



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, November 7, 2013
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM
NYLA Office
Guilderland, NY
NYLA President, Sara Kelly Johns Presiding

In Attendance: Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President-Elect*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Sara Dallas, *PLS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Attending via Web-conference: Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*

Absent: Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Gillian Thorpe, *LAMS President*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests: Mike Neppel, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*; Ron Guzior, *Bollam Sheedy & Torani*; Patty Toukatly, *Bollam Sheedy & Torani*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded By: Ann Penwarden
Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from September 25, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2013 Council Meeting as with corrections as noted.
Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison
Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report
 - a. FY 2012-13 Audit Review
 - b. September Financial Statement / Report
 - c. NYLA Conference 2013 Projected Close

Ron Guzior of Bollan Sheedy & Torani presented on the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit. As reported in every previous audit, NYLA's process for accounting for Section & Roundtable funds, as well as accounting for membership on a cash basis were denoted as outside of generally accepted account practices.

“A Significant Improvement in Equity”

With thanks to the Digital Literacy project and the sale of 252 Hudson, NYLA’s assets increased by \$280K during the fiscal year. \$58K was used to establish the Capital Fund for building improvements at 6021 State Farm Road. Income outpaced expenses by \$170K. This resulted in significant reduction in the organization’s accumulated deficit.

No issues or disagreements with NYLA management were reported. Galina Tsvaygenbaum was commended for her service and care in keeping NYLA’s books.

NYLA’s staff limitations in providing division of responsibilities and internal responsibilities were noted. It was recommended that the NYLA Treasurer be given access to NYLA’s online banking, and to review the monthly banking statements.

MOTION III: Motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Audit Report as presented.

Made by: Ann Penwarden, Seconded by: Rocco Staino

Approved unanimously.

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke, reviewed the September monthly financial statement, and his written report. The nearly \$10K received as a donation from Bouchercon was applied to the NYLA IT Fund. The 2013 Annual Conference is projected to come in \$24K under budget. This is largely due to under performance of the Trade Show. Thanks to the Digital Literacy project and the changes in the organizational dues, NYLA is still expected to end the fiscal year with a surplus.

5. President's Report

In addition to her written report, NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reviewed a calendar of her upcoming commitments as President, and requested invitation to all Section events. Sara discussed that NYLA is serving as the conduit for collection of signatures on the Declaration for the Right to Libraries. SSL & YSS met on November 1 to explore opportunities for greater collaboration between the two groups on their spring conferences. Rich Harwood of the Institute for Public Innovation will serve as the Keynote speaker for the 2014 NYLA Annual Conference.

Taskforce on School Library Advocacy

As a presidential initiative Sara Kelly Johns outlined her proposal for a taskforce to work on the development of materials for use by school librarians, and supporters of school libraries, on a local level to advocate for funding and staffing. The content would be culled from best available resources nationwide and would be tailored to be NYS specific. The resulting materials would be NYLA branded and delivered primarily electronically.

MOTION IV: Motion to form a task force on School Library Advocacy.

Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick

Approved unanimously.

6. President-Elect’s and Past-President’s Report

NYLA President-Elect Geoff Kirkpatrick reviewed his written report.

NYLA Immediate Past President Carol Anne Germain was not in attendance, her written report was reviewed.

7. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed his written report and fielded questions from the Council.

8. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

Written Section reports were reviewed and specific questions were addressed.

On behalf of RASS Monica Kuryla reported on the most recent RASS Board meeting, and their goals for the coming year which include; rebranding, an expanded social media presence, webpage updates, listserv revival, new member incentives and webinars.

SSL President Karen Sperrazza commented that SSL members report that assorted members of the NYS Assembly have voiced support for the introduction of a bill to require school librarians at the elementary school level.

YSS President Chrissie Morrison promoted Take Your Child to the Library Day (TYCttLD) which will take place February 1, 2014.

9. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reviewed his written report and discussed the plans for a NYer reception at the ALA MidWinter Conference. Rocco will be preparing a memorial resolution in honor of Major Owens for the ALA MidWinter Conference.

10. Empire State Center for the Book Report

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

- CFTB is participating in 'Giving Tuesday' December 3, 2013.
- The 2014 Writers Hall of Fame Gala will take place on June 3, 2014

11. Unfinished Business

a. NSA Resolution

At the September 25 NYLA Council meeting a resolution condemning the surveillance activities of the National Security Administration was submitted by Art Friedman. That resolution was tabled for further consideration and was returned for this meeting with revisions. The revised resolution was met with favor.

MOTION V: Motion to approve the Resolution Condemning the Surveillance Activities of the Nation Security Administration as submitted.

Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Karen Sperrazza

Approved unanimously.

12. New Business

a. Legislative Agenda

The 2014 NYLA Legislative Agenda was presented as proposed by the NYLA Legislative Committee.

MOTION VI: Motion to approve the 2014 NYLA Legislative Agenda as submitted.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Sara Dallas

Approved unanimously.

b. AQE Agenda

NYLA was approached by the Alliance for Quality Education with a request to endorse their organization and agenda. After reviewing the support materials and discussing the implications, the request was tabled pending further input from the SSL board.

c. Dewey Scholars

NYLA has received nominations for recipients for the 2013-14 Dewey Scholarship from six of the seven eligible library schools in NYS. (A nomination from Pratt has not yet been received.) The applications by students are submitted to the Dean of the library school, who in turn selects an applicant to advance to NYLA for approval.

There was conversation regarding the lack of diversity in nominations that were received from the library school deans. It was pointed out that diversity of any kind is not a criteria, nor a priority indicated, to the library school deans.

MOTION VII: Motion to approve the six nominations for 2014 NYLA Dewey Scholarships as submitted.

Made by: Sara Dallas, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick

Approved by all present with the exception of Rocco Staino who voted in opposition.

d. EFR Section Status

The Empire Friends Roundtable has collected the prerequisite 300 NYLA member signatures to petition the NYLA Council and membership for the formation of a NYLA Section.

EFR wishes to acknowledge the support and assistance of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich in the process of advancing the petition.

MOTION VIII: Motion to approve the petition of NYLA members to advance the Empire Friends Roundtable for Section status as submitted.

Made by: Sara Dallas, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison

Approved unanimously.

Next steps in the process of the formation of the Empire Friends Section were discussed; particularly the requirements for seeking approval from the NYLA membership. Details were requested for the December 19 Council meeting.

e. NYCBLC Affiliation

The New York Black Librarians Caucus has applied for recognition as a NYLA affiliate organization. Written materials about the NYBLC were reviewed.

MOTION IX: Motion to approve the application from the New York Black Librarians Caucus for affiliate organization status.

Made by: Geoff Kirkpatrick, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden

Approved unanimously.

f. Putnam Valley Disaster Relief Fund Application

NYLA received an application for support from the Disaster Relief Fund from the Putnam Valley Library for damages to the library as a result of Superstorm Sandy. The repair estimates are in excess of \$150K.

MOTION X: Motion to approve an award of \$1000 from the Disaster Relief Fund to the Putnam Valley Library in response to their request for support following damages sustained from Superstorm Sandy.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick

Approved unanimously.

MOTION XI: Motion adjourn the November 7, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:12 PM.

Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick

Approved unanimously.