



NYLA Council Meeting
Thursday, August 8, 2013
11:00 AM – 4:00 M
NYLA Office
Guilderland, NY
NYLA President, Carol Anne Germain Presiding

In Attendance:

Carol Anne Germain, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA President-Elect*; Christine McDonald, *Treasurer*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer-Elect*; Elaine Lasda Bergman, *ASLS President*; Claudia Depkin, *LAMS President*; Kathy Naftaly, *PLS President*; Rachel Jaffe, *SMART President*; Susan P. Kowalski, *SSL President*; Debby Emerson, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ellen Rubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebekkah Smith-Aldrich, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

In Attendance via Web Conference: Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Shauntee Burns, *RASS President*

Absent: Matt Bollerman, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Joyce Laiosa, *YSS President*; Paige Jaeger, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests: Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President-Elect*; Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, *incoming NYLA President-Elect*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve agenda as presented.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded By: Elaine Lasda Bergman
Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 20, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2013 Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Debby Emerson
Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report
 - a. June Financial Statement / Report
 - b. Fiscal Year 2012-13 Projected Close

NYLA Treasurer Christine McDonald, congratulated incoming NYLA President-Elect Geoff Kirkpatrick, reviewed the June monthly financial statement, and her written report. The 2012-13 fiscal year is nearly closed and will end with a surplus.

Tim Burke acknowledged the efforts of Christine McDonald as NYLA Treasurer as she nears the completion of her second term.

5. President's Report

NYLA President Carol Anne Germain reviewed her written report.

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

NYLA President-Elect Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report. The Declaration for the Right to Libraries was discussed at length.

7. Executive Director's Report

In addition to the written report, NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed:

- The NYLA Leadership Itinerary for the Annual Conference,
- Support from the Lake Placid Foundation received for 2013, \$3900 for Dewey Fellows and \$4300 for Dewey Scholarships,
- A pending application to the Disaster Relief Fund from the Fort Plains Public Library for flooding damage from early July,
- The developing partnership with the New York Health Benefit Exchanges to provide information to libraries on helping patrons navigate the program.

8. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

Written Section reports were reviewed and specific questions were addressed.

9. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino reviewed his written report and discussed his participation at the ALA Annual Conference.

10. Empire State Center for the Book Report

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

- \$5K profit made by the Writers Hall of Fame Gala in June
- The most recent literary landmark at the South Hampton campus of Stony Brook College
- Participation at the upcoming National Book Festival in Washington, D.C. in September

11. Unfinished Business

12. New Business

- a. Approval of Front Steps Repair Contract

MOTION III: Motion to approve the acceptance of the bid to repair the front steps of the 6021 State Farm office building from Mauriello Construction for up to \$15,000.

Made by: Ellen Rubin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

b. Approval of 2013 NYLA Awards

In Matt Bollerman's absence, Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the report on the 2013 NYLA Awards Nominations.

MOTION IV: Motion to accept the nomination of *Joe Eisner* for the Outstanding Advocate of Libraries Award, as nominated by Ristiina Wigg, Southern Tier Library System; the nomination *All library staff who help their communities during times of crisis*, for the Outstanding Service to Libraries Award as nominated by Lauren Comito; and the nomination of *Judith Wines* from the Altamont Free Library for the Mary Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award, as nominated by Tim Burke, Upper Hudson Library System.

Made by: Sara Kelly Johns, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

c. Discussion of Review of NYLA Awards / Lifetime Achievement Award

The past practices and precedent for awarding a Lifetime Achievement Award was discussed.

MOTION V: Motion to nominate and approve a Lifetime Achievement Award to Marcia Eggleston and Meg VanPatten for their contributions to NYLA and the library community.

Made by: Carol Anne Germain, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin

Approved unanimously.

MOTION VI: Motion to charge the Awards Committee to review the criteria and guidelines for all of NYLA's awards, to include the development of formal procedures for the NYLA Lifetime Achievement Award during the 2013-14 Council year.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

Debby Emerson voiced concern for the need to ensure that academic librarians are included in the nominations and represented in the awardees. It was affirmed that the Awards Committee is responsible for diverse recruitment of nominations.

d. Appointment of Ad-Hoc Committee to Review ALA Emerging Leader Applications

It was determined that the function of selecting an ALA Emerging Leader for NYLA to support from amongst the NY applications would be assigned to the current Awards Committee.

e. Resolution on the Declaration for the Right to Libraries

Motion VII: Motion to accept the resolution endorsing the Right to Libraries Declaration as submitted.

Made by: Elaine Lasda Bergman, Seconded by: Rebekkah Smith Aldrich

Approved unanimously.

f. Discussion of NYLA / Section Archival Procedures

Elaine Lasda Bergman expressed concern for inconsistent archival procedures from across the NYLA Sections, and for the organization as a whole. An intern is being engaged at the Central New York Regional Library Resources Council (CLRC) to aid in this process for ASLS. The New York State Library serves ready to receive archival materials from NYLA and all Sections.

MOTION VIII: Motion to create an ad-hoc committee to address and develop uniform methods for the archiving of NYLA and Section materials with representation from each NYLA Section and the New York State Library.
Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Elaine Lasda Bergman
Approved unanimously.

The following Council members voiced willingness to participate on this ad hoc committee:
Elaine Lasda Bergman, Marcy Strong, Debby Emerson, Rachel Jaffe, and Claudia Depkin

MOTION IX: Motion adjourn the August 8, 2013 NYLA Council Meeting at 2:28 PM.
Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Ellen Rubin
Approved unanimously.