LAMS Board Meeting  
Mon., June 17, 2013  
Mid-Hudson Library System, Poughkeepsie, NY  

Excused: Frank Rees, Lauren Britton, Mary Trev Thomas, Richard Naylor.  
Guest: Jennifer Bollerman.  

1. Meeting called to order: 10:35am.  

2. Approval of Minutes:  
Gillian moved to accept the minutes from the April 15, 2012 meeting. Tim seconded. Minutes approved.  

3. Treasurer’s Report:  
Closing balance is $15,687.26. $300.00 outstanding for travel vouchers. 
Rebecca moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report, Tim seconded. Report approved.  

4. Confirmation of Electronic Votes  
There were no electronic votes.  

5. NYLA Liaison Reports  
NYLA Council (Claudia)  
- NYLA is set to adopt the 2013 budget. There is approximately a $268,000 deficit, and a decision needs to be made on what to do about it. Tim said it is a “paper deficit”. Any surplus found in the budget can be transferred to the deficit.  
- Council discussed the preparation for the anticipated membership approval of the adoption of the Suffolk County Association as a regional chapter of NYLA.  
- Current status between NYLA and NYSHEI: The merger talks between the two organizations ended with no action, however NYLA has agreed to rent office space to NYSHEI and to provide NYSHEI with administrative support services for an agreed upon fee.  
- The 2015 Annual Conference will be held in Lake Placid.  
- NYLA Council approved a two year contract between NYLA and Multitrack Advertising to allow corporate advertising on the NYLA website. The advertisers will all be library related vendors and the agreement will provide an additional source of revenue for NYLA. NYLA will have veto power over any advertisement displayed on the NYLA website.  
- Nominees for NYLA Council officers have been posted on the NYLA website. The elections are open through July 15, 2013.
**Legislative Committee (Rebekkah)**

Submitted to the LAMS Board by email prior to the meeting (attached)

There was discussion on the Mini-Advocacy Day meetings with the Division of Budget, Assembly Ways & Means, the Assembly Speaker’s Office, and Senator Skelos’ Office. Lauren C. asked if there are any grassroots efforts to move New York City assembly Democrats to increase their support for libraries.

**Motion:** Rebekkah moved to have LAMS contribute $500.00 for support of the 2014 Advocacy Day. Ed seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

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**Membership Committee (Rebecca)**

From the phone meeting on May 2nd:

- More talk about the proposed restructuring of the organizational membership dues (see April 15, 2013 LAMS Board minutes).
- LAMS membership numbers stayed the same: basic, 198; additional, 212.
- The board discussed the idea of LAMS and PLS combining efforts in a Spring/Summer membership drive.
- Sections should not be affected by the proposed restructuring of the organizational membership dues. Tim asked Rebecca if any action was taken, or if there was any discussion on sections supporting the membership restructuring change. Tim asked if LAMS should think about having this discussion and possibly planning a vote on how to move forward on this.
- Discussion on Membership Committee plan for visiting iSchools throughout the State.
- Discussion on whether NYLA should be listed as a sponsor at Education rallies?
- Jennifer suggested promoting LAMS membership at the Long Island Library Conference held in Melville, New York.

Follow-up discussion on new membership ideas (See April 15, 2013 LAMS Board minutes):

- Jennifer said we should be clearer about why people should join LAMS. Rebecca replied that our name change makes our message clearer; “…a way to get people new to the profession on becoming a leader in libraries.” Discussion and brainstorming ensued.
- Jennifer suggested setting up a mentoring program. Rebekkah said this was tried before, but it is certainly worth revisiting. Rebecca L. heads the Mentoring Leadership Committee. Other ideas: Modeling after the ALA mentoring programs (Lauren C.); resume and job interview preparation services offered by LAMS Board (Jennifer).
- Gillian will send the membership brochure to Board members to amend.

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**LAMS Nominating Committee (Tim)**
Slate available for voting on the website: Mary Trev for Treasurer, and Lauren C. for Vice President/President-Elect. Both are running unopposed.

**JLAMS (Richard - excused)**
No report.

**Web and Social Media Committee**
NYLA rejected the proposal for a separate LAMS web platform, prompting Rebecca to say, “Now Facebook is the only way for us [to get out our message].”

**LAMS Scholarship Committee (Jennifer)**
Draft NYLA Leadership and Management Academy Scholarship Selection Criteria description distributed to the Board (attached).
Rebecca suggested limiting the length of the personal statement to 2 pages, single space. Tim asked to expand on the letter of reference or support. Discussion.
Ed asked what is the cash value of the scholarship, and the amount is $800.00.
Also mentioned:
- Scholarship counts as a CE for the program certification.
- The special projects should be LAMS related.
- Jeremy welcomes LAMS involvement in reviewing applicants for the award.
- Advertise scholarship through NYLINE with a special outreach to all Library Directors.
- Applications must be submitted by August 18. Winner will be announced at the conference.
- Jennifer, Lauren B., and Lauren C. will review the applications.

7. **Old Business**
Conference update (Gillian):
An attempt is made to move eBook section to an earlier time slot. We are waiting to see how Jeremy will accommodate us on this.
Gillian will send email to Board members on room monitor assignments.

Luncheon update:
- No table talks while we are eating lunch.
- Time period for speaking content will be 25 minutes with questions and answers.

Booth update:
- Raffle; ask Mary Trev to buy the prize (mini iPad).
- There are still more socks left, so it was decided to give socks away with all new memberships at the conference.
- The booth display will be a light bulb with ideas attached to rays of light. (Lauren C.)
- Other ideas for giveaways are phosphorescent plastic items and buttons.
8. New Business
Lauren B. is leaving the Fayetteville Free Library so that she can pursue a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. Although she can no longer commit to LAMS as a board member, she still wants to stay involved. The Board enthusiastically welcomed any future contribution from Lauren, and wished her the very best in her academic pursuit.

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting, Tim seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 1:20pm.
Next Meeting: September 4, 2013 at Mid Hudson.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Robert Carle,
LAMS Secretary