YSS Board Virtual Fall Call  
November 16, 2020  
Virtual  
11:00 AM-12:45 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, Claire Lovell - Continuing Education Liaison, Amy Relyea - Conference Planning Chair, Mary Fellows - Legislative Committee Liaison & Youth Advocacy Committee Chair

E - vote between meetings - Lisa Neuman motion to approve Jo Ann Mulligan and Kristin Beutler as the YSS scholarship winners for the NYLA Developing Leaders Program for the 2020-2021 program year, Elissa Valente seconded, motion approved November 10, 2020

11:00 AM President Amanda Schiavulli called the meeting to order

Motion to approve August 7, 2020 and October 19, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes - Elissa Valente, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve September 21, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes with modifications - Chrissie Morrison, Lisa Neuman seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve the October 23, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes - Elissa Valente, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Treasurer’s Report - Elissa Valente (gave verbal report)

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report - Chrissie Morrison, Jenny Burke seconded - report approved

Past President’s Report - Lisa Neuman (gave verbal report)

President’s Report - Amanda Schiavulli (gave verbal report)  
   a. NYLA Council Updates  
      i. Pathways to Librarianship Town Hall  
   b. 2021 Calendar

2nd Vice President’s Membership Report - Chinasa Seyse (gave verbal report)

President-Elect/Vice President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #1)  
   a. Status of 2020-2021 Committee and Liaisons  
   b. Committee Reports
i. Battle of the Books
ii. Empire State Award
iii. Fall Conference Curation
iv. Marketing
v. Pied Piper
vi. Scholarship
c. Liaison reports
   i. Communications/Website
   ii. Continuing Education
   iii. Intellectual Freedom
   iv. Legislative/Youth Advocacy
   v. New York State Library

Motion to approve Anne Nelson for the Pied Piper Award Committee, Rickele Bello for the Scholarship Committee, and Katherine Federiconi for the Conference Planning Committee - Jenny Burke, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve Mary Fellows as the YSS trust minder for the Youth Advocacy Committee - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

2021 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Angela Newman (see attached #2)

2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Chrissie Morrison (nothing to report)

Unfinished Business
   a. Communication and File Organization

New Business - none

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Jenny Burke, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved
I reached out to all the committee members, and most agreed to serve an extra “pandemic” year, but some wanted to stick with their original terms. Here is my slate of incoming committee members for approval from the board.

Pied Piper Award – Anne Nelson, Crandall Public Library
Scholarship Committee – Rickele Bello, Crandall Public Library
Conference Planning Committee – Katherine Federiconi, Mechanicville District Public Library

Jackie Bleich, from Conference Planning Committee, recently informed Amanda she can no longer serve on the committee, so I am looking for her replacement.

I haven’t found someone for Communications Committee Liaison. I contacted the majority of those who filled out an Active Member Form in 2020, so perhaps a publicity push would garner new submissions to Jotform.

Committee Reports:

Conference Planning Committee Report
November 2020

2020 Membership Meeting
- Barbara Dee’s presentation
- Must verify she received payment & plan to send her a thank you note
- Will check with Becky to see if we can have access to recording & comments (for evaluation & attendee count purposes)

2020 NYLA Conference
- First virtual conference
- Programs seemed well attended
- “Live” programs will hopefully be posted by beginning of December & OnDemand is available to watch now-these will be up and available until the end of December
- Jeremy stated that NYLA will get attendance stats out to curators-no date on that
- YSS program presenters have requested that YSS share evaluation information with them
Proposed Evaluations for Conference

- no evaluations were created as of yet for 2020 Conference
- suggestion to create an evaluation & include link in YSS Newsletter
- could also post to our NYLA website & social media accounts
- generalized or including evaluations for each program
- should Membership Meeting be included in this?
- preferred online survey platform
- are we offering a raffle incentive for completing this?
- future evaluation forms for conference forms-move to completely online or stick with paper

Conference Curator Handbook

- Updates on handbook-not sure I should update as virtual was new, but will it be next year?

