



NYLA Council Meeting  
Thursday, June 20, 2013  
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Via Conference Call  
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

**In Attendance via Conference Call:**

Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President*; Matt Bollerman, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President-Elect*; Christine McDonald, *Treasurer*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer-Elect*; Elaine Lasda Bergman, *ASLS President*; Kathy Naftaly, *PLS President*; Rachel Jaffe, *SMART President*; Susan P. Kowalski, *SSL President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ellen Rubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Absent:** Claudia Depkin, *LAMS President*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*; Joyce Laiosa, *YSS President\**; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*

\* Joyce Laiosa has resumed the position as YSS President in response to a medical leave by Jen Ogrodowski, as approved by the YSS Board.

**Council Meeting Minutes**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded By: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from May 20, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2013 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report

- a. April Financial Statement / Report

NYLA Treasurer Christine McDonald reviewed the April monthly financial statement, and her written report. There are no unexpected items in the report.

5. President's Update

NYLA President Carol Anne Germain discussed:

- Attendance at the Youth Service Section (YSS) conference May 17
- Attendance at the Empire State Center for the Book, Writer's Hall of Fame Induction Gala on June 4
  - o Kudos to Rocco Staino, Ellen Rubin and NYLA staff on a wonderful event

- Attendance at the Southern Adirondack Library System (SALS) Annual Dinner
- Attendance at the Late Session Library Advocacy Day, June 3
- Attendance at SUNYLA conference in Buffalo
  - o 2014 Event is being planned as a joint event with SUNYLA, NYSHEI, NY3Rs and ASLS to take place at SUNY Albany June 9-13 with the working title of "Empire Collaborations"

There was some additional general discussion of the Legislative Visits of June 3. Matt Bollerman reported the comments of a Senate Finance staffer, who conveyed that during the process of crafting the NYS budget, library aid is perceived by the Assembly as a 'Senate priority' and that other items are considered to be 'Assembly priorities'. Library aid funding in the budget is almost always added by the Senate, and that our advocacy efforts would be best spent focuses on securing as much support as possible from the Senate.

NYLA President-Elect Sara Kelly Johns discussed:

- Participation in the Regents Advisory Council (RAC) for Libraries
  - o Implementation of the 2020 Vision Plan – workgroup focuses on items #1 & #2
  - o Working to develop a 'Statewide Message on the Value of Libraries'
  - o Also working to develop better advocacy tools (materials)
- Ellen Rubin and Sue Kowalski voiced willingness to participate in the workgroup
- The RAC reported their efforts to the Cultural Education Committee of the NYS Regents
  - o Regents reiterated their support for the Empire State Information Fluency Continuum and for a certified librarian in every elementary school

## 6. Executive Director's Update

### **Membership**

Continues to hold just below 4000.

Preparations continue in advance of the anticipated approval of Regional Chapter status for the Suffolk County Library Association.

The Empire Friends Roundtable has begun circulating an electronic petition to gather the prerequisite 300 NYLA member signatures in order to apply for status as a Section.

### **Professional Development**

Conference brochures have been mailed. A postcard to non-members will follow.

Additional webinars are being planned for the summer months.

### **Advocacy**

Three bills are expected to be passed by both houses of the Legislature:

- The library card distribution bill
- The bill providing for the modification of the conservation preservation program
- The bill allowing the Reed Memorial Library to pursue the formation of a special library district

The late session legislative advocacy visits of the Legislative Committee were well received. All those who were visited reiterated their support for libraries, and (as we have heard before) lamented the lack of funding available to support libraries.

### **Operations**

Sunrise Property Management executed a through and complete inspection of the 6021 State Farm Road property. Their report is attached. Some items were as anticipated; the need to repair of the front stairs, the coming requirement for replacement of the roof. Unanticipated was the recommendation for major changes to the overall topography of the property, including a complete re-do of all asphalt.

Bids are being collected for the repair of the front steps. The two received to date range from \$13K to \$26K. Additional bids should provide clarity on how to proceed.

A new Administrative Support Specialist has been hired – Ashleigh Whitfield, who will serve for twenty hours a week as an hourly employee.

7. Unfinished Business

8. New Business

a. NYSHEI Affiliate Services Update

An agreement has been reached with NYSHEI to govern the delivery of administrative support services. As part of the agreement NYSHEI will become an organizational member of NYLA, and make a bulk purchase of 100 associate memberships to be appointed one to each NYSHEI member. A separate agreement has been reached for the leasing of office space. The arrangement will commence on July 1, 2013.

b. Library Services to the Community in a Natural Disaster

The ALA will taking up a resolution to recognize the contributions of libraries and librarians following a natural disasters (particularly following Superstorm Sandy). ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino proposed that NYLA pass the resolution (complete language attached).

**MOTION III:** Motion to adopt the ‘Library Service to the Community in a Natural Disaster’ resolution as submitted.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Christine McDonald

Approved unanimously.

**MOTION IV:** Motion adjourn the June 20, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting at 4:18 PM.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Elaine Lasda Bergman

Approved unanimously.