



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 15, 2023

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

via Web Conference

NYLA President, Arlene Laverde Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene Laverde, <i>President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Delaney, <i>SMART President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Merkle, <i>Immediate Past President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joyce Laiosa, <i>YSS Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Corrice, <i>ASLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Isopo, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Graves, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rakisha Kearns-White, <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> |

Absent:

Guests:

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| Lauren Hoyt, <i>NYLA Director of Association Operations</i> | |
| Max Prime, <i>NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy</i> | |
| C Romeo, <i>NYLA Director of Communications and Member Engagement</i> | |
| Maura Albertson | Teena Lauth |
| Debbie Armbruster | Terry Mulee |
| Kerrie Burch | Lisa Perkowski |
| Molly Clark | Juan Rivera |
| Robin Donovan | Robert Schofield |
| Sharon Fox | Maureen Squier |
| Kim Hazen | Rocco Staino |
| Madelyn Haussner | Penny Sweeney |
| Tony Iovino | Serena Waldron |

Council Meeting Agenda

- Welcome / Review of Agenda
 NYLA President Arlene Laverde called the meeting to order at 3:15pm and welcomed the group.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.
 Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Amanda Perrine
 Approved unanimously.

- Approval of Minutes from May 4, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from May 4, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting.
 Made by: Rakisha Kearns-White Seconded by: Jean Currie
 20 Yes votes, 1 Abstention (Arlene Laverde was not at the May 4 meeting). Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. May Financial Statement

Treasurer Kelly Harris presented the budget vs actual statement as of May 2023.

b. FY2023-2024 NYLA Operating Budget

The FY2023-2024 draft budget was reviewed by the NYLA Audit and Finance Committee, and they recommend it for approval by the NYLA Council at our June 15, 2023 meeting. It is a planned \$136,273 deficit budget.

MOTION III: Motion to approve the FY2023-2024 NYLA Operating Budget as presented.

Made by: Kelly Harris

Seconded by: Julie Delaney

Approved unanimously.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Balanced Budget Task Force Recommendations

Kelly Harris, Treasurer and Chair of the Balanced Budget Task Force, reviewed the recommendations. Over the last 6 weeks, the Task Force held individual meetings with any/all sections and roundtables that requested time to discuss the implications of the recommendations. The recommendations were revised as a result of those discussions and the revised materials and recommendations were shared in advance of the meeting. SSL abstained from the vote as they are waiting to hear NYLA Counsel's legal opinion on a few matters.

MOTION IV: Motion to accept the recommendations of the Balanced Budget Task Force of increases to NYLA membership dues as well as to authorize Council to begin the process of implementing the new dues structure and accompanying financial procedures (see attached information).

Made by: Amanda Perrine

Seconded by: Joe Burke

Vote was taken by roll call:

Arlene Laverde, *President*: Yes

Lisa Kropp, *President-Elect*: Yes

Beth Merkle, *Immediate Past President*: Yes

Kelly Harris, *Treasurer*: Yes

Frank McKenna, *Treasurer-Elect*: Yes

Keturah Cappadonia, *ALA Chapter Councilor*: Yes

Julia Corrice, *ASLS President*: Yes

Kerstin Cruger, *FLS President*: Yes

Michelle Isopo, *IDEAS President*: Yes

Amanda Perrine, *LAMS Representative*: Yes

Jean Currie, *LTAS President*: Yes

Joe Burke, *PLS President*: Yes

Julie Delaney, *SMART President*: Yes

Dawn Pressimone, *SSL Representative*: Abstain

Joyce Laiosa, *YSS Representative*: Yes

Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

Laura Osterhout, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

Ginger Tebo, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

Caitlin Kenney, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

Kristina Graves, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

Rakisha Kearns-White, *Councilor-at-Large*: Yes

20 Yes votes, 1 Abstention. Approved.

5. New Business

a. NYLA Council Conflict of Interest Verification Forms

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon distributed the Conflict of Interest Verification forms, which are required to be filled out annually by NYLA Council members. Councilors were asked to complete them and return them electronically to AnnaLee as soon as possible, but by no later than June 30, 2023. All questions should be directed to AnnaLee.

6. President's Update

Arlene Laverde reviewed her activities since the last Council meeting, announced her appointment of our new Legislative Committee Chair Adam Traub, and gave an update on the Conference planning.

7. Executive Director's Update

AnnaLee Dragon reviewed her written report. She also noted that the intellectual freedom website, freeforallny.org, is now live and asked Council to spread the word about it. This website is a result of a partnership between NYLA, PULISDO, SLSA, and ESLN. AnnaLee also reminded Council that the August 3 Council meeting will be held in person at NYLA Headquarters (with remote option available), and will be the same day as the NYLA Annual Open House. A NYLA Social event will be held that evening, and we hope many of you will attend.

8. Legislative Update

Director of Government Relations and Advocacy Max Prime reviewed the (mostly) finalized New York State legislative session. The Senate has concluded its business, but the Assembly will go back in session on June 20 to try and push through the remainder of their agenda. Max noted that the top line NYLA priority that saw major movement was the 414 Petition Reduction bill, which successfully passed both the Senate and Assembly, and now awaits the Governor's signature. It would reduce the requirement for the number of signatures on a 414 petition to 25. Other items that passed both chambers and will go to the Governor for a signature are an expansion of the definition of library materials for the purpose of library materials aid to include some digital materials, and a suite of bills allowing several individual libraries to become eligible for DASNY resources. Check the NYLA Legislative website for more information on the status of the NYLA legislative priorities.

9. Review/Adjournment

MOTION V: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Michelle Isopo

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:01pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, August 3 in-person at the NYLA Office and via Zoom at 1:00pm.

Reports Due: July 20