Report prepared by Amy M. Relyea

Empire State Award Committee Report
November 2020

2020 ESA Business
The Empire State Award Committee hosted its first virtual Lunch and Learn event on Friday, November 6th featuring its 2020 award winner, Rita Williams-Garcia. Chair Alexandria Abenshon opened the event with brief remarks and introduced Ms. Williams-Garcia, who gave a presentation on her journey to authorship and took questions from the audience. Over 80 conference attendees joined the program.

Ms. Williams-Garcia’s honorarium has been received by Ms. Abenshon, who will mail it directly to Ms. Williams-Garcia, or hand deliver it as both individuals live rather close to one another.

2021 ESA Business
Communication with Mr. Selznick has been limited. Due to the unusual nature of this year’s committee structure (a “do over year”), Ms. Abenshon will continue as Chair and increase communication in order to further coordinate Mr. Selznick’s appearance. Mr. Selznick will be announced as the winner of the 2021 winner at the virtual Spring Conference, taking place on March 21st.

2022 ESA Business
During her opening remarks, Ms. Abenshon underscored the importance of ESA nominations and highlighted where one can find the online form. A focus of the committee will be to increase visibility through YSS communications and other NYLA/YSS channels in order to solicit further nominations and solicit a larger pool.
ESA Nomination Bank Update
The 2020 ESA Committee continues to work on compiling a list of authors and illustrators residing in New York State to supplement nominations received through traditional means. It has been difficult to collect nominations from YSS members in the past and the Committee has dedicated time to brainstorming ways to increase engagement. Work has been limited on the bank as the COVID-19 pandemic has exerted its influence in both professional and personal spaces.

Thank you.

Submitted by the 2020 ESA Committee:
Alexandria Abenshon
Mallory Marinaro
Gail J. Brown

Pied Piper Award Committee Report
November 2020

The 3 Pied Piper committee members got together and discussed possible changes to the contest. We haven't received any entries this year.

Our recommendations for the contest are:
- The main objective is to GET MORE ENTRIES by making things easier, possibly better incentives, more publicity
- Let’s have the deadline be January 31, 2021 for a program produced in 2020
- Let’s give people options for sending the application (mail, email, online form)
- Could we eliminate NYLA membership as a requirement? Maybe the prize could include a free pass to the YSS conference or something like that. It might get new people interested in NYLA!
- The submissions come in looking quite different from one another. Maybe the submission process could be somewhat simplified/ altered and could consist of answering these questions on an online form, or on a typed out document submitted via email:
  1. Present a summary of your program and steps to take to replicate it.
  2. Describe why your program addresses a need in the community.
  3. Describe why your program is original and creative.
  4. Describe how your program effectively fulfilled a need, or how you knew it was successful.

We kind of felt like the effective marketing criteria was a whole other category of contest and wasn’t exactly the most important criteria to judge on. We also felt that some of the requirements and criteria were a given, and a part of everything else. In other words, why is Criteria #1 "Submission" all about making sure the submission is clear, free of error, and presented pleasingly?
That being said, we have to do a better job marketing this contest. Still have to come up with a plan that goes above what we are already doing.

Report prepared by Lyla Grills

Marketing Committee Report
November 2020

Committee Members:
Lindsay Jankovitz – 3rd year member (chair)
Jennifer Lelinski – 1st year member
Caitlin Sempowich

Committee Updates:
● All members on the committee have agreed to remain in their positions the same as last year.
● We have begun to resume our regular meetings over Zoom and are brainstorming different ways we can spread the word about YSS and how we can reach a wider audience now that opportunities are limited to mostly virtual platforms.

Short-Term Goals:
● Continue posting to Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram.
● Increase engagement on our social media pages. As winter will surely be tough on many this year, we would like to make our social media pages more fun, upbeat, and interactive to try to help our followers get through this time.
● Transition different roles for managing social media accounts. At our next meeting, we will be dividing up our social media accounts among us- instead of just having one committee member post to all.
● Identity other areas where YSS can promote and increase membership.
● Begin to meet more regularly to get back on track.

