YSS Fall 2021 Membership Meeting with Nina Crews  
October 28, 2021  
Virtual  
4:00 PM-5:30 PM

Voting Board Members In Attendance: Amanda Schiavulli - President, Jenny Burke - 1st Vice President/President-Elect, Kim Hazen - Incoming 1st Vice President/President-Elect, Chinasa Seyse - 2nd Vice President - Membership, Mary Jo Smith - Incoming 2nd Vice President - Membership, Ashley Bressingham - Secretary, Elissa Valente - Treasurer, Angela Newman - 2021 Spring Conference Director, Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director, Julia Farrar - 2023 Spring Conference Director

Non-Voting Board Members In Attendance: Amy Relyea - 2021 Fall Conference Chair, Sarah Heukrath - 2022 Fall Conference Chair, Mary Fellows - Legislative Committee Liaison, Nancarrow Brown - Newsletter Editor

Members In Attendance: Gail Brown - Empire State Award Committee, Nina Crews, Adriana LoDolce, Anna Dobkowski, Elnora Baker, Emily Dowie, Heidi Eckerson, Irena Goss, Joyce Laiosa, Lisa Semenza, Liz Anastasi - YSS/SSL Joint NYS Battle of the Books Committee, LJ Martin, Lorie Brown, Mandy Fleming, Margaret Martin - Empire State Award Committee, Melissa Victoria - Scholarship Committee, Renee Rauch, Sara Jo Brandt, Shauna Modrow

4:02 PM President Amanda Schiavulli called the meeting to order

Motion to approve the agenda - Elissa Valente, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve the October 23, 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

Treasurer’s Report - Elissa Valente (see attached #1)
  a. Approval of the Report

Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report - Jenny Burke, Angela Newman seconded - report approved

Presidents Report - Amanda Schiavulli (see attached #2)
  a. NYLA 2021 Accomplishments
  b. By-Laws Amendment - Motion Anticipated

Motion to approve the proposed By-Law Amendments - Chrissie Morrison, Mary Jo Smith seconded - motion approved
Member Joyce Laiosa asked a question regarding the proposed change to Section 3 regarding if candidates interested in the new YSS Representative to NYLA Council position would have to have served on the Board in any prior year or a prior year within the last group of Officers.

President Amanda Schiavulli clarified that the position is open to interested candidates that have served on the Board in any prior year and that the idea behind the position is that the representative to NYLA Council would have some prior knowledge of how the YSS Executive Board works so that way they could make informed decisions and be reporting back to NYLA Council and be a voting member of the YSS Board.

2nd Vice President’s Membership Report - Chinasa Seyse (see attached #3)

YSS Conference 2022 - Chrissie Morrison (see attached #4)

President-Elect/Vice President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #5)
   a. Call for appointments to fill committee slots
   b. ESA Nominations Due December 1
   c. Pied Piper Award application due December 1
   d. Ann Gibson Scholarship Winner
   e. Thank Conference Curation Committee
   f. Introduce New Board

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded, motion approved

Introduce 2021 Conference Curator, Amy Relyea - Jenny Burke

YSS Sponsored Programs at NYLA - Amy Relyea

Introduce Nina Crews - Amy Relyea
1. Treasurer’s Report

YOUTH SERVICES SECTION
NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
Membership Meeting
October 28, 2021

TREASURER’S REPORT
Balance: $126,500.58 (as of 7/2021)

2020-2021 INCOME
Projected $36,200.00
Received (through 6/2021) $20,454.25

2020-2021 EXPENSES
Projected $43,840.00
Incurred (through 6/2021) $12,443.53

2021-2022 INCOME
Projected $44,460
Received (through 7/2021) $983.75

2021-2022 EXPENSES
Projected $44,460
Received (through 10/2021) $2,815.00

Summary of YSS funds:
Operational activities of the Board and Committees comprise the administrative expenses for the section. Otherwise funds are used for membership enrichment (CE NYLA pre-conference program, NYLA Conference workshops, YSS Spring Conference, Emerging Leaders); awards and scholarships (Empire State Award, Pied Piper Award, Ann Gibson Scholarship, Spring Conference Scholarships, Stephanie Squicciarini Sponsorship); and advocacy and promotion (support for Library Advocacy Day, publicity of Empire State Award, Youth Advocacy Committee, Ad in the ESCB Hall of Fame Gala Program, SSL Conference). Included with this report is the FY2021-2022 YSS Budget, as approved by the YSS Board.

