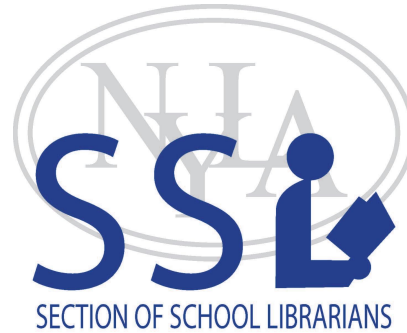


**Approved at August 2015 board meeting, with 2 noted changes**

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



## **SSL Board Meeting - Minutes April 30, 2015 SSL Conference, Tarrytown, NY**

**Meeting began at 2:16**

**Attendees:** Sue Bartle, Melissa Bergin, John Brock, Rebecca Buerkett, Beth Davis, Sheila DiMaggio, Ellen Frank, Jane Herbst, Pauline Herr, Mindy Holland, Sara Kelly Johns, MaryAnn Karre, Sue Kowalski, Jill Leinung, Michelle Miller, Karen O'Donnell, Sue Padjen, Anne Paulson, Lisa Perkowski, Susan Polos, Dawn Pressimone, Joanne Shawhan, Karen Sperrazza, Maureen Squier, Penny Sweeney, Jennifer Henry, Stacey Rattner, Cece Fuoco.

**ADMINISTRATION** – Jill Leinung, President

Approval of Agenda

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

Motion made by Jane Herbst, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

Approval of Minutes from February's Board Meeting – Rebecca Sofferman Buerkett, Secretary

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

Motion made by Pauline Herr, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report – Tina Laramie, Treasurer

- Congratulatory Ad for the SSL Knickerbocker and YSS's Empire State Author in the NYS Writers hall of Fame Gala Program - \$150, due May 11
- Got a letter inviting us to participate and be on the planning committee for the Social Studies Conference next year. We were a huge presence, highest registration, 11 presenters, author panel.

**MOTION: To accept the invitation to participate in next year's Social Studies Framework Conference.**

Motion made by Anne Paulson, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

Past President's Report – Karen Sperrazza

- YSS Conference was in Islip - Karen wrote an article about it for next SSL Newsletter
- Donation for Marcia Eggleston family from Sunshine and extra flower money
- Nominations/ Proposed slate of Officers : Jane Herbst running for second term, Tara running for Region 3, Anne Paulson served 2 terms at Region 5 so Michaela Scheid will serve. Region 7 - Kathy Jarvis resigned, Cecelia Fuoco has agreed to do it, Treasurer intern will be Anne Paulson, Stacy Rattner will serve as VP Conferences intern (working with MaryAnne Karre), AASL delegate - Sue Bartle accepts another 3 yr term. Michelle Miller has agreed to be President-Elect.
- Sunshine guidelines - should be \$15, checks to NYLASSL, if we paid \$10 in Feb, should technically pay again. \$50 from the fund was used to make a donation in Marcia's name to fund whatever the family has designated (plus flowers, which were extra donations) - they may create a library in the cancer center in her name.
- Marcia Eggleston Empowering Leadership Award - to attend SSL conference, money was donated by Sue last year, by Jill this year, Judy Djkowski the following year, going forward, will be funded from auction (one of auction scholarships will be in her name)

**MOTION: that the Marcia Eggleston Empowering Leadership Award will be funded by donations until donations are depleted, after that future scholarships be funded by auction at the leadership institute**

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Beth Davis. *Motion carried.*

President's Update

- Senate Proclamation - passed March 31, committee from AASL asked Senator Farley to make proclamation on Senate Floor for School Library Month.
- Attended Advocacy Day, PAC Gala, 2014 SED School Library Summit
- Sent in recommendations by Mindy Holland and Dianne Wendell about changes to BEDS forms, other states don't have representation in their state education department, but it's a good thing that we do.
- We will have 40 new members in August because some SLSA organizations are paying for all librarians in organizational memberships. Currently we have 673 members; we need more. If we get above 1000 members we can send 2 delegates

to NYLA Council instead of one. If we drop below 600 members, we could lose representation. If all current members got one new member to join, we will boost membership. We need to be able to say that we have members that want this bill passed to expand school librarian mandate to elementary. Heather Turner put info on website.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Communication – Michelle Miller, Vice President of Communication

- We are working out bugs with online newsletter, looking for proactive and forward thinking articles.
- Went to SLSA meeting - not giving us their listservs, but were open to why we all want newsletter to go out to all of their members, open to collaboration.
- We want affiliates to put link to our newsletter on their affiliate's' websites (also SLSA should post on website). Melissa and Jen were very supportive and will pass newsletters on.
- We now have a gmail account that we can send articles to:  
[nyschoollibraians@gmail.com](mailto:nyschoollibraians@gmail.com) .

Web Page – Heather Turner

- Website looks amazing! Heather always makes changes very quickly, she does a fabulous job.

Conferences – MaryAnn Karre, Vice President of Conferences

- We want to add Interns for Treasurer, Vice President of Conferences to overlap terms. This needs to be added to bylaws.
- 2017 Conference - Buffalo – Maria Muhlbauer - already has committee, 5-6 sites

**MOTION: To accept SLAWNY's offer to host 2017 conference in Buffalo.**

Motion made by MaryAnne Karre, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

- 2015 NYLA Conference in Lake Placid totally planned, 6 sessions, 6 co-sponsored sessions for SSL.
- 2016 SSL Conference – Albany- Melissa Bergin, May 5-7, 2016 - doing well with committee, vendors in place, still looking for keynote speaker. Theme is Capitalizing on the Past, Revolutionizing the Future, [ssl2016albany.org](http://ssl2016albany.org)
- AASL President needs to be invited (it's in the bylaws) - Leslie Preddy

- 2015 Conference – Tarrytown, NY - Tara Edmonds and Nina Levine - gone through 3 keynote speakers but we now have Jennifer LaGarde (LibraryGirl)! Dinner options are available, vendors are set, registration is off and running, team will be in tie-dye if you need anything.

