

Approved: August 2016; Ithaca

**Approval of Minutes** from May Board Meeting

Motion: To approve the minutes from May's Board Meeting

Motion made by Micky Scheid. Motion seconded by Molly Clark. *Motion Carried*



## SSL Board Meeting

May 5, 2016

## SSL Conference Albany

### Minutes

Meeting begun 2:07 pm

**Attendees:** Melissa Bergin, Jennifer Cannell, Molly Clark, Beth Davis, Tara Edmonds, MaryBeth Farr, Annarose Foley, Cece Fuoco, Jane Herbst, Pauline Herr, Sara Kelly Johns, Sue Kowalski, Tina Laramie, Jill Leinung, Michelle Miller, Maria Muhlbauer, Karen O'Donnell, Sue Padjen, Anne Paulson, Lisa Perkowski, Tina Pierce, Susan Polos, Dawn Pressimone, Stacey Rattner, Michaela Schied, Joanne Shawhan, Rebecca Sofferman, Karen Sperrazza, Maureen Squier, Katie St. Laurent, Penny Sweeney, Diane, Ilkiw, Mary Charters, JoBeth Roberts, Leslie Preddy.

**Administration** – Susan Polos, President

#### Approval of Agenda

**MOTION: To approve the agenda.**

Motion made by Jane Herbst, seconded by Jill Leinung. *Motion carried.*

Welcome and Introductions - including Leslie Preddy, AASL President

Approval of Minutes – Rebecca Sofferman, Secretary

**MOTION: To approve the minutes from February's Board Meeting.**

Motion made by Tara Edmonds, seconded by Lisa Perkowski. *Motion carried.*

Treasurer's Report – Tina Laramie, Treasurer – We are in good shape! YTD expenses \$47,527, revenue \$94,576.

Past President's Report/Legislation Report – Jill Leinung, Past President

- Nominations/Proposed slate of Officers – Ellen Frank Region 2, Beth Davis Region 4, Annarose Foley Region 6, Gail Brisson Secretary (appointed because Rebecca Sofferman is leaving NY), Katie St. Laurent Region 8, Penny Sweeney President-Elect. Needs to go out to membership and will be voted on at NYLA elections.
- Social Studies Conference – attended, presented a commendation from AASL.
- YSS Conference – amazing what was packed into one day, excellent conference.
- 3 Apples – resurrecting it, working with Molly and YSS.
- Legislative report - 4.3% increase in library aid, retiring legislator, will present plaque at awards. Census 100% participation by SLSA directors, show who is in compliance if law goes into effect (Equal Access to School Librarians). School boards and Supt. Association opposed the bill, but may still go through. Can become a library advocate by donating money. NYLA made rack cards for each section to promote.

#### President's Update – Sue Polos

Great group of people, conference looks phenomenal. Has reached out to every organization possible, and we have lots of help.

#### **Action Items**

- Online voting: Karen - Strategic Vision approved. Maria- 2017 Conference Logo – chose Option 4. Maria– 2017 Keynote Speaker – approved Gene Luen Yang.
- Communications – Katie St. Laurent, Vice President of Communication, ISissler – transition has been bumpy because Katie was emailing wrong person at NYLA. Plans to start assembling next issue in next week. Get scholarship winners to write articles (make it an official requirement, or strongly recommended). What regular columns should there be? Author visit reviews (and add to database), legislative reports, lesson plans, etc. Submission email account set up for newsletter.
- Conferences – Stacey Rattner, Vice President of Conferences  
2016 NYLA – Saratoga – with Kids Code Club  
2018 Conference - Long Island - Mary Charters, Jo Beth Roberts – May 3-5, Huntington Hilton, potential logo. Would be good to have a binder that follows the new conferences around so that they have info on what to do. We should keep track of tips and tricks at least.

#### **MOTION: To accept logo and theme as presented with described changes.**

Motion made by Jane Herbst, seconded by Ellen Frank Bayer. *Move the word order so that they are more visually pleasing, add more color – motion tabled until next meeting.*

2017 Conference - Buffalo - Maria Muhlbauer, Tina Pierce – keynote will be Gen Luen Yang, Christina Holzweiss. Website is ssl2017.org – currently not much there, but will be adding more, current content is seeking volunteers. Bookstore will be Monkey See Monkey Do, a local bookstore. Would like to have an administrator's track, try to encourage administrators to attend.

