

Approved 11/5/2016 - Saratoga Springs

- Approval of minutes from last membership meeting--Motion: Ellen Rubin; Second, Sue Kowalski. Approved

SSL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Minutes

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Meeting began

Administration – Susan Polos, President

- Declaration of Quorum

MOTION: Declaration of quorum.

Motion made by Sara Kelly Johns, seconded by Jill Leinung. *Motion carried.*

- Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

Motion made by Sue Kowalski, seconded by Penny Sweeney. *Motion carried.*

- Approval of the Minutes – Rebecca Sofferman, Secretary

MOTION: To approve the minutes.

Motion made by Penny Sweeney, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

Recognition of Affiliate Presidents - Charlie Kelly

Recognition of Members from our Regions

Introduction of the Board and Committee Chairs

Organizational Updates

- President – Susan Polos – talk to our leadership, let us know what we can do.
- Bylaws Vote - Karen Sperrazza
MOTION: To approve the changes to the bylaws as presented.
Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Jane Herbst. *Motion carried.*
- Conferences Updates – VP Conferences, Stacey Rattner – We will be in Saratoga November 2-5, 2016 for NYLA, including a SSL-sponsored half-day Kids Code Club. In 2017 we will travel to Buffalo on May 4-6 for NYLA-SSL. In 2018 on May 3-5 we will be in Long Island.
- SSL Leadership Institute – Co-Chair Sara Kelly Johns - Institute will be held July 28-29 at Cornell. Theme is motivating students and getting them excited about reading, hosted

by Olga Nesi. Sign up on NYLA.org/ssl website. Twelve scholarships are available, due May 16th. Includes auction to raise money for scholarships.

Issues from the Membership - What's your reason for becoming a member? What can we do for you? We are seeking to offer workshops, twitter, facebook, newsletter. We need to create more partnerships with organizations like NYS Social Studies Teachers, NYSCATE, Reading Association, etc.

Much has been happening on the state level in NY. We need to understand how we can influence legislation - what is helpful. We step up. Tara Thibault-Edmunds and I have volunteered and will serve on the ELA Standards Revision Committee, convening this month and in the summer. We stay informed in large part through our relationship with NYLA via our Executive Director, Jeremy Johannesen. Our Immediate Past-President and Legislative Representative, Jill Leinung, will introduce Jeremy.

Jeremy Johannesen – School Library Bill is currently in both houses, multi-year process, moving along well, but probably won't get passed this year. S.3931/A.6784-A. Currently schools have to have a school librarian in the middle and high school only by commissioner's regulation. Bill puts requirement as law, and includes requirement to have a librarian in each school based on student population. If school has 501-1000 students, 1 FTE required. Strategy – we need to advocate how to get this passed. Census – get a more accurate count than the BEDS forms – got 100% completion by SLS directors. So far we know that half of schools in NYS are already at or exceeding the levels proposed in the bill. Everyone needs to help – what you do locally matters. Make sure your building admins are in your library at least twice per month, school board members too. Give cookies if you have to. Make sure they know that the school library you are running is not the school library they grew up with. Get parents in too. Become a library advocate: nyla.org/advocacy. Libraries Are Education. Each year library aid should receive the same proportional increases as education aid (not taken away from education aid). Library Advocacy Day 2017 will be held on March 1. Consider turning your affiliate into a roundtable.

AASL – Sue Kowalski – AASL Fall Forum will be in Rochester on September 22-23, 2016. Gaming as Meaningful Education.

Knickerbocker winner for 2017 is Gordon Korman. 2018 voting is going on now.

Closing Remarks

MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion made by Lisa Perkowski, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*