



## **NYLA Council Meeting**

Wednesday, November 7, 2018

11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Rochester Riverside Convention Center, Rochester, NY

NYLA President, Tim Burke Presiding

**In Attendance:** Tim Burke, *NYLA President*; Barbara Stripling, *NYLA Immediate Past-President*; Michelle Young, *NYLA President-Elect*; Cassie Guthrie, *Treasurer*; Rebecca Fuss, *FLS President*; AnnaLee Giraldo, *LAMS President*; Deanna DiCarlo, *PLS President*; Julia Schult, *RASS President*; Laura Panter, *YSS President*; Sandra Michele Echols, *Councilor-at-Large*; Lauren Moore, *Councilor-at-Large*; Grace Riario, *Councilor-at-Large*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Jennifer Ferriss, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

**Guests:** Beth Lathrop, *incoming ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *incoming FLS President*; Amanda Perrine, *incoming LAMS President*; Sarah Clark, *incoming PLS President*; Ed Elsner, *incoming SMART President*; Mike Nepl, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*; John Bryan, *Bryans & Gramuglia CPAs*

**Absent:** Roger Reyes, *Treasurer-Elect*; Jessica Clemons, *ASLS President*; Laura Osterhout, *SMART President*; Penny Sweeney, *SSL President*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jill Leinung, *Councilor-at-Large*; Stacey Rattner, *Councilor-at-Large*

## **Council Meeting Minutes**

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from September 13, 2018 NYLA Council Meeting

**MOTION I:** Motion to approve the minutes from the September 13, 2018 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: AnnaLee Giraldo, Seconded by: Laura Panter

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes from October 8, 2018 NYLA Executive Committee Meeting

**MOTION II:** Motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2018 NYLA Executive Committee Meeting as presented.

Made by: Sandra Michele Echols, Seconded by: Lauren Moore

Approved unanimously.

4. Finance Report
  - a. Presentation of FY2017-18 Audit Report – John Bryans, Bryans & Gramuglia, CPAs

The highlights of the presentation include:

- No material deficiencies in internal controls
- No significant changes in internal controls
- No disagreements with Management
- Qualified Opinions:

- Membership dues are recognized on a cash basis, not on accrual; this is a deviation from generally accepted practices
- Financial Statements do not include assets, liabilities, net assets, revenue and expenses for Sections and Roundtables.
- Interim (between audits) Information provided by NYLA was reliable
- Auditors offer a clean (unmodified) opinion with no significant deficiencies or material weakness in internal controls
- NYLA is in sound financial position

Other notable findings include:

- Assets increased for FY'18 by \$100K
- The assets to liabilities ratio is 2.32 : 1 – leaving NYLA well positioned
- The debt to assets ratio is .35 : 1 (this ratio falls to .08 : 1 when excluding funds due to units)
- Total net assets were down by \$9K for the year

Direct questions from Council members were addressed by John Bryans.

**MOTION III:** Motion to accept the FY2017-2018 Auditor's Report as presented.

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Julia Schult

Approved unanimously.

b. September Financial Statement / Report

The NYLA Treasurer Cassie Guthrie reviewed her written report, and addressed questions from Council.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Approval of LAMS Dewey Fellow – Jill Hurst Wahl

The previously approved LAMS representative for the Dewey Fellowship was unable to attend conference due to unforeseen circumstances. LAMS has identified an alternate nominee in Jill Hurst Wahl.

**MOTION IV:** Motion to approve the minutes from the October 8, 2018 NYLA Executive Committee Meeting as presented.

Made by: AnnaLee Giraldo, Seconded by: Deanna DiCarlo

Approved unanimously.

6. New Business

a. NYLA Committee Reauthorizations

i. Legislative Committee

**MOTION V:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Legislative Committee as presented, and the appointment of Cassie Guthrie as chair, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and AnnaLee Giraldo as at-large members, and Carl Gouvei to fill the remainder of Cassie Guthrie's unfinished at-large term.

Made by: Jennifer Ferriss, Seconded by: Laura Panter

Approved by all present with the exception of Cassie Guthrie who abstained.

ii. Membership Committee

**MOTION VI:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Membership Committee as presented, and the appointment of Rebecca Lubin as chair, and Ginger Tebo, and Geoff Kirkpatrick as at-large members.

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Julia Schult

Approved unanimously.

iii. Continuing Education Committee

**MOTION VII:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Continuing Education Committee as presented, and the appointment of Deanna DiCarlo as chair, and Rebecca Kluberanz, and Tim Furgal as at-large members.