Of particular note over this past year:
- The budget has been updated and voted on by the board to reflect the changes made to the Conference Committees new position structure, to include the NYLA Librarian of the Year Award contribution, and to reflect the merger of the YSS and NYLA Leadership academies into the Emerging Leaders Sponsorship.
- The board continues to seek ways to partner and advocate with SSL, therefore a representative from YAC and the president will attend the SSL Conference, and the budget reflects that initiative.
- YSS continues to raise funds for the Ann Gibson Scholarship. The purpose of the award is to provide financial assistance to a person who has chosen to pursue graduate studies that will lead to New York State certification as a youth specialist in a public library or school media center. We encourage you to consider making a tax deductible donation in support of the Scholarship Fund.
- The YSS Reimbursement Policy has been updated to reflect the changes noted above and is available on the NYLA website.
Membership Dues total for 2020-2021: $13484.25

YSS has a healthy balance, as noted above. However, the past two years have not been a true reflection of what we expect in the future, which you can see comparing the 20-21 to 21-22 numbers above. This year's budget was put together with the anticipation of a more “return to normal” as far as the finances of the section. Remember, when it’s time to renew your NYLA membership, select YSS as your primary section. If you have an associate membership under your library’s institutional membership, be sure to designate YSS as your primary section choice. We want to be sure we have you on our roster!

The YSS Spring Conference is another significant source of income. Plan to attend this year’s Spring Conference to be held in Schenectady, NY on Friday, April 8, 2022. During the conference, please attend the Past President’s Dinner which raises funds for the Ann Gibson Scholarship fund.

If you are attending the in-person portion of the NYLA Fall Conference, be sure to purchase raffle tickets for your chance to win some great prizes at the Empire State Luncheon and visit the YSS booth on the trade floor for your membership gift and….more raffle tickets! Additionally, tax deductible donations can be accepted for the YSS section directly through NYLA.

Respectfully submitted,
Elissa Valente, YSS Treasurer, 2018-22

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION - YOUTH SERVICES SECTION- 2021-2022

INCOME

| Membership Dues | 11,460 | 4110 |
| NYLA Conference: Syracuse, NY | 7,800 | 4210 + 4240 |
| Empire State Award Luncheon | 5000 | 4215 |
| Raffle | 1000 | 4220 |
| Continuing Ed Program (alternate years only) | 1800 | 4220 |
| Spring Conference: Schenectady, NY | 24,000 | 4230 |
| Registration | 22,300 | 4240 |
| Past Presidents Dinner (based on 15 paid attendees) | 600 | 4210 |
| Author Book Sales and Vendors | 100 | 4215 |
| Booth Sales and Raffle | 1000 | 4220 |
| Ann Gibson Scholarship: | 1,000 | 4220 |
| Donations | 100 |
| Ann Gibson Scholarship Reception | 600 | 4450 |
| Silent Auction Funds (from Past Presidents Dinner) | 300 | 4215 |
| Continuing Ed Webinar | 100 | 4215 |
| Other (Interest, donations) | 100 | 4230 |
| TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME | 44,460 | 4450 |

EXPENSES

| Committees: | 2,450 |
| Membership | 500 | 6080 |
| Empire State Award | 200 | 6062 |
| Legislative | 450 | 6071 |
| Pied Piper | 300 | 6062 |
| Marketing | 200 | 6088 |
| YAC ( Advocacy) | 800 | 6071 |
| Executive Board: | 5,800 |
| Travel | 2,000 | 6710-6730 |
| Administrative (Supplies, Postage) | 50 | 6340 |
| Business Meetings | 1,000 | 6210 |
| Contingency | 100 | 6099 |
| Ad in ESCB Hall of Fame Gala Program | 250 | 6088 |
SSL Conference (President and YAC Liaison)  2000  6065
Advocacy  400  6072
Ann Gibson Scholarship  1,000  6055
Full NYLA Conference Registration for AGS Winner  100  6065
Continuing Ed Webinar  150  6145
Emerging Leaders Stephanie --- Sponsorship  600  6055
NYLA Librarian of the Year Award, annual contribution  250  6055
Support for Miscellaneous Initiatives  1000  6085
NYLA Conference: Syracuse, NY  10,500  6100-6199
  Speakers, Session expenses  1000  6140+6145
  NYLA Site Charges  700  6110
  Gibson Reception  600  6110+6125
  First Year Fall Conference Curator (incoming)  500  6180
  Fall Conference Curator (Chair)  700  6180
  Empire State Award Luncheon (honorarium, lunch, etc)  5,000  6130, 6140, 6145
  Booth & Raffle  800  6175
  Continuing Ed Program (alternate years only)  1000  6140+6145
Spring Conference: Schenectady, NY  22,810  6100-6199
  Speakers, Lunch, Publicity, Site  18,700  6125-6147
  NYLA Registration Charges (Based on 200 registered)  1200  6175
  Author Book Sales  110
  Past Presidents Dinner (includes $400 to cover 10 guests)  1000  6110+6125
  Booth (includes Raffle baskets)  700  6175
  Scholarship ($250 for each of two)  500  6055
  2022 Spring Conference Director Reimbursement  300  6180
  2021 Spring Conference Director Reimbursement  300  6180
ESA Medals/NOT NEEDED UNTIL 2030  0  6062
TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES  44,460