2016 Conference - Albany- Melissa Bergin – all set with volunteers tonight, could use some extra hands early in the morning tomorrow. Projected attendance is 287 including presenters, may hit 300 with walk-ins. Catch up with her if you have questions.

- Awards – Dawn Pressimone, action item – at February meeting there was discussion about what the knickerbocker award is used for. If money is left over, decided to have Knickerbocker scholarship in addition to the award statue – might be more palatable to winners.

**MOTION: Motion to establish Knickerbocker Scholarship to be funded via leftover funds from Knickerbocker raffle.**

Motion made by Stacey Rattner, seconded by Katie St. Laurent. *Motion carried.*

- Scholarships - Getting scholarships ready for summer leadership institute – one for SSL, one for Marcia Eggleston, two from Olga, one Mary Jo Egan, 7 out of auction money, total of 12. Due date will be May 16<sup>th</sup>. Pins for scholarship winners starting this year.
- Knickerbocker Award – Karen O'Donnell – 2016 winner is Patricia McCormick. 2017 will be announced after this year's conference, 2018 is being voting on now.
- Regional Coordinators - Annarose Foley – having some issues with bank account, carries SSN of former members, people don't like putting their personal SSN on a professional account. If account is interest-bearing, you need to get a rider for tax-exempt, and whoever is responsible must claim interest on their taxes. Hard to get people off the account. NYLA recommends turning affiliate into Roundtable. There are lots of issues with affiliates, really becoming more and more important (with regards to legal issues) to become a Roundtable.
- Leadership Institute – Lisa Perkowski, Sara Kelly Johns – two day institute, board meeting after (Thurs-Sat), Olga Nesi back again, offering bonus workshop before Institute. Flyers and wiki now available for registration. Theme – getting back to the book, build a culture of reading. Board meeting starts Friday at 5, continues Saturday, all meals included. Copy of book included in registration.
- Advocacy Chair/AASL – Sue Kowalski – Do the library snapshot, Padlet (tell your story) – posted on facebook page. Library Advocacy Day was May 3 (400 attended, 500 more watched streaming), Libraries Transform videos, Harry Potter Alliance Spark Videos on how to advocate, lots of free advocacy materials.
- SED – John Brock/Monique Morgan, Joanne Shawhan, Mary Beth Farr – so far there is no guidance on July 1 changes for qualified PD, so good chance deadline will be postponed. No applications available yet. Most likely NYLA will be approved, but hasn't happened yet. Joanne can help with district's technology plan for the Smart Schools Bond Act. John Brock/Monique Morgan are working on SLMPE rubric, will be doing a workshop tomorrow.
- Ways and Means - Penny Sweeney – needs help running the booth (at registration in billiard room), passing around a sign-up sheet. Out of coffee mugs, but we have \$5 travel mugs, earbud wraps for free to members, long-sleeved \$5 Tshirts, \$10 fleeces, \$20 polo shirts.
- Three Apples Committee – Molly Clark – Committee is back, met twice via conference calls, keeping it children's books, children's choice for voting, want to get it ready for announce in June so librarians can open for nominations in September, top 15 in November, final voting in April. Keeping age ranges, may move 6<sup>th</sup> grade to teen, nominations must be appropriate for age range. Will be hosted by NYLA.
- AASL – Leslie Preddy – working to get school libraries back into language of ESSA, signed by the President. "Effective School Library" is in it, not defined, but school librarian is mentioned. Still working on unpacking the legislation and defining at the state level. We want them to be clear in language at the state level so that it is well defined and not ambiguous. Great new toolkits at AASL. Retired school librarian has just funded some grants for school librarians. Library Snapshot – fill it out to show what

you are doing. If we get enough, ALA Washington will help us with federal legislation that comes with dollars. Need to actually send it back. For example, IAL grant – short notice for deadline this year but put it on your radar for next year. Need to figure out how to motivate and engage volunteers and administrators. What can AASL do for me? In some cases, they can help save your job! Encourage members to use the flyers, posters, articles, infographics, etc. from AASL. Myth of memory – sometimes admins and legislator remember libraries as they were when they were kids. We need to show them what a 21<sup>st</sup> Century library is like.

**MOTION: To Adjourn.**

Motion made at 4:42 by Jill Leinung, second by Ellen Frank Bayer. *Motion carried.*