#### Awards – Dawn Pressimone

- Source of the Barron Scholarship Funding - we have no money left, using interest for award. Will need to take money from two other scholarships to fund it this year as an interim measure since we already have a recipient. We may need to sunset the scholarship.
- Marcia Eggleston Empowering Leadership Award Scholarship – will be a budget line going forward, fund so it will be rolled over - 10 scholarships available

#### Membership – Maureen Squier

- Report includes membership stats, expiring memberships, etc.
- Need some ways to increase membership - contact expired memberships and ask them to renew - email to board and ask them to contact anyone they might know (draft a letter and email it to them). Can't put in print that we want them to join even if they have to do it at a lower amount, but we can say it verbally. Snail mail might be more effective (vistaprint)? Will get addresses from NYLA.

#### Knickerbocker Award – Karen O'Donnell

- Just sent out membership blast, next voting will be in a few days.
- Arrangements are finalized for Stephen Kellogg
- 2016 is a problem - winner has a prior award, may have to flip flop with 2017 winner.

#### Legislation – Jill Leinung

- 5 million in funding, assembly put in less than senate but the fact that we got anything is great. Thanks to Mike Nepl for lobbying.
- Focusing on 2 priorities: MTA tax exemption for libraries, and expanding access to school librarians bill.
- There is going to be a census so we can account for every school librarian in NYS. We are trying to change BEDS forms but we have no idea if they are being filled out correctly or by librarians so not accurate. Census will be more accurate, starting in fall. Need to build membership so we can put weight of membership behind the bill.

#### Leadership Institute – Lisa Perkowski, Sara Kelly Johns

- Registration forms handed out (board forms are pink). Olga and J'aime asked to put in a proposal for the conference, very exciting workshop.
- Parking is same as last year. If you are coming for board meeting but not staying for Institute, please tell Lisa. Also if we are carpooling, tell Lisa. This will save on parking permits. All registrants will get a confirmation email. Go green discount for carpooling in future years?
- Wiki is up and under construction. <http://deeplyembedded.wikispaces.com> . Google doodle poll for Sunday dinner.
- Registrants need to bring a paper copy of the IFC (or pay for one). Will find out if newer version (common core alignment) will be necessary.
- Going back to Cornell after much discussion, chose this over other proposals because we want to bring in our own food and drinks for the auction, plus food prices. Same dates as PBLNY and also summer school - do we want to change it? Poll for future years.
- Need to get administrators to buy in to our conference.

#### 2014 Summit Update – Sara Kelly Johns, Past President of NYLA

- Session tomorrow on updates. Called together all School Library related organizations in state. John King made sure IFC was posted on EngageNY. These are result of action steps at conference.
- Focus on one action step - have administrators channel on NYLA webpage - need to look at SLMPE rubric too (over 1500 schools report using it on BEDS, some SLS using as membership report).
- Mocked up three documents - 1. rubric support page, refreshing guidance around use of rubric, what does essential element look like in practice?, Data analysis, Someone (group, agency, individual) should act as “expert” on each element. 2. Resource collection spreadsheet (can add pictures, data, info, etc). 3. Improvement plan template. Make sure we are representing the consensus of the field.
- Playing Your Part in the 2014 School Library Summit - tomorrow at 3:15. Sara has uploaded updated document to Drive showing where we are at with the summit recommendations. Tomorrow’s discussion - where do we go from here? What isn’t happening? Current BEDS does not reflect someone being shared between buildings.
- \$6.25/student needs to be increased (from early 90s).

#### Advocacy Chair – Sue Kowalski

- Will happen through awards, new members involved, happens organically, doesn’t need to be stand-alone thing, we need to embed it in all we do. Maintain what we have, add on more places to make next best connection.

- Should speak at school boards association conference (Pauline can try to get us in since she's on her school board).

SED – John Brock, Joanne Shawhan, Mary Beth Farr

- Make sure updated IFC matches what's posted on the website.

AASL – Sue Bartle

- Went to Scranton, turned in three accommodations (1. NY SS Convention, 2. SLS in Madison-Oneida to work in SS and primary resources. 3. Human Rights Institute in Buffalo), down to one concern.
- More members with AASL than with SSL - need to coordinate to improve that.
- Jill and Sue going to full-day leadership conference in San Francisco.

Region VIII – Mary Ann Leonard Sheets

- Determining boundaries and assignment of Regions – who determines? Let the two affiliates decide to alter their boundaries and bring to the board? Allow them to make a proposal, bring before board. All needs to be in writing.

Ways and Means - Penny Sweeney

- Sign up to cover Booth.
- Blue zip-up fleeces with white emblem will be \$35, also travel mugs. \$40 if you want one of each (anniversary cost) if a member. \$45 for both if not.
- T-shirts and light-up pens for sale, freebie pens and pads too. If they are willing to contribute to NYS map, they can have a free light-up pen (Sue and Sue have display).
- SLMSSNY has bingo game in vendor room - do it and win prizes!
- \$5 for common core mugs.

Three Apples Committee – Mary Ann Leonard-Sheets

Library School Liaison - Sheila DiMaggio

- Meeting with reps from library schools, recruitment is important. Numbers are down, jobs are out there. 400 jobs open in NYC. Huge drop in teacher enrollments, let alone librarians.
- Need place on our website to post job openings.
- Need “so you want to be a librarian” brochure.

**MOTION: To adjourn.**

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:12 pm