



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, September 17, 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*; 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*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Jill Leinung, *SSL President*; Mary Ferris, *YSS President*; Sheryl Knab, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rebecca Lubin, *Councilor-at-Large*; Charlie Kelly, *Councilor-at-Large*; Marcy Strong, *Councilor-at-Large*; Rocco Staino, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Guests: Mike Neppi, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

Absent: April Steenburgh, *SMART President*; Sue Considine, *Councilor-at-Large*; Sue Kowalski, *Councilor-at-Large*

1. Welcome
2. Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2015 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve the minutes of the August 6, 2015 Council Meeting, with corrections as submitted. Made by: Sara Kelly Johns, Seconded by: Tim Burke
Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report

There were no updated monthly financial statements completed in time for review at this meeting. The completion of the July monthly report was deferred to provide support to the independent audit process.

- a. Update on Audit Process

NYLA Treasurer Tim Burke reported on the FY 2014-15 Audit. The field work has been completed and the completed audit report will be presented at the October 21 Council Meeting.

4. President's Update

NYLA President Geoff Kirkpatrick reported on NYLA's participation at the library booth at the Great NYS Fair.

5. Executive Director's Update

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen provided an update on the registration numbers for the 2015 Conference, reported on the hiring of Jason Thomas for the Administrative Support Specialist position, and the need for repairs to the office air conditioning system.

6. Legislative Update

NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy Mike Nepl reported on the August 28 Legislative Committee Meeting. The 2016 Legislative Agenda will include a Library Aid request for an increase in parity with any increase in General Education Aid, an increase in Library Construction Aid to \$25M and the policy priorities of requiring an elementary school librarian, tax payer access to publicly funded research, and authorization for NYLA to serve as a conduit for bundling small construction projects for bonding via the NYS Dormitory Authority. At the September 11 meeting of the NYS Alliance of Library Systems, the group agreed to provide \$15K in support of the NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy for the FY2015-16.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Report on "Retiree Roundtable Membership Proposal"

The content of the discussion of the August 24 Membership Committee meeting were reported. The committee's recommendation was to reject the proposal, and to recommend the exploration of means to better promote enrollment in roundtables or Sections that directly align with specific member types (retiree, library assistant, or library friend).

b. NYLA125 Campaign

Geoff Kirkpatrick reminded the Council that each member is called upon to support the campaign at any level they choose.

c. Executive Director Annual Review and Goal Setting

Sara Kelly Johns reported that the Annual Review of the NYLA Executive Director has been completed, and with input from the Council, a document outlining goals for 2015-16 has been delivered and reviewed by e-mail to the Council on September 3, 2015.

8. New Business

a. Proposed Revisions to the NYLA Bylaws

Geoff Kirkpatrick, Debby Emerson, Tim Burke, Jeremy Johannesen and Mike Nepl met to review the current NYLA Bylaws and make proposed revisions to align the document to both current practice, as well as to ensure compliance with the Nonprofit Revitalization Act.

The proposed changes / revisions include:

- Unemployed Librarian is removed as a class of personal membership
- Libraries and Library Systems are separated into two distinct class of organizational membership
- The definition of quorum for membership meetings is refined to offer greater detail
- The term for Treasurer-Elect is expanded to two years (ensuring a five member Executive Committee)
- Provision for the filling a vacancy in the position of Immediate Past President
- No more than two consecutive term for Councilors at Large and for the ALA Chapter Councilor
- Provisions for resignation and removal of Council members
- Provision expressly approving electronic communications for Council meetings
- Articles X thru XII are all new, and in place to ensure compliance with the non-profit revitalization act
- All appendices are new material

Each of the proposed revisions were explained and discussed at length.

The finalized revised bylaws document will be posted to the NYLA website and announced to the NYLA membership for consideration in advance of the October 22, 2015 Annual Membership Meeting.

MOTION II: Motion to accept the proposed revised NYLA Bylaws as amended.

Made by: Sheryl Knab, Seconded by: Mary Ferris.

Approved unanimously.

b. Approval of Alternate ASLS Dewey Fellow – Jennifer (J.J.) Kegler

The originally approved ASLS Dewey Fellow, Jill Dixon, is unable to accept as she is being recognized for a SUNY Chancellor's Award; the presentation of which conflicts with the NYLA Conference. The ASLS Board has put forward Jennifer Kegler to represent ASLS.

MOTION III: Motion to approve Jennifer Kegler as the ASLS Dewey Fellow for 2015.

Made by: Debby Emerson, Seconded by: Karen Gardener-Athey

Approved unanimously.

MOTION IV: Motion to adjourn the September 17, 2015 NYLA Council meeting at 4:26 PM.

Made by: Tim Burke, Seconded by: Karen Gardner-Athey

Approved unanimously.