Call to order by YSS Outgoing President Lisa Neuman at 1:47 p.m.

- Recognition of 2019-2020 YSS executive board
- Clarification of title changes for conference directors to 2019 Spring Conference Director; 2020 Spring Conference Director

Minutes from 2018 membership meeting reviewed

- 1st Motion: Amanda Schiavulli; 2nd Motion: Mary Jo Smith; motion carried to approve the Membership Meeting agenda

Treasurer’s Report: Elissa Valente

- Ended the year with a fiscal year income of $100,562
- Added two budget lines: Advocacy Day/Youth Advocacy Committee and YSS-SSL
- Raised $162 for Ann Gibson Scholarship

YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA): Laura Panter

- 26 graduates in April 2019
- 21 participants this year
- 3 in-person workshops: 1 at NYLA Annual; 1 right before YSS Spring Conference; 1 at NYLA HQ in January
- Stephanie Squicciarini Scholarship is available

President’s Report: Lisa Neuman

- YSS has ended partnership with the School Library Association and the Three Apples Award. There was a timeline, and we have concluded the partnership.
- Empire State Awards Luncheon on 11/15 with guest of honor Bryan Collier
- The Pied Piper Award winner for 2019 is Krystina Dippel. Pied Piper recognizes excellence in the creation of a program, and the winner received a $200 Barnes & Noble gift card.
- Samantha Sambrato is the 2019 Ann Gibson Scholarship winner.
- Please send us pictures of your great programs! Follow YSS on Facebook and Instagram.
- Started Youth Advocacy Committee with SSL
- Save the date for Spring Conference: May 15, 2020
- YSS Board reviewed long-range plans and we are hitting our 5-year objectives
As Past President, Lisa will be recruiting people to run for board. The new, incoming VP will recruit people to run for committees.

By-Laws Amendments: Lisa Neuman

- Most terms are currently 3 years. Propose changing Spring Conference Directors to 2-year terms, one to be elected each year, allowing each director to be devoted solely to Spring Conference. The Spring Conference Director’s Committee will also be responsible for the booth.
- Conference Curation member changes as suggested:
  - 1st year: Room monitors
  - 2nd year: Conference planning for NYLA
  - 3rd Year: Ann Gibson Reception/Booth

Article IV OFFICERS

Section 2. Two Spring Conference Directors, to be members of the Executive Board, shall be elected by the membership for two year terms, one to be elected each year.

Article V THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Proposed Change Section 1. The Executive Board shall consist of the officers of the Section, the immediate Past President and two Spring Conference Directors.

Article XI AMENDMENTS

Currently Section 1. These by-laws may be amended, after approval by a majority of the members of the Executive Board, by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at the annual business meeting or, in the absence of an annual meeting, by a two-thirds vote of those members, provided that notice of the amendment be published in the official organ of the Section at least three weeks before the dates set for the final action.

Change: the "official organ" of the Section shall be changed to the "official paper of record."

- 1st Motion: Chrissie Morrison; 2nd Motion: Mary Jo Smith. Motion carried.
2nd Vice President’s Membership Report: Chinasa Seyse

- We presently have 7,140 members, up from 6,748!
- Member feedback is strong re: committees
- Chinasa put out a PSA for local Summer Reading workshops to generate interest in YSS.
- Reminded members to pick up their membership gift at the booth
- Chinasa has one more year left; encouraged members to run for her position!

President-Elect/Vice President’s Report: Amanda Schiavulli

- Gave a shout-out to NYLA YSS Conference Curators Jessica Bowen and Amy Relyea
- Encouraged members to consider YSS 2020 webinars, Engaging Families with Nature-Based Library Programming (1/28/2020) and Topics in Onboarding for Youth Services Librarians (5/19/2020)
- Informed members that the board voted the previous evening to pursue a Battle of the Books Committee
- Introduced new board: Jennifer Burke, 1st Vice President-President-Elect; Rosemary Kiladitis, Secretary

2020 Spring Conference Director: Angela Newman

- The 2020 YSS Spring Conference will take place on May 15, 2020 in Clayton, NY
- Theme is Stone Soup: Stronger Libraries Through Diversity and Collaboration
- Ellen Oh is keynote speaker
- Rochester Teen Book Festival is the next day, if you can make the trip or know anyone in Rochester
- Lisa mentioned that anyone can attend the Past-President’s dinner at the Spring Conference.

2021 Spring Conference Director: Chrissie Morrison

- No set location for 2021 Spring Conference at the moment, but Chrissie is working on a location in the Clifton Park/Schenectady area.

1st Motion to adjourn: Chrissie Morrison; 2nd: Rosemary Kiladitis.

Meeting adjourned 2:15 p.m.