Made by: AnnaLee Giraldo, Seconded by: Sandra Michele Echols  
Approved by all present with the exception of Deanna DiCarlo who abstained.

iv. Communications Committee

**MOTION VIII:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Communications Committee as presented, and the appointment of Marcy Strong as chair, and Lauren Comito as at-large member.

Made by: Sandra Michele Echols, Seconded by: Julia Schult  
Approved unanimously.

v. NYLA Sustainability Committee

**MOTION IX:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Sustainability Committee as presented, and the appointment of Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Matthew Bollerman as co-chairs.

Made by: Grace Riario, Seconded by: Laura Panter  
Approved unanimously.

vi. Intellectual Freedom Committee

**MOTION X:** Motion to approve the charge and composition of the Intellectual Freedom Committee as presented, and the appointment of Sara Dallas as chair, and Lisa Hoover, and Tina Scott as at-large member.

Made by: Deanna DiCarlo, Seconded by: Julia Schult  
Approved unanimously.

b. Approval of NYLA Dewey Scholarships 2019

**MOTION XI:** Motion to approve the slate of 2019 NYLA Dewey Scholarships as presented, including:

Sarah Adams representing Pratt Institute  
Melissa Cobo representing Syracuse University  
Katherine Fisher representing LIU POST  
Kimberly Nobles representing University at Buffalo  
Hal Schrieve representing Queen's College  
Mizuho Hashimoto representing St. John's University  
Laura Stoll representing University at Albany

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Grace Riario  
Approved unanimously.

c. Approval of 2019 Legislative Agenda

The draft 2019 NYLA Advocacy Agenda as developed at the 8-29-18 Legislative Committee meeting was reviewed. The materials were presented with the caveat that adjustments might be required based on the outcome of the election. The draft materials did not address plans for advocacy related the 2020 Census and libraries. The Council discussed this omission, and agreed it needed to be addressed by the Legislative Committee.

**MOTION XII:** Motion to approve the 2019 NYLA Advocacy Agenda as presented with the understanding that there could be adjustments recommended by the Legislative Committee.

Made by: Grace Riario, Seconded by: Michelle Young  
Approved unanimously.

d. LGBTQIA Round Table

The required petition signatures and supporting materials have been received to support the creation of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual Round Table.

**MOTION XIII:** Motion to approve the petition for the creation of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Queer Intersex Asexual Round Table as submitted.

Made by: Julia Schult, Seconded by: Michelle Young  
Approved unanimously.

## 7. President's Report

NYLA President Tim Burke reviewed his written report, and added his thanks to all who served on the 2017-2018 NYLA Council.

## 8. President-Elect's Report

NYLA President-Elect Michelle Young announced the theme for the 2019 NYLA Annual Conference – “All Libraries are Powerful: What's Your Story”

## 9. Past-President's Report

NYLA Past President Barbara Stripling reported on her upcoming work to update the Empire State Information Fluency Continuum to be in alignment with the newly released AASL school library standards, her ongoing work on revising the SLMPE tool, and her ongoing effort to secure adjustments to the EdTPA program as it relates to school librarians.

## 10. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen, in addition to his written report, provided updates on:

- A fire devastated the Pleasant Valley Free Library (Mid-Hudson Library System) on November 6 – the building and collection are potentially a total loss.
- The successful outcome of the Woodstock Library District Referendum (the referendum was defeated nearly 2:1)
- Conference registration of 914 prior to the opening of the conference, just slightly below 2017.
- The planned Foam Dart entertainment as part of the Trade Show was cancelled, and replaced with an inflatable Velcro-suit employing 'sticky wall'.
- Appointment to the Search Committee for the next NYS Librarian, to represent the library community at-large.

**MOTION XIV:** Motion to authorize that all funds collected by the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund between now (11-7-2018) and the end of the year (12-31-2018), be distributed as unrestricted support of the Pleasant Valley Free Library.

Made by: AnnaLee Giraldo, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved by all present with the exception of Julia Schult who abstained.

**MOTION XV:** Motion to distribute \$1,000 from the NYLA Disaster Relief Fund to the Pleasant Valley Free Library.

Made by: Michelle Young, Seconded by: Sandra Echols

Approved by all present with the exception of Julia Schult who was opposed.

## 11. Legislative Report

NYLA Director of Government Relations, Mike Neppl, provided an update on the outlook for the 2019 Legislative Session given the outcomes of the November 2018 election.

## 12. Section / Roundtable / Committee Reports

NYLA Unit written reports were reviewed as submitted.

**MOTION XVI:** Motion to adjourn the November 7, 2018 NYLA Council meeting at 2:56 PM.

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved unanimously.