



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, February 1, 2018

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY

NYLA President, Tim Burke, Presiding

In Attendance: Tim Burke, *NYLA President*; Cassie Guthrie, *Treasurer*; Roger Reyes, *Treasurer-Elect*; Rebecca Fuss, *FLS President*; AnnaLee Giraldo, *LAMS President*; Deanna DiCarlo, *PLS President*; Julia Schult, *RASS President*; Laura Osterhout, *SMART President*; Penny Sweeney, *SSL President*; Laura Panter, *YSS President*; Jill Leinung, *Councilor-at-Large*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Lauren Moore, *Councilor-at-Large*; Stacey Rattner, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jennifer Ferriss, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Via Web Conference: Jessica Clemons, *ASLS President*; Sandra Michele Echols, *Councilor-at-Large*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*

Absent: Barbara Stripling, *NYLA Immediate Past-President*; Michelle Young, *NYLA President-Elect*

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

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from the December 14, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting as corrected.
Made by: Annalee Giraldo, Seconded by: Deanna DiCarlo
Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Treasurer Cassie Guthrie presented the highlights of her written report.

- b. Report on Meeting with Independent Financial Advisor

On Wednesday, January 31, NYLA Treasurer Cassie Guthrie, and NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen met with NYLA's Independent Financial Advisor, Dan Weinberg. The meeting confirmed that NYLA's investments are being managed in accordance with NYLA's Investment Policy. The accounts are on target to meet the budgeted revenue projects for the fiscal year. Dan continues to be very accessible, and there is nothing to indicate that NYLA should make changes to the relationship.

4. Unfinished Business
 - a. Intellectual Freedom Committee Appointments

Following the decision at the December 14 meeting to re-establish the Intellectual Freedom Committee, NYLA President Tim Burke identified candidates for chair, and two at-large members.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the appointment of Sara Dallas as Chair of the NYLA Intellectual Freedom Committee through 11-1-2018, as well as Jennifer Bollerman, and James Vorbach as at-large members with terms expiring 11-1-2020.

Made by: Julia Schult, Seconded by: Laura Panter

Approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. New York Black Librarians Caucus – formation of Round Table

The New York Black Librarians Caucus (NYBLC) has put forward a petition to form a round table to support their mission and operation, and have collected the pre-requisite 25 NYLA member signatures in support of said petition.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the formation of the New York Black Librarians Caucus as a NYLA Round Table, based upon the submitted petition.

Made By: Sandra Echols, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved unanimously.

b. Exploring Sustainable Library Certification Program as Business Model

Based upon the growth success of the NYLA Sustainability Initiatives – Sustainable Library Certification Program (SLCP), it is recommended that thorough examination of the financial viability of the program as a self-funding program arm of NYLA be explored.

MOTION IV: Motion to charge the Executive Director with the development of a complete business plan proposal based on the Sustainable Library Certification Program, to be delivered by the May Council Meeting.

Made by: AnnaLee Giraldo, Seconded by: Stacey Rattner

Approved by all present with the exceptions of Roger Reyes and Jill Leinung who abstained.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Tim Burke reviewed his written report.

7. President-Elect's Report

NYLA President-Elect Michelle Young's written report was reviewed in her absence.

8. Past-President's Report

NYLA Past-President Barbara Stripling's written report was reviewed in her absence.

9. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the highlights of his written report.

10. Legislative Report

a. Update on FY 2018-2019 NYS Budget Process

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Mike Nepl, provide an update on the NYS Budget process. Governor Cuomo has once again proposed the removal of the additional funds to the Library Aid program added by the Legislature during the FY 2017-2018 budget, all voices are needed to fight against this cut.

b. Update on Prison Library Materials Issue

In January, the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCC) put forward Directive 4991-A – which related permissible materials for submission to the incarcerated. A non-profit organization 'books Beyond Bars' was successful in framing this issue around access to print materials, which was only one small part of the directive. The American Library Association, in consultation with NYLA, issued a letter to DOCCS. NYLA was preparing a written response to DOCCS on the issue when Governor Cuomo rescinded the directive. For the time being the issue is 'off the table'. NYLA will continue to monitor the situation, and the ongoing efforts to ensure that all prisoners have access to print materials.

11. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

Written reports were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION V: Motion to adjourn the February 1, 2018 NYLA Council Meeting at 2:11 PM

Made by: Grace Riario, Seconded by: Julia Schult

Approved unanimously.