Longer-Term Goals:
● Coordinate with the social media contacts from other sections to arrange for cross promotion to ensure that important information is getting maximum exposure.
● Build a more robust Instagram page showcasing what other YSS members are doing around the state. Also, we would like to make our Facebook page more engaging, as engagement has been way down.
● Being responsive, communicative, and sharing what other NYLA committees are working on.
● Figure out a solution to work with other committees and to ensure that information is shared in a timely, organized, and complete manner.
● Develop connections with ALA-accredited library schools in NYS. This has been increasingly harder with remote learning and schools shifting their focus and
trying to solidify plans for the unknowns. MLIS programs have not been as communicable as they have in the past. Many have responded that enrollment has been way down since the pandemic.
  o In order to give them information about NYLA/YSS that they can pass along to new graduates and current students.

Question For The Board:
  1. Is there any specific thing you would like to see come out of our committee this year?

Committee Successes Since the Last Committee Report:
  ● Consistent posting to social media via Pinterest, Facebook, and Twitter.
  ● Worked with other committees to promote the YSS Membership Meeting and YSS's virtual costume contest.
  ● YSS Pinterest Account – Jennifer continues to run our Pinterest page.
  ● YSS Facebook account – Since the last report, we have gained 7 followers on Facebook. We are up to 525 followers. Despite our best efforts to make our page more engaging, we have not had much interaction on our page.
    o Our most popular post was the announcement of the winner of the 2020’s Ann Gibson Scholarship on Sept. 15th. Directly on YSS’s page, it had 8 likes and 1 share. Over the 1 share, the post was liked 78 times, had 154 engagements, and reached a total of 267 people.
    o Our second most popular post was the YSS Virtual Costume Contest Raffle announcement on October 13. This post had 7 likes and 4 shares. Over the 4 shares, it was liked 15 times, had 23 engagements, and reached 361 people.
  ● YSS Twitter account – Our top tweet on Twitter this quarter was a tweet was the announcement of the winner of the 2020 Ann Gibson Scholarship. It earned 520 impressions, had 4 likes, and was retweeted 1 time.
    o We have gained 14 new followers on Twitter since our last report to the board.
  ● Our Instagram page launched in the beginning of January. So far, we have 90 followers– up 14 since our last board report. Originally, my intent was to use this page to share what other YSS members are doing around the state. However, we’ve had very little feedback from libraries around the state. This page got off to a slow start due to the pandemic, but we are focusing on revamping the page and giving it much needed attention.

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Scholarship Committee Report
November 2020
Stephanie Squicciarini Scholarship:
The Scholarship Committee received one interested applicant for this scholarship. I let her know to apply for the Developing Leaders Program and indicate that she was interested in a scholarship from YSS.

Spring Conference Scholarships:
I’ve updated all the Spring Conference Scholarship documents and forms for the 2021 Spring Conference. Jennifer will be sending out our first email blast advertising it in the next week or so.

General:
The Scholarship Committee is currently in the process of entirely updating our Google Drive to ensure everything is current and accurate.

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YSS/SSL Youth Advocacy Committee Report
November 2020

MOU
Most excitingly, both the YSS and the SSL presidents have signed the MOU on behalf of their respective boards! The task of the Youth Advocacy Committee (YAC) now is to help each board implement the liaison positions and begin the work. With both sections’ board meetings on a more fluid schedule, this work may take some months.

The YSS Board’s next steps are (from the MOU):

1. Appoint a “trust minder,” potentially but not necessarily the Legislative Committee Liaison. The strategic, tactful, and self-educating “trust minder” is tasked with awareness and careful attention to the potential concerns of the partner section as decisions in any area are being considered by the trust minder’s own section board.

   Action item for YSS board: clearly outline and communicate these to the SSL rep to the YSS Board. [Note: should the Board wish it, as the Legislative Committee Liaison, I would be happy to serve.]

2. Create and fill through appointment a liaison board position for a representative from the partner organization. [Note: This one could have been better worded. Essentially, the YSS board needs to find someone to appoint to be the liaison to SSL. The YSS board also must welcome and include in communications to all board liaisons SSL’s rep to the YSS Board. As a reminder:
a. Each liaison position will carry the reporting, meeting attendance, and conference participation expectations of any other liaison position.

**Action item for YSS board:** recruit and appoint a YSS liaison to the SSL board.

**Action item for YSS board:** clearly outline and communicate the reporting, meeting attendance, and conference participation expectations to the YSS rep to the SSL Board.

b. Each section will provide its own liaison reimbursement of conference registration, mileage, and reasonable meal reimbursement for the partner section’s conference. (Example: SSL will provide its SSL liaison to the YSS board with registration, travel, and meal expense reimbursement for the YSS Spring Conference.)

