YSS Board Meeting
April 22, 2022
Virtual
12:30 PM-1:00 PM

Voting Board Members In Attendance: Jenny Burke - President, Kim Hazen - Vice President/President-Elect, Amanda Schiavulli - Past President & 2022 Council Representative, Ashley Bressingham - Secretary, Elissa Valente - Treasurer, Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director

12:34 PM President Jenny Burke called the meeting to order

- Amanda discussed the Balanced Budget Task Force Recommendations
  - Essentially, this is necessary because if all the Units decide to do something with their budgets it would bankrupt NYLA completely
  - The goal is that all the Units and Sections will function how they’ve historically functioned, which would be good YSS
    - YSS will still have its own account
      - We were singled out, along with SSL, since we do all our fundraising and then use it
    - We will have a whole year before this begins - it’s for next year’s fiscal year
    - NYLA wants everyone to keep functioning how they’ve been functioning
      - Like a normal library budget and if you don’t use it, you lose it
    - NYLA isn’t in a very good financial place
      - Amanda doesn’t know what’s going to happen in terms of travel expenditure since YSS has their own reimbursement policy
        - Chrissie mentioned that any policies that individual Sections have will stay in place
          - YSS has our own conference and reimbursement policy - this would just be for NYLA Council’s policy
    - Amanda said that it’s business as usual and everything should be funneled through NYLA by the Unit treasurers
      - Elissa asked that NYLA is more communicative when it comes to budgets
        - Treasurer needs to be looped in
        - It would benefit YSS to have a separate account
          - It would be helpful to have more guidelines and guidance from NYLA as well as more consistency between Sections so it isn’t as confusing
      - Chrissie mentioned that it would be good to bring everyone in line even if there’s different policies for bigger versus smaller Sections
- Elissa said it’d be great to have more communication with SSL if they’ll be working the same way that YSS is and that more feedback about NYLA’s expectations would make things easier
- Chrissie mentioned that she thinks we’re already in line with what NYLA does in terms of our one day conference
- Amanda will ask about the reimbursement policy and consistency across the board and that treasurer’s work closer together
- Elissa thinks getting clarification would help make things more transparent
- Chrissie thinks this won’t really impact YSS very much
- Amanda thinks this could make future projects easier to fund

Motion to vote in favor of the recommendation should there be a vote at NYLA Council on May 17th - Amanda Schiavulli, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

- Elissa notes that conferences in the past have started to cost more than money we raise
  - She recommends we think of new ways to fundraise to have more safety and security within the budget
  - Chrissie mentioned that we should have less invested in the fundraising since it hasn’t been a good return on investment
  - Elissa stated that people aren’t spending as much and that we should figure out what is going to give us the best bang for our buck
- Amanda brought up that NYLA wants to start monetizing CE credits
  - Ashley mentioned that professional development webinars for YSS members should be free to YSS members

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Chrissie Morrison, Amanda Schiavulli seconded - motion approved