



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, September 15, 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*; Frank Rees, *LAMS President*; Judith Wines, *PLS President*; Julia Schult, *RASS President*; Nancy Howe, *SMART President*; Mary Jo Smith, *YSS President*; 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: Sarah Sachs, *FLS President*; Susan Polos, *SSL President*; Elaine Lasda, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jeri Cohen, *SCLA Representative*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Rebecca Lubin

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report – August Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Claudia Depkin reviewed the August Financial Statement. August represents two months of the fiscal year complete (17%) both income and expenses are in keeping with projections. The Treasurer along with the Treasurer-Elect are working with the Executive Director on options for using reserve cash funds to pay down the mortgage on the NYLA office.

- a. Update on Independent Auditor Selection Process

Chair of the Audit & Finance Committee, Barbara Stripling reported that the bids for Auditing Services have been reviewed and the committee has recommended a second three year contract with Bryans & Gramuglia.

MOTION II: Motion to approve entering into a three year contract for auditing services with Bryans & Gramuglia.

Made by: Rocco Staino, Seconded by: Julia Schult

Approved unanimously.

4. President's Update

Debby Emerson reported that the final NYLA focus group will take place in NYC at the Urban Librarians Unite offices on October 1. Three NYLA Councilor-at-Large members will join Debby and the Executive Director to finish the process of compiling the feedback from the focus groups, along with the input from the NYLA Sections on the Strategic Vision, to craft a Strategic Plan.

5. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen reviewed the status of the 2016 NYLA Annual Conference registration as well as the obligations for NYLA leadership during the event. A new partnership with the NY Council of NonProfits (NYCON) was announced, which will provide greatly discounted membership to NYLA organizational members. On October 1 NYLA will host a workshop sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians regarding advocacy opportunities surrounding the implementation of the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA). Investigations have begun on the options for mounting solar panels on the roof of the NYLA office.

6. Legislative Update

The Legislative Committee met on August 31 and is working to complete the Legislative Agenda for the 2016 Session. Once completed, the Agenda will be brought before the NYLA Council for approval.

7. Unfinished Business

- a. None

8. New Business

- a. Approval of 2016 NYLA Dewey Fellows

FLS, LAMS, PLS, and RASS were eligible to nominate Dewey Fellows for 2016, and put forward the following candidates:

FLS - K P Bressington, Friends of the Avon Free Library

LAMS - Elizabeth Hobson, Dept. Head Technology / Outreach, Nyack Library

PLS - Barbara J. Madonna, Director, Gloversville Public Library

RASS - Heather Highfield

MOTION III: Motion to approve the 2016 NYLA Dewey Fellows as presented.

Made by: Charlie Kelly, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved unanimously.

- b. Approval of 2016 NYLA Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award

Chair of the NYLA Awards Committee, Geoff Kirkpatrick, reported that the committee received and reviewed a nomination for the Outstanding Advocate award.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve Senator Thomas O'Mara as the recipient of the 2016 NYLA Senator Hugh Farley Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award.

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Claudia Depkin

Approved unanimously.

MOTION IX: Motion to adjourn the September 15, 2016 NYLA Council Meeting at 3:34 PM.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Grace Riario

Approved unanimously.