



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2022

1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

In person and via Web Conference

NYLA President, Beth Merkle Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Merkle, <i>President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene LaVerde, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Schiavulli, <i>YSS Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stripling, <i>Immediate Past President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Graves, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassie Guthrie, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simone Yearwood, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg VanPatten, <i>PLS President</i> | |

Absent:

Angela Hackstadt, *ASLS President*

Alana Mutum, *IDEAS President*

Rosmarie Gatzek, *SMART President*

Guests:

Briana McNamee, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*

Christina Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications & Member Engagement*

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Beth Merkle called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and welcomed the group. There was a change to the agenda under 5.b, numbers ii, iv, viii will not be acted upon, but rather given updates as these awards are not normally announced at this time.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the amended agenda.

Made by: Arlene LaVerde Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting

Several names were misspelled in the minutes. AnnaLee Dragon will correct the spellings.

MOTION II: Motion to approve corrected Minutes from June 16, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Frank McKenna Seconded by: Dawn Pressimone

3. Treasurer's Report

a. June Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Kelly Harris reviewed the June financial statement, noting that there may be a few small changes to amounts as the year is closed out and items are moved from the suspense account to their correct lines. As of this statement, we ended the year at a deficit of \$156,943.16, which is still a deficit, but better than the budgeted \$162,800.00.

There were questions on several budget lines show in the financial statement. The lines in question and the explanation of the expenses are as follows:

- **4599: Misc. Income** – This line contains money that was transferred from the Fund for the Future this year.
- **6085: Special Initiatives** – This line is used for grants and other special projects. It is only budgeted for \$1,500 as there is no way to accurately predict grant activity in any year. This year's \$25,620 in expenses is from two grants, the ASLS research grant and the ULU Trauma Study IMLS grant.

AnnaLee will look to add an income and an expense line to the current financial statement in order to track specific grant income and expenses. This should allow the current operational financial statement to more accurately reflect operational income/expenses and also allow for better tracking of grant money.

b. Financial Review Presentation by Stephanie Mumford of Teal, Becker & Chiaramonte

The independent auditor's financial review report for FY2020-2021 was delivered, and recounted no operational deficiencies.

4. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

5. New Business

a. Selection of Accounting Firm for FY2021-2022 Audit

MOTION III: Motion to approve the Executive Committee's recommendation to hire BST & Co. CPAs, LLP for a multi-year contract to perform NYLA's audits for FY2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 at the prices of \$16,600, \$17,500, and \$18,400 respectively.

Made by: Meg VanPatten Seconded by: Laura Osterhout

Approved unanimously.

b. Recommendations from the NYLA Awards & Recognition Committee for 2022

i. Distinguished Achievement Award

MOTION IV: Motion to name Melissa Jacobs as winner of the Distinguished Achievement Award.

Made by: Ginger Tebo Seconded by: Dawn Pressimone

Approved unanimously.

ii. Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award

MOTION V: Motion to name Tamara Gaskell as winner of the Bobinski Innovative Public Library Director Award.

Made by: Lisa Kropp Seconded by: Meg VanPatten

Approved unanimously.

iii. Academic/Special Librarian of the Year Award

No nominations were received for this award, so it will not be given this year.

iv. Public Librarian of the Year Award

MOTION VI: Motion to name Frank E. Meriweather as winner of the Public Librarian of the Year Award.

Made by: Meg VanPatten Seconded by: Arlene LaVerde

Approved unanimously.

v. School Librarian of the Year Award

MOTION VII: Motion to name Beth Cuddy as winner of the School Librarian of the Year Award.

Made by: Dawn Pressimone Seconded by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn

Approved unanimously.

6. President's Report

Beth Merkle reviewed her written report.

7. President Elect's Report

Arlene LaVerde reviewed her written report.

8. Past President's Report

Barbara Stripling reviewed her written report.

9. Executive Director's Report

AnnaLee Dragon reviewed her written report.

10. Legislative Report

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Briana McNamee, reviewed recent activities and addressed questions. NYLA's Legislative Advocacy Day for 2023 will be Tuesday, February 28, meaning our Pre-Advocacy Day activities will be held on Monday, February 27. The plan is to be in person this year, barring any other pandemic-related issues. The NYLA Legislative Committee will be meeting on August 17 to discuss the priorities, both legislative and financial, for the upcoming session. There are 8 pieces of policy that are moving forward from the last session, and at least 3 new pieces for this upcoming session.

11. Section/ALA/Committee Reports

Section representatives reviewed their written reports.

MOTION VI: Motion to adjourn.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by Arlene LaVerde

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, September 15 via Zoom from 3:15pm – 4:45pm.