YSS Board Virtual Call
May 13, 2021
Virtual
11:00 AM-12:00 PM

In Attendance: Amanda Schiavulli - President, Jenny Burke - 1st Vice President/President-Elect, Lisa Neuman - Past President, Chinasa Seyse - 2nd Vice President - Membership, Ashley Bressingham - Secretary, Elissa Valente - Treasurer, Angela Newman - 2021 Spring Conference Director, Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director

11:04 AM President Amanda Schiavulli called the meeting to order

Motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting - Jenny Burke, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve March 25, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes - Angela Newman, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

Treasurer’s Report - Elissa Valente (see attached #1)

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report - Jenny Burke, Angela Newman seconded - report approved

Past President’s Report - Lisa Neuman (see attached #2)
   a. Executive Board Positions Slate

Motion to approve Kim Hazen for her candidacy for 1st Vice President/President-Elect as well as Mary Jo Smith and Julia Farrar for their candidacies for 2nd Vice President - Membership - Lisa Neuman, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

President’s Report - Amanda Schiavulli (see attached #3)
   a. NYLA Council Updates

2nd Vice President’s Membership Report - Chinasa Seyse (see attached #4)

President-Elect/Vice President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #5)
   a. 2021-2022 Committee/Liaison Slate
   b. Committee Reports
      i. Battle of the Books
      ii. Empire State Award
      iii. Fall Conference Curation
      iv. Marketing
      v. Pied Piper
      vi. Scholarship
      vii. Youth Advocacy
c. Liaison reports
   i. Communications/Website
   ii. Continuing Education
   iii. Intellectual Freedom
   iv. Legislative
   v. New York State Library

2021 Spring Conference Director's Report - Angela Newman (gave verbal report)

2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Chrissie Morrison (see attached #6)

Unfinished Business
   a. Awards and NYLA Membership Incentive
   b. Communication and File Organization
      i. Updated Job Descriptions and Timelines

New Business?
   a. Summer Board Meeting in person dates/location
      i. Normally we would meet on a Friday from about 10am-4pm.
   b. Liaison to the SSL Board

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Jenny Burke, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved
TREASURER’S REPORT
2020-2021 INCOME
   Projected $36,200.00
   Received (through 3/31/2021) $14,227.75

2020-2021 EXPENSES
   Projected $43,840.00
   Incurred (through 3/31/2021) $7,690.72

General Comments

YSS continues to have a healthy fund balance as we have generated more income than expenses with virtual programming and meetings. The section is well situated for heading into the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Therefore, the proposed budget is back in line with a more traditional year of spending and is balanced at $44,000. Lines have reverted back to 2019-2020 proposals for travel and business meetings. We do not yet have the bill from NYLA for our virtual Spring conference, which will be $3123. Additionally, the corresponding numbers for the newly adopted NYLA Chart of Accounts has been added to the current budget.

I spoke with Jeremy about adding a line to reimburse webinar speakers who are NYLA members. As webinars are becoming more commonplace, he has been asked this question from more than one source. He will be bringing the issue to the Continuing Ed Committee to discuss and re-evaluate the policy. If the group determines to allow this, they will come up with standards. The Spring Conference line was increased, due to monies available, however this money could instead be allocated to webinars once NYLA determines the new policy. Thank you to Claire Lovell for suggesting this addition. Webinars also have the potential to be profitable, for example, we will be making money on the TikTok webinar due to the number of non-members registered.
This will be an on year for Continuing Education, and this is reflected in the budget.

As we are heading to the end of the fiscal year, please be sure to hand in any RRs that need to be processed for 2020-2021.

**Membership Income**

Allocation of dues to the section is $10422.75, only down from $11,708.00 at this time last year.

**Budget**

Included in this report is a proposed budget for FY2021-22 and conference comparisons. The budget is assuming funds may begin to shift back to a pre-pandemic amount, as NYLA is moving forward with in-person programming for the fall conference.

Respectfully submitted,

*Elissa Valente*

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YSS Treasurer

2.  Past President’s Report

   - Have put out a lot of feelers for getting candidates for the Executive Board
   
   - Kim Hazen has sent in documents accepting her candidacy for 1st Vice President/President-Elect
   
   - Mary Jo Smith has sent in documents accepting her candidacy for 2nd Vice President - Membership
   
   - Julia Farrar has sent in documents accepting her candidacy for 2nd Vice President - Membership
   
   - Still looking for a candidate for Spring Conference Director since the original person had to back out due to medical reasons

3.  President’s Report

NYLA Council Meeting 5.6.21

Financials:

   - Looking at a 100k deficit for the end of the year.
   - NYLA eligible for 55K PPE Loan.
   - EBSCO donated 25K to NYLA

FY 2021-2022

   - Yes we are still projecting a deficit. Not too concerned, we have a healthy reserve.
   - 12% increase in revenue.
   - NYLA 2021: Are we prepared to go in person if it’s at a loss?
No. We need to break even.
It is projected to turn a profit.
It’s becoming majority unlikely we will have to turn completely virtual.

Strategic Plan Group:
• Will be looking for a rep from each section.

