

Approved at February 2011 board meeting.

Motion made by Charlie Kelly, seconded by Sue Kowalski. Motion carried.



SLMS Board Meeting

November 6, 2010

Saratoga Hilton

Saturday, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Called to order 2:24 PM

Approved

In attendance: Melissan Ahart, Rosina Alaimo, John Brock, Sally Daniels, Mary Beth Farr, Pauline Herr, Sara Kelly Johns, Maxine Kamin, Mary Ann Karre, Charlie Kelly, Sue Kowalski, Carole Kupelian, Jill Leinung, Cathie Marriott, Patty Martire, Michelle Miller, Lisa Perkowski, Fran Roscello, Ellen Rubin, Livia Sabourin, Pat Shanley, Joanne Shawhan, Karen Sperrazza.

Administration – Fran Roscello, President

- Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Sara Kelly Johns, seconded by Mary Ann Karre. *Motion carried.*

- Board briefs: Charlie Kelly
- Approval of Minutes – Pauline Herr, Secretary
 - August Board Meeting
 - Online voting review (none)

MOTION: To approve the minutes from August 2010 meeting as presented.

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Pat Shanley. *Motion carried.*

- Finances - Patty Martire, Treasurer
 - 2010 Treasurer Report and Approval
 - **Revenue:** Membership dues is not complete, notification hasn't come yet.
 - Conference Revenue (SLMS): Some bills are still outstanding, but at this time our income is \$26,296.46. Conference revenue from this conference (NYLA) is unknown at this time.
 - Ways and Means: \$335
 - Ed Leadership: The number on the revenue sheet is just what we took in. Ed Leadership is split out; the check for Cornell just went

- out.
- Bea Angus: Bea is doing a great job getting advertising for the SLMSGram. This has positively helped our bottom line.
- Carole A Kearney: \$1500.
- **Expenses:** Ed Leadership is split out; the check for Cornell just went out.
- We've been trying to save money and have been successful.
- Heather Damico, SLMSGram Editor, has found a new printer that has saved us quite a bit of money.
- We don't have a bill for administration from NYLA yet.
- The audit was \$2500

MOTION: To accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. *Motion accepted.*

- It was suggested that we put some money into the Laura Wedge Scholarship each year to keep it running, rather than running out.

MOTION: That the money from this year's (NYLA 2010) SLMS raffle be added to the Laura Wedge monies.

Motion made by Ellen Rubin, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. Motion carried.

- Rosina suggested that since there is sometimes money left in the codes at the end of the year, we might want to consider using some of this money. We can look at our financial situation at the end of the fiscal year and, possibly, add to the Wedge Fund. We will consider this at our mid-year meeting, as Patty will have more complete figures by then.

● **President's Update**

- We have two new members: Melissa Ahart, Region II Coordinator and Michelle Miller, secretary.
- Introductions were made around the table.
- Name change: Fran introduced the topic at the membership meeting and will write an article about it for the SLMSGram.
- Membership is down. We need to work to get our membership up. Consider a gift of membership to retirees.
- Carole Kupelian suggested we remind people to check off **SLMS** on the NYLA brochure. If they forgot, they can call the NYLA office and request it be added. Fran will put this information in the NYLA bulletin. The regional representatives can disseminate this information as they attend meetings. Reps can bring membership forms with SLMS pre-checked.
- Talk up the 2011 SLMS Conference in Buffalo, especially those who live in the western end of NY. Long Island sometimes hires a bus for their members; this is a good idea!
- Melissa asked for a membership break down by area. Fran said we could

do that using zip codes. Rosina also gets lists of new people and expired memberships.

Action Items from Reports

- Vendor rates at conferences for Non-profits and small businesses – Karen Sperrazza
 - Issue: SLAWNY needs a vendor update as to nonprofits. It seems that, in the past, nonprofits have been given tables at a dramatically reduced rate. SLAWNY needs clarification.
 - Round tables aren't charged; this is a reciprocal arrangement.
 - Small businesses: Ellen explained that these people do get a reduced rate.
 - PBS and SED are partners. Liz Hood is the representative.
 - Karen suggested we investigate what NYLA does and follow their lead. We will continue this discussion at our mid-winter meeting.
 - 2011 conference: The conference chairs need to be able to move on. Sometimes a policy is too restrictive; they should make any decisions on an as-needed basis, as they see fit.
- SLMSGram Ad rates – Bea Angus & Heather Damico
 - We previously approved a rate hike for SLMSGram advertisements. Ellen spoke with Bea and reported that, due to the economic climate, Bea would rather see us increase our ads rather than raise our rates and not get them.

