



## **NYLA Council Meeting**

Thursday, June 15, 2017

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Via Conference Call

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*; Janet Kreason, *FLS President*; Barbara Madonna, *LAMS President*; Christian Zabriskie, *RASS President*; Nancy Howe, *SMART President*; Christina Ryan Linder, *YSS President*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jill Leinung, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sandra Michele Echols, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jennifer Ferriss, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

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

**Absent:** Michelle Young, *ASLS President*; Dan Hubbs, *PLS President*; Michelle Miller, *SSL President*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from May 11, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report
  - a. May Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin reviewed on the May Financial Statement.

4. President's Update

NYLA President Barbara Stripling reported out on the Academic Libraries Summit that took place on Friday, June 9, 2017 in Latham, NY. Roughly 25 people participated identifying five major areas of concern, and defined potential action steps toward addressing those concerns. A final report on the event will be provided upon its completion. Early reports indicate that the day was viewed collectively as successful, with potential for generating positive outcomes for the academic library community and building bridges between academic libraries and NYLA.

5. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reported on; the membership income outlook for the remainder of the fiscal year, the NYers Reception being held at the ALA Annual Conference, the 2017 NYLA Council Election and concurrent unit elections, and provided an update on planning for the 2017 Annual Conference.

6. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy Mike Neppi provided an update on NYLA's activities during the 2017 Legislative Session. This has proven to be a particularly challenging session in our first post-Senator Farley year.

7. Unfinished Business - None

8. New Business

a. NYLA Office Roof Replacement

The roof on the NYLA headquarters is now well beyond its serviceable life expectancy and replacement is advisable. Three quotes were solicited for the job. The bids ranged from \$9K to \$14.5K. The lowest bidder also offered the most agreeable terms and had the most favorable references.

**MOTION II:** Motion to authorize up to \$10,000 from the NYLA Capital Fund to be released from restriction for the purposes of replacing the NYLA office roof.

Made by: Barbara Madonna, Seconded by: Nancy Howe

Approved unanimously.

b. Library District Task Force

Given the recent Gubernatorial vetoes of the formation of new special legislative library districts, it has become advisable to examine the issue and explore other potential pathways that will lead to sustainable funding models for local libraries. To this end it is recommended that a NYLA Task Force be empowered to work on this issue and provide a report back to the NYLA Council.

**MOTION III:** Motion to establish a NYLA Task Force on Library Districts that will generate a report on the issue for the NYLA Council.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

c. Retiree Round Table

After working diligently over the past two years to find a base of actively engaged participants, and projects in which to engage, the board of the Retiree Round Table has determined that the group is no longer viable. This is due in part to a majority of members of the RRT preferring to remain active with the group in which they participated during their actively employed careers. A referendum has been advanced to coincide with the NYLA Council election ballot, calling on all current RRT members for approval of a formal dissolution, with the group's remaining treasury being divided equally between the NYLA Legal Defense Fund and the NYLA Sustainability Initiative Fund. Should this referendum be approved the matter will be brought before the Council at the August meeting.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to adjourn the June 15, 2017 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:44 PM

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Barbara Madonna

Approved unanimously.