LAMS Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, August 9, 2017  
Mid-Hudson Library System  
Poughkeepsie, NY

Meeting called to order: 11:25 am  
**Attendees:** Jennifer Cannell, Rob Carle, Lauren Comito, AnnaLee Giraldo, Julie Kelsall-Dempsey, Barbara Madonna, Amy Peker, Amanda Perrine. **Absent:** Frank Rees, Gillian Thorpe.

**Minutes:**
Approval of the May 10, 2017 minutes. Corrections noted.  
AnnaLee moved, Jen seconded; minutes approved.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Barbara – Frank absent)
Galina sent Treasury report (Attached). NYLA is raising conference luncheon cost from $29.00 to $39.00. Current balance is $17,522.18. Julie moved to accept the report. Jen seconded.

**Electronic Vote:** No electronic votes.

**NYLA Liaison Reports**
**NYLA Council** – Barbara gave report.

**Legislative Committee** – Lauren gave report.

**Membership Committee** (Julie)
Last phone conference was on June 20.
- Increase in section cost from $5.00 to $10.00.
- Current LAMS membership stands at 483.
- Discussion on how people are directed to section membership when organizations are responsible for paying staff membership. A suggestion was made that members are provided guidance to the sections by the LAMS booth attendants at conference.

**Continuing Education** (Amanda)
Amanda gave the report and then a discussion ensued on webinars, their effectiveness, and how money is distributed based on who is conducting the webinar. If, for example, the organization leads the seminar, then the organization should get the money for their efforts. However if NYLA is leading the seminar then the money goes into the NYLA coffers.

**Scholarship Committee** (Julie)
The leadership scholarship was awarded to Nina Acosta from the Mid-Hudson Library System. This led to a discussion on offering additional scholarships from LAMS and what they should include.

**Motion:** AnnaLee moved to add an additional Leadership scholarship from the LAMS section, and the award will cover the cost of tuition for the Leadership and Management Academy. Amy seconded and the motion passed.
Motion: Amanda moved to establish a Library Assistant and Support Staff Scholarship for 2018. The award will include the full NYLA Conference fee, hotel accommodations, $100.00 for travel to the conference, and LAMS section membership for one year. Jen seconded and the motion passed.

Old Business:

Conference Update
- AnnaLee sent out room monitor sheet to Board members.
- AnnaLee will check with Gillian on booth progress.
- Discussion on the Conference Mentoring Program and how it will assist new LAM members navigate their way through the conference.
- From 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm on November 1, 2017 a one hour social mixer is scheduled for all LAMS members followed by a LAMS Board meeting. The new Board members will be introduced to the structure of our Board with all of its related committee assignments and offices.

Leadership and Management Academy partnership (Amanda, Amy, and Jen)
Amy said she wants to learn about NYLA’s goals for this continuing education program, and she wants to compare these goals with the goals of other similar institutions.
There is an interest in updating the relationship between NYLA and the current LAMS Board. This will help clarify the expectations each will have with the current state of the Academy.
Amy also wants to reach out to academic libraries to determine what curriculum changes might be developed to meet their needs. How do we go about letting them identify concerns that could make the Academy more meaningful for different types of libraries?

By-Laws
Brief discussion.
Motion: Changes made to the LAMS Board by-laws will be presented to the LAMS membership on a special ballot by NYLA. Barbara moved, Lauren seconded.

New Business:
New Board members were selected to fill the three empty seats currently available on the LAMS Board. The current LAMS Board wants to extend a warm welcome to Timothy Furgal, Anne De La Chapelle, and Edwin Maxwell as new Board members.
These appointees were selected based on their merit, the diversity of the types of libraries they represent, and that they represent various geographic regions of New York State.

Lauren moved to adjourn the meeting, Julie seconded.
Meeting adjourned at 2:09.


Minutes respectfully submitted by,
Robert Carle, LAMS Secretary