**Action item for YSS board:** codify the reimbursement parameters and process and add to YSS documentation.

c. Each section will provide complimentary section membership to the other partner's liaison. (Example: YSS will provide complimentary YSS section membership to the SSL liaison to the YSS board.)

**Action item for YSS board:** codify the membership parameters and process and add to YSS documentation.

**Web presence**

Our committee would like to have a web presence to share resources around public/school library collaboration and advocacy. We’re thinking of a two-pronged approach:

1. A more static presence, via a robust PDF document with important basic information and links, that is linked on both YSS and SSL pages and also hopefully on the advocacy toolkit page within the general NYLA website. Our links on this document would be to Google docs so that they can be kept updated.

2. A blog, linked to both the YSS and the SSL pages, where more timely information can be shared.

Related questions for the board are:

- May we go ahead with preparing the PDF document to be linked on the YSS website? If yes, we can work with you/the web coordinator to determine placing. We will also contact SSL and Bri about linking to their pages.
- May we move forward with plans for a blog? Are there any recommendations or restrictions given that it would be linked on the NYLA website (YSS and SSL pages)?

**In other news**
Our Twitter account @YACNYLA, #NYKidsNeedLibrarians, is active and now has 97 followers. If you haven’t followed us, please do!

We’re sponsoring YAC member Taylor Domenick in attending the LJ continuing education series, “Resilient Together: Building School and Public Library Partnerships.” Taylor is reporting back on ideas gleaned that may help our work and/or be shared with members.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fellows, Chair, Youth Advocacy Committee

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**New York State Battle of the Books Committee Report**  
November 2020

Attendees: Liz Anastasi (YSS), Jennifer Gay (YSS), Melissa Iamonico (SSL), Elizabeth Portillo (YSS), Serena Waldron (YSS), Bridget Carey (Student Ambassador)

**BOB Kits - Could use the Alaska BOB as a model to start with**

What is Happening with BOB around NYS?
- Jen -- MHLS is restructuring their BOB to work with COVID protocols - working towards an in-person Battle of the Books in September 2021. They have not talked about anything virtual yet.
- Serena - They have used Alaska BOB in the past and for a while now they have been doing virtual BOB -- like one team in a room together and teleconferencing with other teams
  - Form for out of state Registrants -- [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qpJCgK1sFxr-G2lHDdcuqKCQHfXUhsKjkqUVI8knCA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1qpJCgK1sFxr-G2lHDdcuqKCQHfXUhsKjkqUVI8knCA/edit)
  - Every year there is 1 or 2 repeat books from previous years
  - It would be interesting to have a Three Apples or NY related title

Serena will contact the Alaska Battle of the Books. Serena suggested that we may need to charge for the kits in the future for NYS BOB
- What is their process? Who picks the books? How do they do it? How are their committees set up? Timelines?

Terms for our committee
- Melissa will bring a chart about term limit rotations for next meeting
Meeting once a month - Liz will send out a Doodle Poll for scheduling our standing meetings.

Homework:
- Serena -- Contacting Alaska
- Jen -- Get in contact with -- Buffalo Library System. They are doing an online Battle of the Books this year. https://www.buffalolib.org/blog/join-tirade-tomes. Ask the for tips and tricks and Questions.
- Bridget -- Question Entry on website
- Jen & Bridget -- email account
- Elizabeth -- Which other states/BOB organizations have been doing Virtual battles
- Liz -- Update NYS BOB website
- Melissa -- Term Limit chart

Report prepared by Liz Anastasi

**Liaison Reports:**

**Continuing Education Liaison Report**  
November 2020

The five NYLA conference table talks have been contacted and all agreed to do briefinars. I reached out to Becky Czornobil following the NYLA conference and she explained our options for presenting NYLA YSS briefinars.

Rather than monthly, NYLA would like the briefinars to be weekly, in which case, they would be free. Alternatively, we could do all of them together in a 90 minute event, but that would come with the charge of $25, NYLA’s standard webinar fee.