Sustainability Committee will be breaking away from NYLA

NYLA Awards Committee Task Force:
• Calendar of awards.
• Gives a pool to work with.
• Committee could be responsible for nominating someone themselves.

Westchester NYLA Round Table Petition.  
• Passed

New hire: Sarah Sherlock will be replacing Becky.
Over $1500 in donations for Legal Defense Fund. Shout out to YSS.

Next Council meeting we will likely be putting some restrictions on the $25,000 from EBSCO

Legislative Land:
• Senate library’s committee is very important.
• Things are moving really well.
• Look at the website: Library Legislative Agenda Page.
• Most initiatives have a single or Duel sponsor
• Good news for school librarian folks.
• There’s 23 million of bullet aid this year. A large portion has been earmarked.
• Waiting for resolutions.
• Freshmen members saw special grants getting funding.
• The majority of the $ will likely go to blue areas.
• Keep putting in requests. Like putting in for the lottery multiple times.

Look at Friends Events: they are doing things in person!

4. 2nd Vice President’s Membership Report

• NYLA Membership Office: Current membership is at 815, a 1.5% increase from December 2020. However, the two-year outlook is about a 7.6% decrease.

• NYLA Membership Committee has a scheduled virtual meeting is Wednesday, May 19. Agenda includes further discussion on increase NYLA membership rates for specific groups, and standardizing meeting units for NYLA Sections and Roundtables.

• No Jotforms received

• Article for YSS Newsletter for June was submitted on the topic of Cultural Fluent Teaching

5. President-Elect/Vice President’s Report
YSS 1st Vice President/President-Elect Report
May 13, 2021

I’m currently working on contacting interested people who submitted Active Member Forms for open committee spots. I plan to have a slate of candidates to vote on at our summer meeting.

Committee Reports:

None for this meeting. Committee chairs will have updates for summer meeting.

Reminder from Youth Advocacy Committee chair, Mary Fellows, to discuss at summer meeting action items from her March report:

- YSS needs to work on recruiting a liaison to the SSL board. This is a new position on our YSS board, and may need a position description and other work before putting someone place.
- The YSS board will need to decide on the term, put provisions in the budget for travel to meetings and conferences, and develop an orientation for the SSL rep to the YSS board.
- Also, there is a SSL rep to the YSS board already: Susan Polos. The SSL rep to our board should be treated as an ex-officio board member and informed of meetings and other business.
- Jenny will give Amanda Susan’s contact information, so she can invite her to our next board meeting.

Liaison Reports:

Brief update from Continuing Education Liaison, Claire Lovell:

The TikTok webinar on May 11 went super well. Katie Smith was fabulous. Attendance was at 76.

Christina Romeo (serving as NYLA’s program manager until Becky’s replacement arrives) said to Katie that “Jeremy suggested we might even take this one national because it’s so popular.”

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Burke

6. 2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report

Report by Chrissie Morrison, 2022 YSS Spring Conference Director
YSS Spring Board Meeting – May 13, 2021

Updated Roster of Committee Members:
Dan Barker – Albany Public Library
Committee Roles

- **Director:** Chrissie
- **Secretary:** Barb
- **Raffle Baskets:** Barb & Marybeth
- **Presenter Coordinators:** Amy & Chrissie
- **Room Monitor Coordinators:** Dan & April
- **Charity Partner Liaison:** Dan
- **Book Store Liaison:** April
- **Flyers & Centerpieces:** Ariana & Diana
- **[Event] Tech Support:** Chrissie (+ hubby, Jay?), Amy (+ hubby, Matt?), & Diana
- **YSS Booth & Registration Table:** everybody!!!

Conference Location is locked in!!! [River’s Casino & Resort in Schenectady, NY]

Jeremy has helped me with the back and forth of negotiating a contract, and we landed on a contract that worked [well enough] for both parties. Jeremy has signed the contract and sent it in, and they have countersigned and returned it. As far as I know, they are now awaiting our deposit.

**Author/Keynote Speaker – Chris Crutcher**

Chris was very gracious about waiting for his contract until after we had a signed contract for the venue. Now that we have one, I will be sending his contract soon.

**Past Presidents’ Dinner Suggestion – Druthers Brewing Company**

We still have not reached out to them. I will likely reach out before my next meeting with the committee, which is going to be in early June.

**Potential Charity Partner – Things of My Very Own**

We are going to reach out to them to see if they are interested in being our charity partner (though I can’t imagine they will say no) and what type of drive they would like us to have at our event. I know that they typically say that monetary donations can make a larger impact, since they can get discounts and bulk deals, but I am sure there is something they would be happy for us to collect since people often like to bring a “thing” to donate.

**Potential Bookstore to Partner With – The Open Door Bookstore**

One of our new committee members, April, has worked with them via events in partnership with the SCPL. She is happy to be our liaison to the bookstore and will reach out shortly.

**Call for Proposals**

We sent out an email via a local listserv and then followed up with a YSS email blast and posts on YSS’ social media accounts. As of now, we have 9 responses. All of these proposals look pretty good, but I will also be looking to see if I can find some more diverse voices to join our lineup.