bollerman

Motion Approved.

MOTION IV: Motion adjourn the March 21, 2013 NYLA Council conference call at 4:22 PM.

Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.