



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, November 20, 2014
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY
NYLA President, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Presiding

In Attendance: Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer-Elect*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Lauren Comito, *LAMS President*; Jill Leinung, *SSL President*; Mary Ferris, *YSS President*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Guest: Mike Nepl, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

Attending via Web Conference: Debby Emerson, *NYLA President-Elect*; Brian Hildreth, *PLS President*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*

Absent: Jennifer Husenitza, *RASS President*; April Steenburgh, *SMART President*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from November 5, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Council Meeting, as submitted.

Made by: Karen Gardner-Athey, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report
 - a. Understanding NYLA's Financial Statements / Officer Responsibilities

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed the roles and responsibilities of NYLA Council members in relation to their fiduciary oversight role.

- b. September Financial Statement / Report

The September Financial Statement was reviewed (previously presented at the November 5 meeting) and Tim Burke provided guidance in interpreting and understanding NYLA's financial statements.

4. Unfinished Business - none

5. New Business

a. NYLA Dewey Scholarships

The nominees for the 2014-15 NYLA Dewey Scholars as submitted by the deans of each of the seven NYS iSchools were presented for review. Each iSchool and each nominee has been verified as a NYLA member.

University at Buffalo	Sarah Akers
Syracuse University	Kathleen Swingly
Queens University	Elliot Andreopoulos
University at Albany	Maura Nichols
Long Island University	Carmen DiBartolomeo
Pratt Institute	Samantha M. Raddatz
St. John's University	Lindsay Willert

MOTION II: Motion to approve the 2014-15 Dewey Scholars as submitted.

Made by: Sara Kelly Johns, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.

b. Pop Culture Roundtable Application

The petition for the formation of a Pop Culture Roundtable, and the proposed statement of purpose were reviewed. It was recommended that collaboration or possible merger with the FILM Roundtable be explored.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the petition for the formation of the Pop Culture Roundtable.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.

c. NYLA Strategic Plan

An edited (for style / grammar) version of the Strategic Plan was presented for review. Following discussion, it was agreed that the document did not include the level of tactical detail needed to be deemed a Strategic Plan. Consensus was reached on referring to the document as a Strategic Vision Statement.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve NYLA's Strategic Vision Statement as presented.

Made by: Lauren Comito, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

d. FLS Report

FLS President Lisa Wemett reviewed her written report; the first report of the newly formed Friends of Libraries Section. FLS will be moving to a quarterly newsletter format beginning in 2015.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Geoff Kirkpatrick presented his 2015 conference theme; NYLA125: Explore. Learn. Grow. Geoff also discussed his intention to make a complete review of NYLA's bylaws a priority for 2015.

7. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen presented on current organizational activities, including:

- A formal set of guidelines for Section sponsored webinars
- NYLA's posted guidance on the Non Profit Revitalization Act, and NYLA's sample Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy
- A call for submissions to the NYLA e-Bulletin
- The iLead program; in partnership with the Illinois Library Association and the NYS Division of Library Development which will take place during 2015

- NYLA Advocacy Day 2015; which will take place February 25, 2015
- Section Annual Reports, which will be returning for 2015

MOTION V: Motion to adjourn the November 20, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting at 2:08 PM.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Mary Ferris

Approved unanimously.