Presenters may use whichever platform they’re most comfortable with, whether it’s NYLA’s GoToMeeting or Zoom. The briefinars may be recorded ahead of time if that’s preferable for the presenters. All of them will be recorded and posted on nyla.org whether pre-recorded or live.

I propose that the briefinars be planned for Tuesdays at 10 am starting January 5, 2021 through February 2, 2021. If the board approves, I’ll follow up the presenters immediately.

Respectfully submitted by Claire Lovell

**Legislative Committee Liaison Report**  
November 6, 2020
The 2021 Legislative Agenda has been created by the NYLA Legislative Committee and will be made public following Council’s input at their November meeting. The strategy has changed this year by virtue of both the ideas brought by our new Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Briana McNamee, and the pandemic.

Library system funding and various other funding (grants from DLD) have taken a 20% cut for 2020. Tax revenues for the State are down. While there is some hope of federal aid to offset revenue challenges, it’s far from certain. Almost every type of public library (there are four) – will eventually be impacted by these ongoing results of the pandemic.

This is why we all need to be honing our advocacy skills. Here’s help: NYLA is offering an advocacy webinar series that I draw your attention to: Advocacy Fundamentals: A Virtual Series. The series is free. I encourage you to register.

Last, Briana McNamee is doing regular updates in the NYLA newsletter, The Voice. Check out “Keepin’ Up at the Capitol” to hear what’s happening legislatively and to learn about advocacy.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fellows, YSS Legislative Committee Liaison

Communications Committee Liaison
Position not currently filled, so no report.

Web Liaison Report
November 2020

News
- No news to report.

Updates
- Updated conference page with info about 2021 spring conference going virtual.
- Added minutes for Jan and May 2020 board meetings.
- Added minutes for 2018 and 2019 membership meetings.
- I would normally update the Board + Officers page this time of year but am leaving everything as-is since we’re keeping the same slate.

Work In Progress
- Will update the site with Emerging Leaders program info when it becomes available.
Questions For YSS Board

1. Any updates on Emerging Leaders?
2. Ann Gibson and Scholarship applications are both Google forms that can be reused each year. Pied Piper still has paper application—ask committee to switch to online form? I can create the form if they want to switch. Would probably be for 2022 award since app deadline for 2021 is Dec 1.

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Intellectual Freedom Committee Liaison
No report submitted as of 11/16/20 at 9:00am

New York State Library Liaison Report
November 2020

Youth Services Updates

Summer Reading at New York Libraries

- **READsquared** - there was a steady increase in the number of new libraries signing up for an account during Summer 2020. The latest count is 511 libraries signed up for READsquared. The New York State Library received approval to use CARES act funds to purchase the READsquared mobile app for all public libraries in the state, and the app will be funded and available through the end of the READsquared contract (December 2022). Libraries should check the READsquared page on the Summer Reading site often for updated information: https://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/
  - Previous READsquared webinars and training can be found on the Summer Reading site at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/readsquared/

- **CSLP** - manuals for 2021 have shipped and the online manual is now available. The online manual access code for NY state libraries has been shared with Youth Services Consultants. The NY State Library was able to obtain approval to purchase 2021 manuals for public libraries but is unable to supply posters this year. All 2021 products in the incentive catalog are available on the online CSLP shopping and the link to a downloadable pdf of the 2021 catalog can be found at https://www.cslpreads.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/cslp-product-catalog-2021.pdf

- **Downloadable Materials and Flyers** - the process of updating materials at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/facts.htm will begin in fall 2020.

- **Teen Video Challenge for 2020** – The State Library is proud to share that there was a winning video entry from a teen and public library in NY state! A teen patron of North Greenbush Public Library (Upper Hudson Library System) was one of 5 national winners, announced by CSLP in October and featured on the
TVC page of Summer Reading:
https://www.summerreadingnys.org/teens/teens-video-challenge/

- **A resource list** of freely available online and e-resources for students, librarians and educators is on the Summer Reading site at http://www.summerreadingnys.org/online-and-e-resources-for-families-students-and-schools/. The current list of resources is being reviewed and will be updated this fall; we are considering the addition of a section on homeschooling and remote learning resources to help public libraries assist families with students learning at home.

- **Performers and Programs Database** – a category for virtual programs and presenters was added in 2020 to assist libraries searching for virtual program options. Libraries should continue to use this resource year-round to find performers and content for virtual programs, and should encourage performers and presenters to create an account in the database.

