



NYLA Council Meeting  
Wednesday, September 25, 2013  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Conference Center at Niagara Falls  
Niagara Falls, NY  
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

**In Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** Christine McDonald, *Treasurer*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*

**Guests:** Karen Gardner-Athey, *incoming ASLS President*; Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, *incoming NYLA President-Elect*; Sheryl Knab, *incoming Councilor-at-Large*; Joanne Albano, *incoming SCLA representative*; Ann Penwarden, *incoming SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *incoming SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *incoming YSS President*; Mike Nepl, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy (Guest)*

**Council Meeting Minutes**

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

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

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded By: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 8, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2013 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report
  - a. August Financial Statement / Report
  - b. Fiscal Year 2012-13 Close

NYLA Treasurer-elect Tim Burke, reviewed the August monthly financial statement, and written report submitted by Christine McDonald. It was noted that the partnership with MultiView has brought in \$700 to date. Personnel is under budget due to the delayed start of Mike Nepl. Budget amendments are under consideration to address persistent overrun in the Membership Database line.

## 5. President's Report

In addition to her written report, NYLA President Carol Anne Germain expressed commitment to expanded promotion of NYLA's awards during her term as Immediate Past President.

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

NYLA President-Elect Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report.

The NYC Department of Education request for a waiver to Education Law 91.2 (requiring a high school librarian) to the NY State Department of Education was discussed. Urban Librarians Unite and the Alliance for Quality Education have joined NYLA in organizing opposition to the request (collecting over 4K e-signatures). The 2014 NYLA Conference theme will be 'Open Libraries, Open Minds'.

NYLA Immediate Past President Matt Bollerman thanked the Council for their support during his tenure, and called on all to assist Carol Anne in the promotion of NYLA's awards.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

In addition to the written report, NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed:

- Signing opportunity of the Declaration for the Right to Libraries in the lobby of the Conference Center,
- Bouchercon, a national conference for mystery writers, was hosting in Albany on September 20. The event named NYLA as beneficiary to their auction event, which resulted in over \$9600.

## 8. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

Written Section reports were reviewed and specific questions were addressed.

## 9. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reviewed his written report and discussed the Declaration to the Right for Libraries and Banned Books Week. Rocco also proposed that NYLA sponsor a New Yorkers reception at the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia coming up in January.

**MOTION III:** Motion to host a reception for New Yorkers attending the ALA Mid-Winter Conference in Philadelphia.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

New Yorker Sari Feldman from Onondaga is running for ALA President 2014.

## 10. Empire State Center for the Book Report

Rocco Staino reported on the recent activities of the Center for the Book including:

- Participation at the National Book Festival in Washington, D.C.
- CFTB is hosting a luncheon on Thursday at the conference
- CFTB is participating in 'Giving Tuesday' December 3, 2013.
- The 2014 Writers Hall of Fame Gala will take place on June 3, 2014
- The CFTB has received a \$5K donation from the estate of Maurice Sendak

## 11. Unfinished Business

## 12. New Business

### a. Approval of ALA Emerging Leader Sponsorship

**MOTION IV:** Motion to approve Asley Smolinski as NYLA's designee for the ALA Emerging Leaders program, to include financial sponsorship of up to \$1000.

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

### b. Approval of Disaster Relief Award to Fort Plain Public Library

**MOTION V:** Motion to approve the request from the Fort Plain Public Library for support from the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund in the amount of \$1000.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

### c. Approval of 2013 Financial Policy Handbook

**MOTION VI:** Motion to approve the 2013 Financial Policies Handbook as presented.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Debby Emerson

Approved unanimously.

### d. Consideration of Resolution to Condemning the Activities of the National Security Administration

A draft resolution was submitted for consideration by NYLA past-president Arthur Friedman, based on the ALA resolution, which denounces the information gathering activities of the NSA.

After discussion, it was determined that the draft required significant revision and the Council had not had adequate time to review the document prior to the meeting to take immediate action.

**Motion VII:** Motion to charge NYLA Legal Counsel, Mike Nepl, to draft and submit a revised resolution condemning the information gathering activities of the NSA at the next meeting of the NYLA Council.

Made by: Sue Considine, Seconded by: Debby Emerson

Approved unanimously.

**MOTION VIII:** Motion adjourn the September 25, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting at 1:20 PM.

Made by: Matt Bollerman, Seconded by: Joyce Laiosa

Approved unanimously.