



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, February 2, 2017

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY

NYLA President, Barbara Stripling Presiding

In Attendance: Barbara Stripling, *NYLA President*; 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*; Michelle Miller, *SSL President*; Christina Ryan Lynder, *YSS President*; 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*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Christian Zabriskie, *RASS President*; Nancy Howe, *SMART President*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guest: Dan Weinberg, *Independent Financial Advisor, AllSquare Wealth Management*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Rebecca Lubin, Seconded by: Debby Emerson

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report
 - a. December Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin presented the December Financial Statement. Of note was the strong financial performance of the 2016 Conference. Questions regarding the purpose and functioning of NYLA's assorted Board Designated funds were addressed.

- b. Review of Invested Accounts – Dan Weinberg

NYLA's Independent Financial Advisor joined the meeting as a guest to provide an update on the status of NYLA's invested funds (Fund for the Future). Over the past year NYLA's investments have delivered a return of over \$96K. Questions were addressed regarding NYLA's official investing policy (in terms of position on risk), the options for ensuring for socially responsible investing, and the potential for impact on our investments of instability in global markets. All information was taken under advisement by Council. No formal actions were taken.

= Items 6-9 were taken up out of order in efficiency in the schedule. =

4. Unfinished Business

a. Task Force on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

NYLA President Barbara Stripling reviewed her intent on bringing forward this concept for consideration. A number of potential options for expanding and promoting minority and underrepresented populations to consider pursuing an MLS were discussed. It was pointed out that diversity is a component in the current strategic plan, with a number of related action items. A number of potential scholarship and mentoring possibilities were discussed.

MOTION II: Motion to charge the Treasurer and Treasurer-Elect with the task of carving out a budget figure to facilitate the creation of one or more scholarship initiatives designed to increase diversity in libraries in NYS.

Made by: Elaine Lasda, Seconded by: Sandra Echols

Approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. NYLA Membership Survey 2017

Plans for a large-scale online survey of all NYLA members during 2017 were presented. All Sections, Round Tables and Committees will be asked for input on the development of the survey. This will be the first large membership survey since 2011.

b. NYLA Endorsements of ALA Candidates – Future

As each time NYLA is approached to make a formal endorsement of a candidate running for ALA President, the question is debated, it was deemed appropriate to set a formal policy governing future requests. The difference between providing information on candidates and making a formal endorsement was clarified.

MOTION III: Motion to establish a policy that NYLA and its Units will not endorse any candidate for any professional organization office.

Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Christina Ryan Linder

Approved by all present with the exceptions of Michelle Young, Michelle Miller, Rebecca Lubin, and Jill Leinung who were opposed.

c. ALA Statement on Government Agency Censorship

The ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom has posted a statement condemning government agency censorship. After the distribution of the meeting materials, ALA President Julie Todaro also issued a statement reaffirming ALA's core values in relation to opposition to recent federal government activities. There was discussion about crafting a formal resolution that reaffirmed NYLA's commitment to the core values of librarianship, which Barbara Stripling and Tim Burke agreed to draft.

MOTION IV: Motion to endorse the ALA Statement on "Opposition to New Administration Policies that Contradict Core Values".

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Dan Hubbs

Approved by all present with the exception of Cassie Guthrie who was opposed.

d. Substitute of UAlbany Dewey Scholarship Recipient for 2017

The approved recipient of the 2017 Dewey Scholarship from UAlbany has opted to decline the award because she is unable to honor the two-year post-graduation NYS residency requirement. UAlbany has submitted an alternate nominee.

MOTION V: Motion to approve Charlene Martoni as the UAlbany recipient of the 2017 Dewey Scholarship Award.

Made by: Elaine Lasda, Seconded by: Barbara Madonna

Approved unanimously.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Barbara Stripling reviewed her written report, including updates from how NYLA's key committee chairs plan to align activities with the Strategic Plan, the ongoing efforts of the Everyday Advocacy Task Force, activities at the ALA MidWinter Conference, and the confirmation of Camilia Alire as keynote speaker for the 2017 NYLA Annual Conference.

7. President-Elect's Report

NYLA President-Elect reviewed his written report.

8. Past-President's Report

NYLA Past-President Debby Emerson reviewed her written report, including the announcement of the members for the Nominating and Awards committees.

Nominating Committee: Lisa Wemett, Amanda Perrine, Allison Comes, Jill Dixon

Awards Committee: Katie Bertrand, Amanda Travis, Carolyn Bennett Glauda

9. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed his written report. In addition, Johannesen has been elected to the board of the Empire State Society of Association Executives (ESSAE), has enrolled in a prep-course to prepare for taking the Certified Association Executive (CAE) designation, and has received a scholarship from ESSAE toward the pursuit.

10. Legislative Report

The written Legislative Update was reviewed.

11. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

In addition to the written reports, the following updates were provided:

ASLS – An Academic Librarians Summit, hosted by NYLA-ASLS is being planned for June 8, 2017 in the Albany area, with invited representatives from all of NY's assorted academic library related organizations, for the goal of exploring unified advocacy activities.

PLS – The PLS Board is planning a retreat to work on social media presence, and marketing of PLS.

SSL – SSL will be presenting as part of the NYS Social Studies Conference March 23-25 in Albany.

YSS – Is working on improving communications and public relations.

The ALA Chapter Councilor Jennifer Ferriss, reviewed her written report and her experience at the recently completed ALA MidWinter conference in Atlanta, where she represented NYLA for the first time.

As chair of the Regents Advisory Council on Libraries, Claudia Depkin reported that the RAC is interested in promoting collaborations between public and school libraries in relation to the implementation of the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

MOTION VI: Motion to adjourn the February 2, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:28 PM

Made by: Rebecca Lubin, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.