- **Summer Meals Program** – The number of libraries participating in 2020 was significantly less due to COVID-19. 33 libraries were approved to operate as sites. All libraries were encouraged to assist with outreach of Summer Meals, WIC, and Pandemic EBT information by sharing resources about meals and benefits with their library users. Toolkits and updates from Hunger Solutions NY can be found on the Summer Reading site at https://www.summerreadingnys.org/hunger-solutions/

- The State Library truly appreciates the efforts of all public and school libraries and systems as they met the daunting challenges of offering Summer Reading virtually this year, and helped students stay engaged in creative learning despite library closures.

- **NYSL Twitter Account** - Follow the New York State Library on Twitter @NYSLibrary https://twitter.com/nyslibrary. Please share your library’s Summer Reading programs and Twitter handles by following this link: http://tiny.cc/nysr2020

**Transforming Teen Services/T3 training update** – the first online training session for NY state was offered in August 2020. There is a lot of interest from library staff in this training and additional online sessions on Connected Learning/Computational Thinking are being planned for 2021.

- Questions about Summer Reading at New York Libraries or Transforming Teen Services/T3 may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov

**Ready to Read at New York Libraries**

- The October 29 webinar on the development of early literacy learners was very successful with 200 attendees! View the recording and slides on the webinar page at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/webinars.htm

- A webinar on the resources of the NY State Parent Portal will be presented on Nov. 20. Registration information at http://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/earlylit/webinars.htm
● Additional webinars on other early literacy topics of interest are being planned for 2021. Do you have a webinar idea or suggestion? Please contact Sharon Phillips with your ideas or suggestions.

● **Supercharged Storytimes Online Training** – another cycle of training was offered this fall by Tonia Burton, Monroe County Library System Youth Services Consultant and certified SSA trainer. This latest session filled up very quickly and there is currently a waiting list. Details will be shared if spring SSA sessions are able to be offered.

● Did you know that **One More Story** now has 2 new e-books each day?? Don’t forget to feature this great resource provided for FREE by the NY State Library on your library web sites and promote it to parents, caregivers, schools and your library community: [https://daybydayny.org/](https://daybydayny.org/)

● Follow Ready to Read on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/Ready2ReadNY](https://www.facebook.com/Ready2ReadNY)

● Questions about Ready to Read at New York Libraries may be directed to Sharon B. Phillips, Program Manager at Sharon.Phillips@nysed.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon B. Phillips
NYSL NYLA/YSS Liaison

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Burke

2. **2021 Spring Conference Director’s Report**

Angela Newman
YSS Fall Meeting
November 16, 2020

**Spring Conference - All Virtual, March 26, 2021**

**Platform**
Jeremy has agreed to make Pheedloop available to us - this is the platform used for the NYLA conference. It has some challenges, but I think it’s the option with the shortest learning curve. I’ll work with NYLA on getting everything set up. Please send me any and all feedback about your experience using Pheedloop, so that I can make a wish list of changes and see what’s possible.

**Sessions**
The call for presenters will go out this week via Google Forms. At this point, everything is flexible, so I’m waiting to see what comes in before deciding how many sessions to choose. On Pheedloop, you can have up to four concurrent sessions.

**Speakers**
My committee is reaching out to Ellen Oh to see if she’s still interested in serving as our author speaker, but considering that our theme has shifted to one of resilience and sustainability, we’ve also added a second speaker into the lineup. Joint keynotes, in fact - Rebekkah Smith Aldrich and Lisa Kropp from NYLA’s sustainability initiative.

**Recorded vs. Live**
Jeremy recommends live sessions vs recorded, but after having experienced the NYLA conference, I like giving people a mix of both.

Are there any board segments that we want to pre-record?

**Service Project**
Since Project Linus has chapters all over the state, I see no reason why we can’t keep the project as originally planned and just have people donate to their local chapters. Also, it’s an opportunity for social media engagement; we could ask people to post photos of their projects and tag YSS in them.

**Baskets**
Our raffle basket coordinator had not yet begun to put items together, so luckily, there’s no gear to contend with. She’d like to do gift cards for 2021 - how to proceed?

**Budget?**