

These are the draft minutes, as taken at the meeting on May 7, 2011. There is no record of the November 2011 meeting in the archives to point to these being approved.



**SLMS/NYLA Membership Meeting
May 7, 2011
Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York
1:00 – 5:00 PM
Called to order 7:44a**

In attendance:

Melissa Ahart, Rosina Alaimo, Bea Angus, Kate Berens, April Bliss, John Brock, MarySue Brost, Leona Chereskinaski, Molly Clark, Pamela Clark, Lindsay Cesari, Sally Daniels, Debora Donohue, Marcia Eggleston, MaryBeth Farr, Cathi Franchino, Annarose Foley, Sarah Gallien, Sonna Hanus, Pauline Herr Sara Kelly Johns, Barbara Kane, Mary Ann Karre, Maryalice Kelbourne, Charlie Kelly, Sarah Keesler, Rhonda King, Emily Kordasiewicz, Patricia Kotz, Sue Kowalski, Carole Kupelian, Patty Lebrenz, Jill Leinung, Mary Lord, Richard Lord, Patricia Lundquist, Chris Lupo, Jennifer Lyons, Michelle Miller, Patty Martire, Cheryl Nasbund, Patricia Naty, Leslie Occhiuto, Susan Palento, Anne Paulson, Lonna Pierce, Dawn Pressimone, Laura Reed, Fran Roscello, Mary Ann Sheets, Penny Slate, Amy Jo Southworth, Karen Sperrazza, Maureen Squier, Sue Stagruth, Beth Stancl, Kathy Starks, Jan Suda, Brenda Trivilino, Diana Wendell, Allison Wheeler, Kelly Wilson,

Administration – Fran Roscello, President

- Declaration of Quorum was confirmed with more than 30 members present.
- Approval of Agenda: Fran Roscello, President

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Melissa Ahart, seconded by Richard Lord. *Motion carried.*

- Approval of Minutes – Michelle Miller, Secretary

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Kelly Wilson, seconded by Sue Kowalski. *Motion carried.*

- 2010 Year End Financial Report, Patty Martire, Treasurer
 - It was noted by Treasurer, Patty Martire, when comparing expenses from 2009 to 2010, there has been a decrease in expenses, and the organization has worked hard to cut back.

- There has been a decrease in income and this is related in part to lower membership.
- Our conference revenue was increased in 2010 when compared to the previous year.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer’s report and 2011 Budget as presented.

Motion made by Karen O’Donnell, seconded by Donna Hanus. *Motion carried.*

Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs.

- The current Board and Committee Chairs were introduced

Election of Slate of Officers and Regional Candidates

- There were no petition candidates
- An introduction of the slate of officers was presented, in accordance with the Bylaws; one ballot was cast and approved the new candidates listed below.

- President-Elect: Sue Kowalski
- VP Conferences: Livia Sabourin
- Secretary: Michelle Miller
- Treasurer Intern: Paige Jaeger
- Region I Coordinator: Melissa Ahart (fill 1 year unexpired term)
- Region III Coordinator: Susan Polos
- Region IV Coordinator: Jill Leinung (fill 1 year unexpired term)
- Region V Coordinator: Anne Paulson
- Region VII Coordinator: Jennifer “Charlie” Kelly

Vote on By-Laws Update

- Two major changes have been made to the By-Laws that are presented to the membership for review. They include the changing of the By-Laws to reflect current practices, eliminate antiquated language and ensure our By-Laws are in alignment with NYLA and our By-Laws were a policy driven document. The second major change was to reflect the name change that is proposed. AASL has officially changed our title to School Librarians from Library Medial Specialist. The issue was reviewed carefully and in February the decision was made to change our section name under the NYLA to SSL—Section of School Librarians.
- A call for comments and questions was made and there were no comments or questions.

MOTION: To accept the new By-Laws agenda as presented including the name change.

Motion made by Fran Roscello, seconded by Sara Kelly Johns. *Motion carried.*

ORGANIZATION UPDATES

President Update:

- There have been numerous opportunities for our organization to share ideas and comments with the SED through the 2020 Vision Statement that was submitted, APPR comments and core curriculum lessons. These were all submitted through the SLMS Board and it is important to recognize the hard work and time required to complete these papers and reports.
- There have not been as many requests this year for letters of support for superintendents and principals and this could be an encouraging sign of stabilization for our profession and the districts.
- The Laura Wedge Award has been established after a significant donation from Laura Wedge in her will. We are excited to know that the scholarships will be a long standing statement to the contributions of Laura Wedge.
- Membership is down and it is important we all work to get new members as new librarians graduate and as many retire, they retain their membership. It is an excellent gift for graduates and retirees.

Legislation Update

- Library funding has been cut five times in the last two years with a proposed 10% cut. The assemblymen did not support our continued funding, so please meet with these representatives and share your concerns.
- There are two positive items to share from Albany, the library aid has been made permanent as we have asked for many years for this to happen, and we are pleased to see this goal achieved. The other new change is that the textbook and software aid that is available can be used for library materials and the library aid remains available only for library use. This creates additional opportunities for funding for libraries.
- It should also be noted that the proposal to eliminate the middle school mandates was avoided due to your faxes, letters and emails.

Summer Retreat

- Membership is encouraged to attend the Leadership Retreat in Cornell, August 2011. An opportunity to 'Transform your Personal Leadership' with excellent speakers is available and registration forms are available.

ALA/AASL Update

- The AASL conference is scheduled in Minneapolis, Minnesota October 27, 2011 and you are encouraged to attend.
- New York State has adopted common core standards and a crosswalk has been done to the AASL standards and is available on the AASL website.
- May 9-10, 2011 is National Library Legislation Day, we continue to restore funding, and May 10th is Virtual Library Legislation Day so if you cannot travel you are still encouraged to participate. There are many sources of information on the AASL and ALA websites on how to contact your legislators.

- New advocacy brochures have been sent to principals at the middle school and elementary levels.

Conference Update

- The Buffalo Conference team did an excellent job and the 2012 Binghamton conference is on schedule. The 2013 conference will be held in Rochester and the initial contracts are currently being established.

SED/EMSC

- SED continues to work closely with SLMS to ensure the student needs are met. There are numerous opportunities at this time for the continued relationship to grow and improve between SED and SLMS.
- There are changes to the BEDS School Data Form that will allow for more consistency between the BEDS information and the SLYMPY rubric.

ED/DLD

- Summer Reading programs are encouraging greater relationships between school librarians.
- 2020 Vision Statements is an opportunity to be involved in policy changes within education. We are encouraged to participate and share ideas and offer input as this living statement is created.

ISSUES FROM MEMBERSHIP

- The 2012 Knickerbocker Award winner is Emily Arnold McCully. 2013 voting opens soon.
- 3 Apples award winners for 2012 are;
 - Chester by Melanie Watt
 - Diary of a Wimpy Kid, Roderick Rules by Jeff Kinney
 - Hunter Games by Suzanne Collins
- Participation is dropping in the 3 Apples awards and a survey will be going out to gather information regarding the program.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Richard Lord. *Motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Miller, Secretary