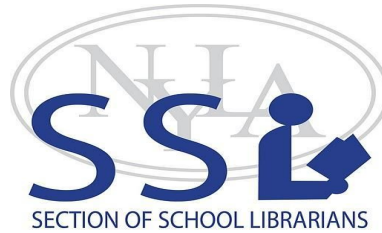


Approved at board meeting - September 25, 2013

MOTION: To approve the minutes.

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Pauline Herr. *Motion carried.*



SSL Board Meeting

August 4, 2013

Leadership Institute, Cornell University

Called to order 9:01

In attendance: Sue Bartle, Kim Donius, Marcia Eggleston, Pauline Herr, Mary Anne Karre, Sara Kelly Johns, Sue Kowalski, Patty Martire, Michelle Miller, Anne Paulson, Lisa Perkowski, Susan Polos, Fran Rosecello, Livia Sabourin, Micky Schied, Joanne Shawhan, Karen Sperrazza,

Administration –Sue Kowalski, President

- Approval of Agenda: Sue Kowalski, President

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Anne Paulson, seconded by Livia Sabourin. *Motion carried.*

- Approval of Minutes – Michelle Miller, Secretary

MOTION: To approve the minutes.

Motion made by Pauline Herr, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

- Budget and Treasurer Report - Patty Martire, Treasurer
 - The cooperation with NYLA continues to improve and all systems are working well.
 - The general ledger in a PDF format is updated daily and is very useful to detail all credits and debits.
 - All savings and CD's need to be listed under scholarships.

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

Motion made by Mary Anne Karre, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. *Motion carried.*

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

- Plan to create a virtual toolkit for review that includes the organizational chart and the processes of the organization.
- ALA Strategic Planning meeting was held in Chicago, much of the discussion focused on where we need to go as an organization.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- All policies have been retyped with strike throughs on the items that have been

dropped.

- The last item on each job description will be to pass on information within one month of transition with details about what to share as well as an activity calendar for the position.
- Continued updating and revision of policy book continues, with most policies now aligned with current practice.
- Changes were discussed for many policies
 - A task force will be created to discuss the various awards and define and update the School Library Media award that will include designing an application, determine criteria, and the guidelines of the award.

MOTION: To establish a task force with Dawn Pressimone, Awards Chair, as the leader of the task force, to evaluate award guidelines, with review of policies 24, 59, 76, 80.

- Motion made by Patty Martire, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A donation for the Sunshine Fund from board members is requested to allow our Sunshine Fund to be replenished and ensure appropriate occasions are honored.
- The new President Elect for YSS is Mary Ferris and we look forward to working with her.

REPORTS

- Legislation Report: Will have a signing of the "Declaration for the Right to Libraries with Barbara Stripling, ALA President, at our Leadership Institute which will be presented at National Library Day in Washington D.C... The goal of the Declaration is to secure the number of signatures equivalent to the number of school age children in the United States. Library aid has increased due to advocacy efforts. Digital Literacy S.2855 has allowed changes in the language in Education Law, allowing school librarians to offer instruction in grades k-12 on "digital literacy", as opposed to the dated and limited term "internet safety". Digital literacy entails the skills needed to use technology, the internet and information in the 21st century.
- Membership continues to be a concern as we try attracting new members. A recruitment effort will begin for new librarians in cooperation with library schools. We are also creating our own SSL welcome letter to accompany the NYLA welcome letter.
- The conversion to an online format for *SiSSLer* has been discussed at length and the decision to commit to a new format has been reviewed. The final print volume will be determined and our new *SiSSLer* will be in a digital format. A new Advertising Coordinator is needed, each member is being asked to solicit one person in their district if they would like to volunteer.

MOTION: To convert our *SiSSLER* newsletter to a digital format.

Motion made by Mary Anne Karre, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. *Motion carried.*

- Educational Leadership reports there are 128 full attendees for the Leadership Institute including 11 commuters and 13 scholarship attendees. The Leadership Institute for 2014 will be August 4th and 5th with the Board Meeting scheduled for the 2nd and 3rd. The online registration form was discussed and is recommended for future use. New topics for next year will be discussed, please share ideas with the members of the Educational Leadership committee.
- NYSCEA Delegates enjoyed a presentation from Dr. Rick Timbs from SRRC who discussed the state financing challenges faced by districts and encouraged members to invite Dr. Timbs to meet with school boards for presentations. The NYSCEA website also has excellent PARCC Assessment resources.
- NYLA Conference committee continues to review programs to cross promote for attendees. The speaker agreements are almost complete. The transition for the new VP of Conferences has begun. The letters of interests for the 2016 conference will be initiated.
- A SSL Meet and Greet will be organized at the AASL Conference in Hartford, Connecticut in November due to the high number of SSL attendees and the close proximity of the conference.
- SSL will promote a booth at NYSCATE again this year for recruitment and awareness.
- The SSL Winter Board Meeting may be changed to March rather than February to allow new board members to transition prior to meeting.
- SSL 2014 Conference updates were reviewed. The conference committee is considering the use of NYLA to manage registration due to limited time and volunteers, the 8% charge per registration is a consideration; however the fee does include name tags, meal tickets and other benefits. The pricing for registration is also under consideration for the committee, the member and non member pricing differences and early bird registration fees will need to be approved by Board.
- AASL Delegate creating a postcard drive to send Thank You postcards to Commissioner King, State Librarian, and Senator Hugh Farley to thank them for the various supports they continue to provide librarians and libraries, postcards will be mailed daily to allow a couple each day to arrive rather than one big batch. Freedom to Read grants are available, new AASL publication, Empowering Leadership is recommended.

- Learning 4 Life documents are being updated and will be forthcoming.
- NYSED reported more new initiatives will be coming, a data portal will be available and will ultimately have resources' EngageNY portal has access to a variety of data and there will be "road shows" to show the data options for all districts; this data will be available free for two years, then will require payment to access.
- There continues to be low voting turnout for the Knickerbocker Award, the committee will look for new ways to vote. A new member is needed for this committee.

MOTION: To change the date deadlines for awards.

- Motion made by Pauline Herr, seconded by Susan Polos. *Motion carried.*
- The Ways and Means Chairperson reported that all Leadership Institute attendees will receive a mug for their attendance and additional must will be available for sale.
- A new School Library System liaison will be recruited to replace April Bliss.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 5:08

Motion made by Livia Sabourin seconded by Susan Polos. *Motion passed.*

Next meeting is scheduled for September, NYLA Conference.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Miller, Secretary