



## **NYLA Council Meeting**

Thursday, March 12, 2020

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

via Web Conference

NYLA President, Dr. Jennifer Cannell Presiding

**In Attendance:** Dr. Jen Cannell, *President*; Claudia Depkin, *President-Elect*; Michelle Young, *Immediate Past-President*; Roger Reyes, *Treasurer*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Tim Furgal, *LAMS President*; Jean Currie, *LTA President*; Rosemarie Gatzek, *SMART President*; Amanda Schiavulli, *YSS President*; Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, *Councilor-at-Large*; Stacey Rattner, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ana Canino-Fluit, *Councilor-at-Large*; Cassie Guthrie, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Absent:** Grace Riario, *Treasurer-Elect*; Ryan Perry, *ASLS President*; Kelly Yim, *PLS President*; Dana Sinclair, *RASS President*; Tara Thibault-Edmonds, *SSL President*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Tom Vitale, *Councilor-at-Large*; Simone Yearwood, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jane Verostek, *Councilor-at-Large*

**Guest:** Briana McNamee, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*; Steven Yates, *Candidate for ALA President*

## **Council Meeting Agenda**

### 1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

In addition to the welcome, candidate for ALA President, Steven Yates, addressed the group and presented his platform. It was noted that Steven has requested the opportunity and that similar accommodation would be extended to other candidates if requested. Jeremy Johannesen reminded the Council that NYLA policy no longer allows endorsements of candidates in ALA elections.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from January 30, 2020 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve minutes from the January 30, 2020 Council Meeting with noted corrections.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Furgal

Approved unanimously.

### 3. Approval of Minutes from the February 27, 2020 NYLA Executive Committee Meeting

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve minutes from the February 27, 2020 NYLA Executive Committee Meeting as presented.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Ana Canino-Fluit

Approved unanimously, with the exception of Michelle Young who abstained.

### 4. Finance Report

#### a. January Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Roger Reyes provided a budget update, updated financial statements were not available at the time of the meeting.

#### b. Review of FY20-21 Budget Process

The process for the development and presentation of the FY2020-21 NYLA Operating Budget was reviewed.

5. President's Update

NYLA President Jen Cannell reviewed recent activities including the February staffing restructuring, and participation in Library Advocacy Day.

6. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen provided an update on recent activities including the installation of new technology equipment in the conference room, as well as progress on the staffing restructuring.

7. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy, Briana McNamee provided an update on the three Legislative Priorities. The COVID-19 virus will no doubt have implications for the coming NYS budget and session.

8. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of FY19-20 NYLA 990 – update

The FY19-20 NYLA 990 is still pending final review in collaboration with NYLA's independent auditors.

9. New Business

a. 2020 NYLA Council Election Slate <action anticipated>

The NYLA Nominating Committee, chaired by Michelle Young put forward the following slate of candidates for office for the 2020 NYLA Election.

**NYLA President (Academic/Special Libraries Rep)**

- Beth Merkle, *STRONG Museum of Play*
- Liz King, *Rensselaer Polytechnical Institute*

**Councilor-at-Large (Public Rep)**

- Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, North Castle Library
- Lisa Kropp, Lindenhurst Library
- Sara Potwin, Niagara Falls Public Library
- Lisa Hewel, Josephine Louise Public Library

**Councilor-at-Large (School Rep)**

- Ginger Tebo, St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES
- Kristina Graves, Schenectady High School

**MOTION III:** Motion to approve the 2020 NYLA Council slate of candidates as presented.

Made by: Nominating Committee, Seconded by: Stacey Rattner

Approved unanimously.

In light of growing concerns relative to the COVID-19 virus, there was discussion about the potential development of a formal business continuity plan for NYLA. Consideration was given establishing a task force to tackle this project, but it was determined that it would be best laid aside given the current staffing realities.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:12 PM.

Approved unanimously consent.