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NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, December 19, 2013
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Via Conference Call
NYLA President, Sara Kelly Johns Presiding

In Attendance: Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President-Elect*; Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Gillian Thorpe, *LAMS President*; Sara Dallas, *PLS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*

Guests: Mike Nepl, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Made by: Carol Anne Germain, Seconded By: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Approved unanimously.

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

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2013 Council Meeting as with corrections as noted.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison

Approved unanimously.

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

Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the November Financial Statement. As of 11-30-13 42% of NYLA fiscal year is complete. Any individual account lines that deviated from the 42% mark were discussed. Most notably is the underperformance (financially) of the 2013 Annual Conference. Despite conservative budgeting the budgeted net profit fell roughly \$25K short of the budgeted amount. This shortfall will be able to be absorbed within other areas of the budget. The host location for the annual conference weighs heavily on the financial performance and should be considered carefully in the future.

5. President's Update

NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reported on her recent activities:

- Attended the CRLC Legislative Breakfast in Utica on Friday, December 6
- Attended a regional economic development award event and connected with Governor Cuomo
- Planning to announce Taskforce on School Library Advocacy at the SSL Conference in Syracuse in May
- Working to promote Library Snapshot Day 2014, January 13-31, 2014
- Working to promote National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) 2014 – May 4&5

6. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reported on recent activities including:

- Membership remains over 4,000. Many libraries have expressed interest in participating in the new organizational dues structure.
- Three webinars are coming up in January and February, as well as two offerings of the Library Assistants Training Program at Upper Hudson Library System and the Mid-Hudson Library System.
- A request for proposals for the NYLA Annual Conference for 2016 / 17 / 18 has been issued and bids are due 12/31
- Using funds collected by the NYALS driven Excelsior Membership program, NYLA has engaged two lobbying firms: JEM Associates for strategic consulting, and Ways & Means NY for guidance on the budget development process. Both of these firms will work in concert with Mike Nepl to advance NYLA's 2014 Legislative Agenda.
- The front office stair project is now complete.
- NYLA's Credit Card processing service is now up and running with Bethlehem Public Library being the first implementation.
- Along with Mike Nepl, attended the Suffolk County Library Association Annual Dinner, and the CLRC Legislative Breakfast.

7. Unfinished Business

a. EFR Section Status

The written materials were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION III: Motion to authorize the NYLA Executive Director to collect and distribute 25% of the membership dues of individuals who choose Empire Friends Roundtable as their primary affiliation; and \$7 of the membership dues of individuals who choose Empire Friends as an additional affiliation; to be distributed to an account at the discretion of the Empire Friends Board.

Made by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden

Approved unanimously.

b. AQE Endorsement

Karen Sperrazza reported that the SSL Board discussed the request from AQE and agreed to support NYLA's endorsement. There were questions regarding the potential negative implications for NYLA of endorsing AQE. The efforts that AQE have made in support of libraries in the past year were discussed.

MOTION IV: Motion to formally endorse the Alliance for Quality Education (AQE).

Made by: Karen Sperrazza, Seconded by: Rocco Staino

Approved by all present with the exception of Sheryl Knab who was opposed.

8. New Business

a. Updated Legislative Agenda

The revisions made to the 2014 Legislative Agenda by the Legislative Committee were reviewed.

b. Approval of Pratt Dewey Scholar

A late nomination was submitted by the Dean of the MLS program at Pratt for Tamara Townsend, which met all the other criteria for the award.

MOTION V: Motion to approve the Dewey Scholarship nomination from Pratt University for Tamara Townsend.
Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain
Approved unanimously.

c. Resolution on the Buffalo & Erie County Special Legislative Library District

The 24 libraries of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System are undertaking the process to form a special legislative district. B&ECPL has requested that the NYLA Council pass a resolution in support of their effort. A draft resolution was submitted.

MOTION VI: Motion to approve the resolution supporting the Buffalo & Erie County Special Legislative Library District.
Made by: B&ECPL, Seconded by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich
Approved unanimously.

d. Reaffirmation of the Affiliate Status of the Library Trustees Association

Tim Burke, NYLA Treasurer and President of the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) and Jeremy Johannesen, NYLA Executive Director, met with the new Library Trustees Association (LTA) Executive Director, Tim Gavin. In an effort to illustrate the ongoing to commitment of collaboration and cooperation between the two organizations it was suggested that NYLA reaffirm LTA's status as an affiliate organization.

MOTION VII: Motion to reaffirm the affiliate organization status of the Library Trustees Association (LTA) and to confirm that NYLA looks forward to continued collaboration and success in our shared goals.
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Sara Dallas
Approved unanimously.

MOTION VIII: Motion adjourn the December 19, 2013 Council Meeting at 4:30 PM.
Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick
Approved unanimously.