



## **NYLA Council Meeting**

Thursday, February 4, 2016

11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

NYLA Office, Guilderland, NY

NYLA President, Debby Emerson Presiding

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Debby Emerson, *NYLA President*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer*; Cassie Guthrie, *Treasurer-Elect*; Sarah Sachs, *FLS President*; Susan Polos, *SSL President*; Mary Jo Smith, *YSS President*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jeri Cohen, *SCLA Representative*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Participating via Web Conference:** Barbara Stripling, *NYLA President-Elect*; Julia Schult, *RASS President*

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

**Absent:** Marcy Strong, *ASLS President*; Frank Rees, *LAMS President*; Judith Wines, *PLS President*; Ben Lainhart, *SMART President*

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2015 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2015 Council Meeting as submitted.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved unanimously, with the exception of Cassie Guthrie who abstained.

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

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin reviewed her written report.

- b. Cash Statement Report

A Cash Statement for December 2015, was provided and reviewed. October 2015 and December 2014 Cash Statements were provided for comparison purposes.

4. Unfinished Business
  - a. Review of the Advancing Excellence portion of the NYLA Strategic Plan

NYLA President Debby Emerson reported on the feedback that has been received from the Section on the topic of Advancing Excellence and Improving Diversity. Plans to develop this feedback, along with input for future strategic vision conversations into an actionable strategic plan were outlined.

## 5. New Business

### a. ALA Advocacy Implementation Plan

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino brought forward the ALA Advocacy Implementation Plan for consideration. Discussion was had regarding the possibility for partial endorsement. It was determined that the document provides good internal guidance for ALA and its offices, but more details were needed regarding specific implementation details before NYLA could commit to endorsement.

### b. ALA Resolution Against Islamophobia

Introduced by NYLA Members, Lauren Comito and Christian Zabriski, this item was brought forward by discussion by ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino. The Council charged the Executive Director with researching any standing NYLA resolutions that broadly condemn discrimination, and laid the item aside for the next meeting.

### c. Endorsement of Jim Neal for ALA President

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino outlined the historic precedent for NYLA endorsement of NYLA members who are running for ALA President. Currently Jim Neal is a candidate.

**MOTION II:** Motion for NYLA to endorse James Neal for ALA President.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Sarah Sachs

Approved unanimously with the exceptions of Debby Emerson, Mary Jo Smith and Julia Schult who each abstained.

### d. Discussion of State Chapters and Speakers at ALA Events

Recent issues with a state level politician being invited to speak at the ALA Mid-Winter conference have put in motion actions by the ALA Chapter Relations Committee to develop guidelines for the notification and engagement of a state chapter when a politician from that state is invited to speak.

### e. Roundtable on Libraries Service to Special Populations Name Change

The Round Table on Library Services to Special Populations (RLSP)'s newly elected President, Elena Falcone, has completed the process of formally polling the RLSP members and has gained majority support for renaming the group to the more broad-reaching Library Access Roundtable (LAR).

**MOTION III:** Motion to approve the name change of the Round Table on Library Services to Special Populations (RLSP) to the Library Access Round Table (LAR).

Made by: Rebecca Lubin, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.

### f. Queens Library Legislative Representation Proposal

As outlined in the written report, a proposal for the delivery of Legislative Representation Services was requested by the Queens Library. The proposal outlines the services to be rendered, and the fee schedule. Following discussion of the potential for conflicts of interest and how those situations would be addressed, the concept was moved forward.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to authorize the NYLA Executive Director to promote and enter into contracts for "Legislative Representation" for given clients, provided that the services rendered are not in conflict with NYLA's mission.

Made by: Geoff Kirkpatrick, Seconded by: Mary Jo Smith

Approved unanimously.

With the concept approved, NYLA's Executive Director asked the Council to consider a proposal to establish protocols for the allocation of any income actualized in relation to "Legislative Representation" services.

**MOTION V:** Motion to enter into Executive Session @ 1:50PM.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.

**MOTION VI:** Motion to suspend Executive Session @ 2:03PM.

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin.

Approved unanimously.

**MOTION VII:** Motion that income from any “Legislative Representation” contracts, be distributed with 1/3 allocated to the Executive Director, and the remainder to be disbursed at the discretion of the Executive Director.

Approved unanimously.

g. Regional Focus Group Questions

NYLA President Debby Emerson reviewed her proposed questions for the upcoming regional focus groups.

h. NYLA Strategic Plan – Membership Engagement

The outlined goals of the membership engagement portion of the NYLA Strategic Vision Statement were reviewed. The Sections were asked to help identify recruitment opportunities.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Debby Emerson reported that the May Council meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 10 and be hosted at the SUNY ESF campus in Syracuse.

7. President-Elect's Report

Barbara Stripling asked for support from the Council on the proposed academic libraries survey; which was gladly given.

8. Past-President's Report

Geoff Kirkpatrick provided an update on the Sustainability Initiative.

9. Executive Director's Report

In addition to his written report, NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen, reported on:

- An application made to the Institute of Museum and Library Sciences (IMLS) in support of a project between the Division of Library Development (DLD) and the 4H, in which NYLA will serve as the fiscal sponsor
- An application made to the IMLS in support of the NYLA Sustainability Initiative
- The conversion of all NYLA website to be secure pages, https
- The progress of the 2016 School Librarian Census in partnership with SLSA
- The progress of the Economic Impact of Public Libraries Study, to be conducted with support from NYALS
- The implementation of a Siena Research Institute poll to gauge public sentiment on library funding and library construction aid funding

10. Legislative Report

a. Advocacy Day Update / Sponsorship

NYLA Director of Government Relations & advocacy Mike Neppel provided an update on the status of NYLA's Legislative priorities. Both Advocacy Day and Pre-Advocacy Day were reviewed. Sections were called upon to contribute in support of Library Advocacy Day in the amount of \$.50 per member.

11. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

The collected written reports were reviewed.

**MOTION XI:** Motion to adjourn the December 17, 2015/February 4, 2016 NYLA Council meeting at 3:28 PM.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.