



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, March 20, 2014
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*; Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; 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*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Sara Dallas, *PLS President*

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

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2014 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed the December Financial Statement. As of 2-28-14 66% of NYLA fiscal year is complete. Any individual account lines that deviated from the 66% mark were discussed.

The FY2014-15 budget is under development, a draft will be distributed in advance of the May 8, 2014 meeting, with anticipated discussion and adoption at that time.

5. President's Update

NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report, outlining recent activities and initiatives, and strongly encouraged in-person attendance of the May 8, 2014 Council meeting.

6. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen offered updates on:

- Membership Numbers and Upcoming Promotional Activities, including outreach to SCLA
- Empire Friends are now collecting Section Style dues online
- Center for the Book status confirmed for another three years, and new website nearly ready

7. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy Mike Nepl reviewed the current Executive Budget Proposal, as well as the Senate and Assembly budget proposals and outlook for the post-budget portion of the Legislative Session. The Executive Budget proposed a \$4M cut in Library Aid to \$81.6M, the Assembly proposed restoring \$2M to \$83.6M, and the Senate proposed adding \$8M to \$89.6M. Seeing additional funding from the Assembly is significant as that has not been the case for many years.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of 2014 NYLA Council Election Roster

Chair of the Nominating Committee, Carol Anne Germain, reviewed the slate that has been prepared by the committee. One modification was presented; after submission of the slate, Evelyn Neale withdrew her candidacy for NYLA Treasurer for personal reasons; the committee identified a replacement candidate, Eric Trahan, Executive Director of the Mohawk Valley Library System.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the 2014 NYLA Council Election Roster, with the correction as discussed.
Made by: Carol Anne Germain, Seconded by: Karen Gardner Athey
Approved unanimously.

9. New Business

a. Resolution Honoring Jean Sheviak

Executive Director of the Capital District Library Resources Council Jean Sheviak is retiring after a long career in the library community, which has included significant participation in, and service to, NYLA. Tim Burke drafted and submitted a resolution honoring Jean's service to NYLA.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the "Resolution Honoring Jean Sheviak" as submitted.
Made by: Tm Burke, Seconded by: Carol Anne Germain
Approved unanimously.

b. NYLA Annual Conference Siting 2016 / 2017 / 2018

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the options available for siting the NYLA Annual Conference for 2016, 2017 & 2018, based on bids received. Given the anticipated reduced attendance for the 2015 conference (based on siting in Lake Placid), it is fiscally advisable to host the conference in our historically most profitable venue, Saratoga Springs, in 2016. Continuing with the 'Saratoga on even years' model is not possible for 2018, as the venues are not available for NYLA's desired dates in 2018. Rochester and Buffalo both submitted proposals with aggressive incentives. In post-conference surveys Rochester consistently outperforms Buffalo in participant preference for host cities. The last time the NYLA conference was hosted in Rochester was 2004.

MOTION IV: Motion to authorize the NYLA Executive Director to negotiate and enter into conference contracts with Saratoga Springs as a host venue for the NYLA Annual Conference for 2016 and 2017.
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Sara Kelly Johns
Approved unanimously.

MOTION V: Motion to authorize the NYLA Executive Director to negotiate and enter into conference contracts with Rochester as a host venue for the NYLA Annual Conference for 2018.
Made by: Karen Sperrazza, Seconded by: Geoff Kirkpatrick
Approved unanimously.

MOTION VI: Motion adjourn the March 20, 2014 NYLA Council Conference Call at 3:55 PM.
Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden
Approved unanimously.