MOTION: To postpone the rate increase that was recommended and approved in January until such time as the economy improves and it will make sense.

Motion made by Ellen Rubin, seconded by Carole Kupelian. *Motion carried.*

- Appointment of Melissa Ahart as Region II Coordinator until our next election.

MOTION: To appoint Melissa Ahart to the SLMS Board to fill the open position of Region II Coordinator and to put her on the slate in the spring.

Motion made by Fran Roscello, seconded by Ellen Rubin. *Motion carried.*

- SLMS Financial arrangement with NYLA (MOU at mtg.) – Fran Roscello
 - **History:** When SLMS was first formed, it had its own treasury. This money was kept separate from NYLA money. When other sections came along, their money was kept with NYLA's. SLMS money is separate; we are almost an organization unto ourselves. The SLMS treasurer (who was bonded) controlled all the SLMS money. There were some issues at one time, and we were audited by NYLA. About 10 years ago, auditors explained that it isn't fiscally sound to put our money into the hands of a volunteer. At that time, we decided to hire NYLA to do our bookkeeping. We pay NYLA \$1500 / year to keep track of our money. We also pay for a separate audit other than NYLA (\$2500). It costs us \$4000-5000/year to

keep our money separate.

- **Question:** Does it still make sense to keep our money separate? This year, NYLA changed the end of their fiscal year to July rather than December. Fran had a discussion with NYLA and polled the executive board. After Fran's conversation with Michael, the following was proposed: SLMS would merge its finance and bank accounts with NYLA for uniformity across all Sections and to be more cost-effective of our members funds. SLMS would still be in control of our funds. to NYLA, but still be in charge of it. There will be no real change, except that our money would not be in a separate account. Procedurally, we will need one less signature to sign checks. Fran also told Michael that we need some guarantees. We will maintain control over our conferences and conference financing and maintain control over our budget and expenditures. Our CD's will also be maintained separately. NYLA will pay for auditors and accounting services. NYLA keeps all interest earned on all money.
- **Patty Martire:** Reimbursements. At this time, a reimbursement form goes to Patty, then Galena, then Michael and back to Patty. There is a lot of extra time involved. If the change goes through, Patty would like a copy of the check to be sure it's correct. Michael is happy about this, because they don't like getting audit reports with a check on it. There was distrust with NYLA at one time; this seems not to exist anymore.
- **Reports:** At this time, Galena puts our dues into our account, but we're not notified that this has been done. What kind of report will the treasurer have access to? If Patty does not receive monthly statements; how will she keep track of the money? What reports does Galena give to the sectors? Patty feels that deposits should continue as they are. Patty volunteered to accompany Fran to find out exactly what is expected of the treasurer and which reports she will receive. We need to work these issues out.

MOTION: The president has the authority to sign a SLMS Financial arrangement with NYLA after concerns are resolved. Changes will take place January 1, 2011. Refer to the memorandum of understanding (attached, p. 7)

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. *Motion carried.*

Discussion Items from previous meeting(s) and Action

- SLMS name change to NYLA/Section of School Librarians (NYLA/SSL)
 - Logo – SLMS will wait to change its logo until after NYLA decides if they are changing their logo. Libby Post is doing advocacy work for NYLA and is looking at a possible logo change. Libby also wants to do some work with focus groups. She will be at our February meeting on Sunday and we will try to end early so she can conduct a focus group with the SLMS Board and committee chairs. Hopefully, most of the attendees will be able

to stay and work with her.

- By-Laws for vote in Spring – Carol Kupelian
 - Carole is just getting started. Jane Herbst is working with Carole electronically.
 - Sara is taking over educational leadership for Marcia while she is NYLA president. We would like to hold our presenter expenses under \$3,000. We didn't spend money on presenters last year, so can roll over some money from last year for presenters. We are looking at the Common Core standards as a focus.
 - We could add: personal leadership, libraries as learning spaces, and learning commons.
 - These four tools would make a series of great workshops along with a wrap-up session. Other suggestions include: an "Extreme librarian make-over," transforming your library, advisory committees, and data mining. Judy Jacowski (known for her work with assessment) may be willing to take part. Send any other ideas to Sara.
 - The mid-winter AASL conference may give us other ideas to consider.

