



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2015

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Via Conference Call

NYLA President, Geoff Kirkpatrick Presiding

Council Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Geoff Kirkpatrick, *NYLA President*; Sara Kelly Johns, *NYLA Immediate Past President*; Debby Emerson, *NYLA President-Elect*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Brian Hildreth, *PLS President*; Jennifer Husenitza, *RASS President*; April Steenburgh, *SMART President*; Jill Leinung, *SSL President*; Mary Ferris, *YSS President*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor* Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer-Elect*; Lauren Comito, *LAMS President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from May 7, 2015 NYLA Council Conference Call.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2015 Council Meeting, as submitted.

Made by: Lisa Wemett, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.

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

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen noted that there were sparse changes between the April statement and the March statement, which had been reviewed in detail at the May 7 Council meeting. Any specific questions were addressed. A reminder to submit all outstanding reimbursement requests before the end of the fiscal year (June 30) was issued.

4. President's Update

NYLA President Geoff Kirkpatrick reported on:

- The meeting of the newly re-invigorated Civil Service Task Force, now chaired by Claudia Depkin
- NYLA's Sustainability Initiative Retreat, being spearheaded by Rebecca Smith Aldrich and Matt Bollerman, will take place September 21 & 22. Capped at 20 participants, 29 applications have been received
- The recently completed officer elections for the Intellectual Freedom Roundtable and the Retiree Roundtable

5. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reported on:

- NYLA staffing updates including:
 - The hiring of Dana Willbanks as the new Communications & Marketing Manager

- The departure of Administrative Support Specialist, Ashleigh Whitfield
- The extended medical leave of Director of Membership, Lois Powell
- NYLA125 – The capital campaign will be launching in July, all Sections and Council members will be called upon to contribute
- Returning for 2015, NYLA will be collecting Section Reports, to be used to compile an Annual Report

6. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations Mike Nepl reported on the status of NYLA Legislative Priority items, as well as other NYLA monitored legislation. Additionally, the recent success of NYLA in brokering a meeting between Assemblyman Abinanti and the Office of General Services in order to accelerate the review and renewal of the expired and overdue Library Materials contracts was reviewed.

7. Unfinished Business – None.

8. New Business

a. Resolution Honoring Richard Naylor

LAMS submitted a resolution honoring the contributions of Richard Naylor to NYLA and the profession upon his retirement.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the resolution honoring Richard Naylor as presented.

Made by: Rebecca Lubin, Seconded by: Sara Kelly Johns

Approved unanimously.

b. SU Student Chapter Application

Students from the Syracuse University MLS program, along with Blythe Bennett as faculty advisor, have submitted the prerequisite paperwork and petition to become a NYLA Student Chapter.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the formation of the Syracuse University Student Chapter.

Made by: Rebecca Lubin, Seconded by: Sara Kelly Johns

Approved unanimously.

c. Center for the Book

Chair of the Center for the Book, Rocco Staino, reported that the Center was just awarded a \$1K grant from the New York City Council in support of the creation of a Literacy Initiative Award.

MOTION IV: Motion to adjourn the May 7, 2015 NYLA Council meeting at 3:47 PM.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Debby Emerson

Approved unanimously.