

**Approved at board meeting 2/3/2012**

**MOTION: To approve the minutes.**

Motion made by MaryAnn Karr, seconded by Sue Kowalski. *Motion carried.*



**SLMS/NYLA Board Meeting  
November 4, 2011  
NYLA Conference, Saratoga, NY  
11:00AM – 2:00 PM  
Called to order 11:08**

**In attendance:** Bea Angus, April Bliss, Sally Daniels, Marcia Eggleston, Mary Beth Farr, Pauline Herr, Paige Jaeger, Sue Kowalski, Carole Kupelian, Jill Leinung, Patty Martire, Michelle Miller, Fran Roscello, Ellen Rubin, Livia Sabourin, Pat Shanley, Joanne Shawhan, Karen Sperrazza,

**Administration** – Fran Roscello, President

The agenda calls for meetings today and a review of committee meeting reports from last night.

- Approval of Agenda: Fran Roscello, President

**MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.**

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

- Approval of Minutes – Michelle Miller, Secretary

**MOTION: To approve the minutes.**

Motion made by Sue Kowalski, seconded by Sally Daniels. *Motion carried.*

- Budget and Treasurer Report - Patty Martire, Treasurer
  - There have been many changes due to the conversion to the NYLA financing calendar.
  - All income will be included and the final report done for July 1 through June 30 each year.
  - All reimbursement claims must be submitted immediately after an event to ensure correct accounting procedures can be followed. The policy states claims should be submitted within 60 days.
  - All finances must be done within the fiscal year.

- The current expenses and income has been posted, if there are questions, please refer them to Patty. There have been line items combined to streamline the accounting process.
- Budget will be presented and approved at the May SSL Conference meeting due to our new fiscal calendar.

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

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Jill Leinung. *Motion carried.*

**President Update:**

- It is rewarding to see new members among the Board who have dedicated their time and efforts to the success of SSL.
- Significant time was spent responding to SED initiatives. We successfully fought to keep the Library Material Aid at its present level without being combined with other aids. We also fought to keep the middle school mandate of having a school library media specialist. Many thanks to those who contributed their time and expertise in the preparation of materials.
- We need to continue to encourage membership to librarians who are retiring and keep them involved in the organization, retiree dues are only \$30.
- Many thanks to Fran Roscello for her commitment to SSL as President and sharing her experience and insight with the organization.

**ACTION ITEMS FROM REPORTS:**

- Barbara Stripling is running for ALA President. This is an expensive campaign to run and a suggestion was made to donate to the campaign.

**MOTION: To donate \$250 towards the campaign of Barbara Stripling for ALA President.**

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

- Pat Shanley is resigning her position as the NYSCEA Delegate and due to the importance of SSL having a voice at the table of NYSCEA, a new delegate is needed

**MOTION: To accept Carole Kupelian as the NYSCEA Delegate for SSL.**

Motion made by Ellen Rubin, seconded by Patty Martire. *Motion passed.*

- The SiSSLer Advertising Committee is recruiting more member sot assist with advertising. The task of securing advertising has been done by Bea Angus; however there are more avenues of revenue to be explored. There is a need for additional members to secure advertising, if you are interesting, contact Bea Angus.
- NYLA Booth prices were based on membership, SSL made the decision to not pay for a booth due to limited number of SSL members. There will be decisions to be made for the NYLA Conference next year, as it will be in Saratoga Springs again and prices will be variable based on hotel

contracts. There will be new spaces for round tables and sections and the vendor trade show will be separate. This may be an annual decision and is tabled to the winter meeting.

- We are pleased to announce that Charlie Kelly has been selected as an ALA Emerging Leader and will be attending the ALA conferences and receive specialized training with ALA and various divisions. Sue Kowalski will forward an article regarding this accomplishment to The SiSSLer.

**MOTION: To donate a stipend of \$450 for expenses and travel as an Emerging Leader candidate.**

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Ellen Rubin. Motion passed.

- A request from Region I has been made to consider establishing a blog within the NYLA/SSL site to share ideas and news. This site would be password protected, and link from our webpage. Paige Jaeger and April Bliss will collect various blogs and information regarding the need for a blog and create possible links to share at the Winter Meeting.

**Discussion Items from Previous Meetings**

- The conference committee created and updated the conference book making the necessary changes to our name and new logo. The timeline for a conference is almost three years from beginning with letters to the affiliates and the end of the conference. A task list has been created by Jim Clark and Bethanne Stanci that is blank and can be used for each conference.
- The Board Book has been updated to include all motions, updated policy and is currently being reviewed.
- Educational Leadership discussed program for August conference items and funding for these retreats. We may need to review the purpose of the Cornell retreat due to increased attendance and if we consider making the Retreat a revenue generating event, how that impacts the May conference.
- The board meeting was held prior to the retreat and members felt this was a successful schedule to maintain.
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**Discussion Items**

- Advocacy continues to be an important topic as budgets continue to be challenged. There is a crisis toolkit available on the website and letters can be requested from the SSL President citing the importance of the certified library media specialist in the school.
- Responses to SED: many responses have been written in conjunction with SLSA and we will continue to work together and share information.
- Place to obtain information is EngageNY.org, the site contains standards, worksheets, videos, and frequently asked questions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- SLMS/NYLA Conference Updates. Karen publicly acknowledged all the hard work and great success to Beth Stanci and Jim Clark as the 2011 Chairs. The Knickerbocker Raffle was a great success. The 2012 Conference Chairs reported the Conference Wiki is up and running. There was also discussion to eliminate the early bird rate and offer a drawing for those who have registration in early. 2013 Conference Chairs offered a title for their conference "School Librarians- Savvy to the Core" The 2013 Conference Chairs also reported they were considering the SED Commissioner as the speaker for the Friday luncheon, there was concern about this selection due to the Commissioner being a public figure and the potential of a last minute scheduling conflict.
- The Knickerbocker Committee has changed the logo to reflect our new name.
- Membership is reported stable at approximately 780.
- Awards Deadlines are November 15, 2011.
- The Follett trophy was presented to Sue Kowalski with a school wide celebration of excellence. An article will be sent to The SiSSLer highlighting this great achievement.

### **MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 1:45**

Motion made by Sue Kowalski seconded by Patty Martire. *Motion passed.*

Next meeting is scheduled for February 4-5, 2012.

Action items requiring voting will be completed via e-voting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Miller, Secretary