



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 16, 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"/> Julie Delaney, <i>SMART President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Merkle, <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"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</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> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i> | |

Absent:

Julia Corrice, *ASLS President*

Michelle Isopo, *IDEAS President*

Amanda Perrine, *LAMS Representative*

Joyce Laiosa, *YSS Representative*

Kristina Graves, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests:

Lauren Hoyt, *NYLA Director of Association Operations*

Max Prime, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

C Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications and Member Engagement*

Michael Bartolomeo

Marty Collins

Tony Iovino

Terry Mulee

Elizabeth Portillo

Tara Thibault-Edmunds

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Arlene Laverde called the meeting to order at 3:18pm and welcomed the group.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn

Seconded by: Frank McKenna

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from December 15, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting as amended.

Made by: Jean Currie

Seconded by: Rakisha Kearns-White

Approved unanimously.

3. Unfinished Business

- a. Confirmation of electronic vote regarding updated timeline/charge of Balanced Budget Task Force
NYLA Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon reported that an electronic vote had been held to approve the following update to the timeline/charge of the Balanced Budget Task Force:

“As the work of the Balanced Budget Task Force (BBTF) necessitates more meetings and time than the original deadline of the end of February 2023 allows, we ask that the BBTF deadline to present recommendations be moved to the Council Meeting on Thursday, May 4, 2023. The Council would then be asked to vote on the recommendations at the Council Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023. Also, we ask that the charge of the BBTF be amended to add review of membership structure and dues, as they have a direct impact on the balancing of the Association budget.”

17 Councilors voted electronically, all in the affirmative. Motion approved.

- b. Nominating Committee Members for Approval
Immediate Past President Beth Merkle presented the names of those appointed to the Nominating Committee this year for approval by Council. The names are as follows:

NYLA Nominating Committee 2023

Beth Merkle, Immediate Past President

Lisa Perkowski, SSL

Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, LAMS/PLS

Alana Mutum, RASS/PLS

Amanda McCormick, ASLS

MOTION III: Motion to approve the Nominating Committee 2023 appointments.

Made by: Lisa Kropp Seconded by: Laura Osterhout

Approved unanimously.

- c. Revised NYLA Executive Director Evaluation Timeline
Immediate Past President Beth Merkle presented the revised evaluation timeline for the Executive Director for Council approval. The original timeline was approved by Council in 2018, and this new version has shortened the timeline and restructured, but the content is the same. The evaluation tool will be distributed to Council by Beth in April.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve the revised Executive Director Evaluation Timeline.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Julie Delaney

Approved unanimously.

- d. NYLA/SLI MOU
Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon presented the draft MOU between the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI) and NYLA for Council’s review. This draft has been approved by the Board of the SLI, and will need to be approved by the Council in order to be official. The timeline and details about the process of membership verification are not included in the language, and are still being discussed by AnnaLee and the SLI Board. The Council was asked to review the document and bring any questions/concerns to AnnaLee, so that this may be voted on in an upcoming Council meeting.

4. New Business

a. Nominations for NYLA Elections

Immediate Past President and Chair of the Nominations Committee reported that the Committee had met to review the nominations for the open positions and make their recommendations for the slate of candidates for the NYLA 2023 elections. There were two candidates for President, one for Treasurer, eight for Councilor at Large (Public), and eight for Councilor at Large (School). The Nominating Committee put forth the following slate for Council approval:

2023 Slate of Candidates for NYLA Council

Councilor-at-Large – Public Libraries

- Janice Dekoff, Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System
- Rakisha Kearns-White, Brooklyn Public Library
- Elizabeth Portillo, Ramapo Catskill Library System

Councilor-at-Large – School Libraries

- Christopher Allen, Wayland-Cohocton Central Schools
- Kerrie Burch, WSWHE BOCES
- Kathy Starks, Owego Apalachin Central School District

Treasurer-Elect

- Matthew Bollerman, Hauppauge Library

President-Elect

- James Teliha, Utica College
- Simone L. Yearwood, Queens College

Any candidate who was nominated but does not appear on the above slate, or any member who wishes to run and was not nominated, is able to do so through the petition process.

MOTION IV: Motion to approve the slate of candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Dawn Pressimone

Approved unanimously.

5. Finance Report

a. February Financial Statement

NYLA Treasurer Kelly Harris presented the February Financial Statement. At the end of February (which is 66% of the fiscal year), we are at about 60% of the budget, with only a few substantial expenses outstanding, including the Pre-Advocacy Day bill, the SSL conference hotel bill, and the YSS conference hotel bill.

b. Balanced Budget Task Force Update

NYLA Treasurer Kelly Harris updated the Council on the Balanced Budget Task Force (BBTF) activities and plans. There was a BBTF meeting immediately preceding the Council meeting, and there will be 4 more meetings leading up to the recommendations the group will present to Council at the May 4 meeting.

6. President's Update

Arlene Laverde reviewed her activities since the last Council meeting, including attendance at many meetings and speaking at the Rally in the Well on Advocacy Day.

7. Executive Director's Report

AnnaLee Dragon reviewed her written report.

8. Legislative Report

Director of Government Relations and Advocacy Max Prime reviewed the Senate and Assembly one house budget bills, which were released on Tuesday, March 14. The details of the bills and how they compare to the Executive Budget and last year's enacted budget are available on the NYLA Advocacy web page.

Max Prime also discussed progress on NYLA's legislative priorities, as well as upcoming meetings he has with legislators. The meetings will help strengthen existing relationships with NYLA, while also keeping our priorities at top of mind for legislators as we head into the final weeks of budget negotiations.

9. Review/Adjournment

MOTION III: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Julie Delaney

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:57pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, May 4 via Zoom at 3:15pm

Reports Due: April 20