



NYLA Council Meeting  
Thursday, August 7, 2014  
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY  
NYLA President, Sara Kelly Johns, Presiding

**In Attendance:** Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Sara Dallas, *PLS President*; Ann Penwarden, *SMART President*; Karen Sperrazza, *SSL President*; Chrissie Morrison, *YSS President*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Attending via Web Conference:** Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Monica Kuryla, *RASS President*; Gillian Thorpe, *LAMS President*

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

**Absent:** Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President-Elect*; Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*; Joanne Albano, *SCLA representative*

### Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from June 19, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2014 Council Meeting, with edits as discussed.

Made by: Sara Dallas, Seconded by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report
  - a. June Financial Statement / Report

NYLA Executive Director, Jeremy Johannesen, reviewed the written report as submitted by Treasurer Tim Burke reviewing the June Financial Statement. This report reflects the nearly complete close out for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year. Income was actualized at 83.5% of budget. Expenses were actualized at 80.83% of budget.

Barring any minor accounting adjustments, NYLA will close the 2013-14 Fiscal Year with a net gain of \$52,941.86. Questions regarding the approved FY14-15 budget, and the projected FY15-16 budget, post Digital Literacy grant were addressed.

4. Unfinished Business
5. New Business
  - a. Organizational Policies

In order to be in compliance with the New York State Nonprofit Revitalization Act, NYLA is required to put in place a conflict of interest and whistle blower policy. While reviewing organizational policies it was determined that a sexual harassment policy was missing as well.

i. Conflict of Interest

**MOTION II:** Motion to adopt the NYLA Conflict of Interest Policy as submitted.

Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden

Approved unanimously.

ii. Sexual Harassment

**MOTION III:** Motion to adopt the NYLA Sexual Harassment Policy as submitted.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Sue Considine

Approved unanimously.

iii. Whistleblower

There was significant discussion of the particular wording of Articles II and III, with concern about their clarity and how that might impact the ease of implementation. After discussion it was decided to let the draft language as submitted stand.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to adopt the NYLA Whistleblower Policy as submitted.

Made by: Sue Considine, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison

All in favor, with the exception of Sheryl Knab who was opposed.

Motion approved.

b. NYLA Awards

The Outstanding Service, Outstanding Advocate and Bobinski Innovative Library Director Awards were all tabled for discussion at the September 18 NYLA Council Meeting.

i. Dewey Fellow Awards

This year the following Sections are eligible for to nominate an individual as a NYLA Dewey Fellow: LAMS, PLS and SMART. The nominees were:

LAMS: Lisa Hewel, Josephine-Louise Public Library

PLS: Laura Dickerson, Shelter Island Public Library Society

SMART: Sarah Maximiek, Binghamton University

**MOTION V:** To approve the 2014 NYLA Dewey Fellowship as nominated by the eligible Sections.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden

Approved unanimously.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report and provided additional details regarding the School Librarian Summit that took place July 7 & 8 at the State Education Department. The work of the participants was reported out in the form of a document outlining a series of recommendations for action to be taken by NYLA, SSL, SLSA and NYSED.

**MOTION VI:** Motion to endorse the recommendations set forth by the School Librarian Summit 2014.

Made by: Karen Sperrazza, Seconded by: Chrissie Morrison

Approved unanimously.

7. President-Elect's and Past President's Report

NYLA President-Elect Geoff Kirkpatrick's written report was reviewed.

NYLA Immediate Past President Carol Anne Germain conveyed via the Executive Director that the Awards

Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to finalize their recommendations for the 2014 NYLA Awards.

## 8. Executive Director's Update

In addition to his written report, NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen discussed:

- The outcome of the 2014 NYLA Council and Section Elections
- Dates for NYLA Council meetings through 2017 have been posted to NYLA.org
- On August 21 & 22 a select subset of the NYLA Council will engage in a Strategic Planning Retreat to be held at the Carey Institute in Rensselaerville, NY
- NYLA's activities following the passage of the Resolution on Library Sustainability, including the NYSERT Energy Audit, and plans to 'green' operations at the 2014 Annual Conference.

## 9. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy reviewed the 2014 Legislative Session Wrap-up, fielding questions on specific pieces of legislation. Items for the Legislative Committee to consider for inclusion on the 2015 Legislative Agenda were proposed. An extended discussion of the bill relating to the Queens Library Board of Trustees was held; in particular the timeline of events leading to the passage of the bill, NYLA's engagement in opposing the bill, and the implications for all libraries now that the bill has been signed into law. It was agreed that NYLA should provide baseline information to the field on the details of this bill, NYLA's activities related to the bill, and its potential impact.

## 10. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

In addition to the written reports, the following items were presented:

ASLS: Academic Librarians Community Conversation to take place at NYLA August 11

LAMS: Spotlight on conference speakers

PLS: Plans for 2014 Conference

RASS: Planning for a webinar and increased outreach to iSchools

SMART: Planning for a spring 2015 workshop

SSL: Excited to work on recommendations from the School Librarian Summit

YSS: Planning for Take Your Child to the Library Day 2015 are well underway

## 11. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino's written report was reviewed.

## 12. Empire State Center for the Book Report

ESCFTB Chair Rocco Staino's written report was reviewed.

Of particular note: In conjunction with the 2015 NYLA Annual Conference – Robert Louis Stevenson Cottage (Saranac Lake) & Almanzo Wilder Homestead (Burke) are both slated to be recognized as Literary Landmarks.

## 13. ALA's Statement on Net Neutrality

During previous Council meetings it was decided to wait for the American Library Association to issue a resolution on the issue of Net Neutrality.

At the 2014 ALA Annual Meeting the following Resolution was passed:

ALA CD#20.7, Resolution Reaffirming Support for National Open Internet Policies and "Network Neutrality," which read: "That the American Library Association (ALA), on behalf of its members:

1. reaffirms its support for network neutrality and open Internet policies that enable access in the library, through remote access to library resources, or by other means;
2. calls on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to codify network neutrality principles following its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM), Docket Number 14-28;

3. encourages library supporters to become engaged in the FCC's current Notice of a Proposed Rulemaking on network neutrality; and
4. urges library supporters to advocate for the development of enforceable policies, whether in legislative proposals or regulatory proceedings, that ensure that the Internet remains an open platform for activities such as information exchange, intellectual discourse, civic engagement, creativity, innovation, and learning."

Previously the ALA had issued the following statement:

"The American Library Association supports Net Neutrality legislation that preserves the competitive online markets for content and services. Bandwidth and access should be offered on equal terms to all willing to pay. Otherwise, broadband providers will be free to leverage their quasi-monopolies into lucrative but market-distorting agreements. The vitality of voices on the Internet is critical to the intellectual freedom that libraries around the world are trying to protect and promote. Laws that preserve Net Neutrality are the best way to preserve a vibrant diversity of viewpoints into the foreseeable future."

**MOTION VII:** Motion to endorse the American Library Association's statement on Network Neutrality.

Made by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Seconded by: Sue Considine

Approved unanimously.

**MOTION VIII:** Motion to adjourn the August 7, 2014 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:40 PM.

Made by: Chrissie Morrison, Seconded by: Ann Penwarden

Approved unanimously.