Discussion Items

- Common Core Standards – John Brock & Joanne Shawhan
 - Comment period: October 20 – November 29.
 - Joanne: There is a timeline, but expect the dates to slip. Statewide curriculum center for ELA. Take a look at the timeline. Once the RFP's are out, they can't talk about it. Eighty-five percent of the math and ELA standards were prepared by several states. NY is adding 15% to the ELA standards. NY is adding pre-K and ELL.
 - Look at the standards, there are about 65 pages. Print them out and mark those items we (school librarians) can use.
 - Literature: there is not a lot of poetry included.
 - Should this board do anything in this time? As we see it, the standards are not explicit, they are not scaffolded, and there is no continuum. John recommended sending comments toward information literacy.
 - Standards are far from curriculum. Curriculum models.
 - John will email some comments to Fran.
 - We need to provide consensus. Barbara Stripling has done great work through the NYC Information Literacy Continuum. We must work together through our leadership and affiliates. This is an opportunity for libraries!
- Conference recommendations – deferred to the February meeting.

Announcements

Marla Yudin had to resign as SLSA Representative. Our new representative is April Bliss.

Fran has some applicants for the YSS liaison position.

Beth Davis resigned due to work changes. Region IV has only one affiliate (ENYSLMA).

Fran will contact their president for suggestions.

We also need a Continuing Education chair. (This person plans Pre-conference workshops, NYLA institutes, attends appropriate meetings with NYLA, etc.)

- Dewey Fellow Announcement – Fran Roscello
 - Congratulations to Sue Kowalski!
- SLMS & NYLA Conferences – Karen Sperrazza, VP Conferences
 - 2010 – Melissa Bergin, Conference Chair
 - We have received the funds from this conference.
 - NYLA 2010: Our thanks to Karen Sperrazza for all her hard work at this conference! She also saved us a great deal of money by moving presentation equipment from room-to-room.
 - 2011 – James Clark and Bethanne Stancl, Conference Chairs
 - Their report is included on the Google Docs page.
 - They are working with lots of initiative. Bethanne is negotiating the vendor rates!
 - L4L: There is a whole page in the NYLA Conference program dedicated to the upcoming SLMS Conference, theme: L4L
 - 2012 – Mary Ann Karre, Conference Co-Chair / Karen Sperrazza (Binghamton) ‘Expand Influence at the Confluence: create, cultivate, collaborate, communicate’
 - Save the date cards were given to vendors who have offered to help.
 - They requested guidance for the monetary compensation of Keynotes and speakers. It was suggested that \$2-3,000 and travel expenses (within reason) is sufficient.
 - A local bookstore is lined up.
- Membership Statistics – Rosina Alaimo, Membership Chair
 - Read Rosina’s report. She included suggestions for increasing membership.
- APPR Update – John Brock & Joanne Shawhan
 - John: There are 3 core documents that he’s adding to our SLMS board document page. There is a task force on teacher/principal effectiveness. We need consensus to get Librarians on the table.
 - Lisa Perkowski: We don’t fit into a hole. We need an evaluation as a facility manager.
 - It’s not HOW we should be evaluated, it’s do we want to be evaluated?
 - Fran will put on the agenda for February. We need a more lengthy time to discuss this.
 - The next RAC (Regents Advisory Council for Libraries) meeting is Dec. 3.
 - Pat Shanley: We must work more and try to get more face time in NYCEA. There are groups here that can be helpful to us.

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- Send further comments to Fran for our February meeting.
- NYLA 120th Anniversary Scholarship Fund – Marcia Eggleston, NYLA President
 - The Scholarship fund is up to \$120,000. Scholarships are given to each of the seven State Library schools.
 - PLS: Gave \$1.00 for each of their members. We will consider something similar at our February meeting.

Additional highlights and/or issues from reports

- Paige Jaeger sent a note to say how much she got out of retreat.
- Joe Maddie retired. Carole Kupelian, as sunshine coordinator, will take care of some sort of recognition for his work and accomplishments with SLMS.
- November 15 is the last day to apply for SLMS awards.

Identifying mega issues facing school library media specialists and SLMS/NYLA (as time permits)

Closing remarks and next meeting - Fran Roscello

- Next meeting – Albany Holiday Inn on Wolf Road – Saturday, February 5th starting at 1:00 PM & Sunday, February 6th ending at Noon.

MOTION: To adjourn the SLMS Board Meeting.

Motion made by Ellen Rubin, seconded by Charlie Kelly. *Motion carried.*

The meeting was adjourned at 4:54.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pauline Herr, Secretary