



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 2016

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Via Conference Call

NYLA Immediate Past President, Debby Emerson Presiding

In Attendance: Debby Emerson, *NYLA Immediate Past-President*; Tim Burke, *NYLA President-Elect*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer*; Cassie Guthrie, *Treasurer-Elect*; Michelle Young, *ASLS President*; Janet Kreason, *FLS President*; Barbara Madonna, *LAMS President*; Dan Hubbs, *PLS President*; Christian Zabriskie, *RASS President*; Nancy Howe, *SMART President*; Michelle Miller, *SSL President*; Christina Ryan Lynder, *YSS President*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sandra Michele Echols, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jill Leinung, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jennifer Ferriss, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Barbara Stripling, *NYLA President-Elect*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*

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

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from November 2, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes from the November 2, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report – November Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin presented the November Financial Statement. Of note was the projected strong financial performance of the 2016 Conference, and a coding error that had applied expenses related to the Sustainability Initiative were listed as Bulletin expenses – which will be corrected on the next statement. As per the motion approved at the November 2 meeting, the mortgage on the NYLA office has been paid off utilizing the funds raised by the NYLA125 Capital Campaign, along with reserve funds from the NYLA Fund for the Future.

4. President's Update

None given.

5. Executive Director's Update

Donations to the Legal Defense Fund continue to be received, to date over \$21K has been received toward the \$25K commitment that was made to the DeWitt Community Library. The plaintiff's right to continue with an appeal will expire on April 1, 2017; we will continue to monitor the situation.

6. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Mike Nepl, provided updates on the upcoming Legislative Session. The Comptroller's Office has revised down revenue projections, which promises to make the FY 2017-18 NYS Budget process particularly contentious. Library Advocacy Day 2017 will be Wednesday, March 1.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. NYLA 2017 Legislative Agenda

Developed in concert with the NYLA Legislative Committee, Mike Nepl presented the 2017 NYLA Legislative Agenda.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the NYLA 2017 Legislative Agenda as presented.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Michelle Young

Approved unanimously.

- b. IRS 990 FY 2015-2016

The IRS 990 reporting form has been completed in collaboration with NYLA's independent auditors.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the FY 2015-2016 NYLA IRS 990 for as presented for submission.

Made by: Barbara Madonna, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.

- c. Scanned Receipts Policy

Historically, NYLA has required original receipts for all reimbursement requests. In consultation with our independent auditors, it was determined that scanned receipts are considered to be legally acceptable for reimbursement purposes, provided that the submitter attest to the validity and unaltered nature of the scans.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve as acceptable, scanned receipts for the purposes of reimbursement of expenses, provided that the submitter attest that the scanned receipts have not been altered in any way.

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

- d. Petition for Creation of the Local History Round Table (LHRT)

A petition has been advanced by NYLA members Deidre Joyce and Ben Himmelfarb to create a new NYLA Round Table to represent those involved in local history collections and services in libraries. The petition has received the prerequisite twenty-five supporting signatures, a statement of purpose, and initial slate of officers has been submitted.

MOTION V: Motion to approve the formation of the Local History Round Table.

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Dan Hubbs

Approved unanimously.

- e. Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

NYLA President Barbara Stripling submitted a written proposal for the formation of a Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion. The proposal was discussed at length, including how it related to recent actions by the American Library Association, and how the proposed task force might (or might not) integrate with the established task force on everyday advocacy. It was determined the best course of action would be to defer action.

MOTION VI: Motion to table the proposal on the formation of a Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, and to request that the proposal be evaluated in relation to existing NYLA actions.

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

MOTION VII: Motion to adjourn the December 15 NYLA Council Conference Call at 4:18 PM

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.