



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2015

10:30 M to 3:30 PM

Fayetteville Free Library, Fayetteville, NY

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*; Tim Burke, *Treasurer*; Claudia Depkin, *Treasurer-Elect*; Karen Gardner-Athey, *ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Lauren Comito, *LAMS President*; Brian Hildreth, *PLS President*; Jennifer Husenitza, *RASS President*; Jill Leinung, *SSL President*; Mary Ferris, *YSS President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Participating via Conference Call: April Steenburgh, *SMART President*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*

Absent: Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*

1. Welcome

Geoff Kirkpatrick expressed thanks to Sue Considine for hosting this Council meeting at the Fayetteville Free Library, arranging for the facility tour, and for arranging for the 'meet & greet' to follow the meeting.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 19, 2015 NYLA Council Conference Call.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2015 Council Meeting, as submitted.

Made by: Sue Considine, Seconded by: Mary Ferris

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report

a. March Financial Statement / Report

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reviewed his written report and addressed questions on specific budget lines.

4. Unfinished Business

a. SKD Knickerbocker Communications Audit Report

At the request of FLS President, Lisa Wemett, the impetus and contents of the SKD Communications Report were examined. Before any recommendations from the report are instated, they will be referred to the appropriate committees for further examination. Concerns about the return on investment of a 'Library of the Year' award were discussed and the content of that conversation will be presented to the Awards Committee.

5. New Business

a. Discussion and Adoption of NYLA FY15-16 Budget

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke presented the proposed FY2015-2016 NYLA Operating Budget, and acknowledged Treasurer-Elect Claudia Depkin and the entire Executive Committee for their assistance in crafting the budget. The proposal reflects the first full post-Digital Literacy Project fiscal year. The creation of the Director of

Government Relations position has increased the overall salaries expenses, and therefore the need for expanded income. The annual conference being sited in Lake Placid has been budgeted for anticipating lower attendance numbers in comparison with Saratoga Springs; although optimism remains for strong participation in light of the anniversary celebration (NYLA125). The primary means of increasing income is tied to membership dues: a number of initiatives are ongoing to improve participation.

The proposed 1% cost of living adjustment (COLA) was discussed at length, and it was determined that this year's COLA should be set to 2%.

MOTION II: Motion to adopt the proposed Fiscal Year 2015-2016 NYLA Operating Budget, as presented, adjusting the salaries and related lines to reflect a 2% cost of living adjustment, reflecting \$760,700 in income, and \$804,175 in expenses, for a projected -\$43,475 deficit.

Made by: Sue Considine, Seconded by: Sheryl Knab

Approved unanimously.

b. Approval of 2015 NYLA Council Election Slate

NYLA Immediate Past President, Sara Kelly Johns, presented the slate for the 2015 NYLA Council Election, as proposed by the Nominating Committee.

NYLA President-Elect

Karen Sperrazza / Barbara Stripling

Councilor-at-Large (Public Seat)

Joyce Laiosa / Grace Riario

Councilor-at-Large (Academic Seat)

Elaine Lasda-Bergman / Sarah Maximiek

MOTION III: Motion to approve the 2015 NYLA Council Election slate as presented.

Made by: Sue Considine, Seconded by: Sheryl Knab

Approved unanimously.

c. PLS 2P2A Initiative

PLS President Brian Hildreth presented the Path for Professional and Association Advancement project (2P2A) put forward by PLS. This initiative is designed to connect engaged NYLA members with new and incoming members to put them on a path toward greater participation, thereby strengthening the association. Many other Sections voiced interest in replicating this program.

6. President's Report

In addition to reviewing his written report, NYLA President Geoff Kirkpatrick presented the freshly conceived 'Sustainability Initiative' and Retreat. Proposed by former NYLA Council members Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Matt Bollerman, this program seeks to recruit and identify a cohort of individuals who are committed to exploring and identifying mechanisms that will contribute to the long-term stability of libraries. LAMS, PLS and the Public Library System Directors Organization (PULISDO) have committed funding to support the program.

7. President-Elect's and Past-President's Reports

President-Elect Debby Emerson reported on her recent participation in National Library Legislative Day (NLLD) and called for expanded participation from New York in the future.

Past-President Sara Kelly Johns reviewed her written report and pointed out plans for the promotion of NYLA's annual awards.

8. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed his written report.

9. Legislative Report

The written report submitted by Director of Government Relations, Mike Nepl was reviewed. Updates on the current status of the bills on NYLA's Legislative Agenda were presented.

10. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

All Section and affiliate reports were reviewed.

11. ALA Councilor Report

ALA Chapter Councilor Rocco Staino's written report was reviewed. Encouragement for participation in the June 4 ALA Virtual Membership Meeting was offered.

12. Empire State Center for the Book Report

The New York State Writers Hall of Fame 2015 Induction Gala, which will take at the Princeton Club in New York City on June 2, was promoted.

MOTION IV: Motion to adjourn the May 7, 2015 NYLA Council meeting at 3:04 PM.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Burke

Approved unanimously.