



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2016

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Via Conference Call

NYLA President, Debby Emerson Presiding

In Attendance: Debby Emerson, *NYLA President*; Barbara Stripling, *NYLA President-Elect*; Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer*; Cassie Guthrie, *Treasurer-Elect*; Marcy Strong, *ASLS President*; Sarah Sachs, *FLS President*; Frank Rees, *LAMS President*; Judith Wines, *PLS President*; Julia Schult, *RASS President*; Susan Polos, *SSL President*; Jeri Cohen, *SCLA Representative*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Nancy Howe, *SMART President*; Mary Jo Smith, *YSS President*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from May 10, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting as revised.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Rocco Staino

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report – May Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin reviewed her written report and addressed questions.

The ongoing under-performance of the Multi-View banner advertising partnership was noted.

4. President's Update

NYLA President Debby Emerson noted that four of the regional academic librarian focus groups have been completed, and a fifth is scheduled for Northern New York. Participants have uniformly reported gratitude for an opportunity to come together and connect.

5. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director reported the hiring of Becky Czornobil to the newly revised, part-time, Membership Services Associate position. Five library systems have now engaged in bulk purchasing, which has resulted in membership surpassing 4800. Jeremy will be presenting at the New England Library Association's Advocacy Leadership Retreat in Boylston, MA in July. At the end of July, Jeremy and his son Jack will mount a second Library Tour, with plans to visit downstate and Long Island.

6. Legislative Update – End of Session

NYLA Executive Director provided a brief report on the status of NYLA's Legislative Agenda at the close of the 2016 Legislative Session. The NYLA supported bill to permit libraries the option to receive free training on the administration of, and liability protections for the distribution of opioid antidotes (S.7860/A.10364) passed and is

headed to the Governor's desk. The school librarians bill and the taxpayer access to publicly funded research bills failed to get traction this session. NYLA's bill relating to the Dormitory Authority of NYS (DASNY), as well as a related DASNY submitted bill with implications for libraries, both passed in the Senate, but were unable to reach the floor for a vote in the Assembly.

Plans are already underway for the 2017 Legislative Session, which include a fresh approach to attempt to influence the development of the Executive Budget formation process.

7. Unfinished Business

a. NYLA Communications Task Force Update

Members of the taskforce met by phone and prepared a draft charge and composition structure for the proposed committee. It was requested that each Section identify a representative to serve on the committee, who will join following the formal establishment of the committee (slated for the August Council Meeting), each of whom will remain on the committee through November 2017. Debby Emerson, in consultation with Barbara Stripling, will identify a committee chair, as well as her at-large appointee.

8. New Business

a. Disaster Relief Fund Request – Berne Public Library

The Berne Public Library submitted a request for support from the Disaster Relief Fund in response to water damage that occurred following a torrential downpour. The resulting water damage will be covered by insurance, less their \$1K deductible.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the request for \$1,000 in support from the Disaster Relief Fund to the Berne Public Library.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.

b. Round Table Creation Request – Central New York School Librarians (CNYSL)

MOTION III: Motion to approve the Central New York School Librarians (CNYSL)'s petition to form a NYLA Round Table as submitted.

Made by: Sue Kowalski, Seconded by: Julia Schult

Approved unanimously.

c. Round Table Creation Request – School Librarians of the Southern Tier East (SLST-East)

MOTION III: Motion to approve the Central New York School Librarians (CNYSL)'s petition to form a NYLA Round Table as submitted.

Made by: Susan Polos, Seconded by: Charlie Kelly

Approved unanimously.

d. ALA Resolution Concerning the Role of Chapters in the American Library Association

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino provided additional background on the resolution to be considered at the upcoming ALA Annual Conference. It was agreed that there was not support for the resolution as it currently is written, and that many revisions were anticipated before it would be taken up at the Conference. Rocco will report on the outcome at the August meeting.

MOTION IV: Motion to adjourn the June 16, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting at 4:11 PM.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.