2. Presidents Report

NYLA 2021 Accomplishments
● YSS was committed to attendance at the NYLA 2020 Virtual Conference and supported some hardship scholarships to members
● Fantastic first ever Virtual Spring Conference
● After the changes at NYLA Headquarters, YSS shifted focus to assure that YSS was transparent and communicated effectively with our members by assuring that all of our announcements, minutes, and reports were on the website in a timely manner
● Advocating for YSS to have representation on committees created during these times
● Updated the Leadership Manual and we voted on it at last week’s Executive Board Meeting, which included a job description for a brand new Board position
● After the NYLA Conference ends, please let me know if you are interested in running for an elected position because I will need the following positions for 2022
  ○ Treasurer
  ○ 2024 Spring Conference Director
  ○ President-Elect
  ○ YSS Representative to NYLA Council
    ■ Proposed By-Law Amendments will create this position
Proposed By-Laws Amendments

Article IV Officers

Currently

4 Sections of information with 8 seats.

Proposed Change

Adding an additional seat on the board to be the YSS Representative to NYLA Council. Renumbering to have 5 sections. To read:

Section 3: One YSS Representative to NYLA Council will be elected by the membership for a 3-year term. To be considered for this position, candidates must have served as a YSS official in a prior year.

Section 4. The President, First Vice President/President – Elect, Second Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer shall perform the duties pertaining to their respective offices and such other duties as may be approved by the Board. If an officer of the Board does not fulfill the obligations of the office, they may be removed by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 5. All officers and all elected members of the Board shall serve until adjournment of the business meeting at the Annual Conference or until November 1 if no annual conference is held that year. All officers shall have their materials in good order to their successors at the annual conference.

3. 2nd Vice President’s Membership Report

- As of March 2021, our numbers looked very good
  - About 6,357 members in NYLA
  - Of that, there were 815 YSS members
  - No current numbers since I’ve been trying to reconnect with the new individuals that took over after Lois retired at NYLA
  - But I think those numbers are favorable
  - Keep talking to your colleagues about joining YSS
Use the Jotform if you’d like to serve in a deeper capacity
There were 12 entries received this year alone so that’s fantastic and we want to see more people participate since there’s a lot we can learn from everyone

- **Membership Gift**
  - Reusable Ziploc bag that features Yancey’s face on it
  - They’ll be at the YSS booth during the NYLA Annual Conference in-person for members to pickup and those that remain will be in Schenectady at the YSS Conference next year

- **NYLA Membership Committee**
  - A lot of activity going on and the group has met virtually several times
  - There are a lot of ideas that we hope get pursued in the next coming year
  - Fall survey was postponed
  - Increased the fee rates and put out new parameters for subcommittees and groups to offer CE and a workshop once a year and to have an annual meeting
  - If you have any ideas, please tell the Incoming Board and they’ll past it on

4. **YSS Conference 2022**

- The theme of the Conference is May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor
- It’s going to take place in Schenectady, NY at the Rivers Casino & Resort
- The date of the Conference is April 8, 2022, which is a Friday
- The Past President’s Dinner will be the evening before with fundraising raffles for the Ann Gibson Scholarship
- The keynote speaker is Chris Crutcher
  - He has generously agreed to come early enough so he can attend the Past President’s Dinner
  - After his keynote, he is going to present a workshop at each of the three breakout sessions
  - Hopefully, everyone at the Conference will have a chance to come and hear what he has to say
  - He’s a YA author and social worker and a lot of his stories are based on his work in social work
- With the theme May the Odds Be Ever in Your Favor, we’re going to be talking about how libraries can help the odds for all of the people that come into our libraries
  - Whether it be educators, parents, children, or everyone that comes into the library, we want the odds to be ever in their favor
- We hope to see you at the Conference and more information should be coming out at the YSS booth at the NYLA Annual Conference in-person
- The cost has not yet been finalized for the Conference
  - Look at the YSS website to see the cost of attending previously
  - We’re going to do our very best to keep it in line with that but we need to factor in the cost of the venue as well as food

5. **President-Elect/Vice President’s Report**

- We’re looking for appointments to fill the open committee slots
Most of the committees for this upcoming year have been filled but we do have an opening on the Marketing Committee

- If you’re interested in serving on a YSS Committee, we would absolutely love to have you and it’s a great way to get involved in YSS and get your feet in the water with seeing how things work and Marketing is a great Committee to be on
- The Marketing Committee is responsible for maintaining all of the YSS social media pages and making sure that we’re actively communicating with our membership
  - If you’re interested in serving on the Marketing Committee, please let either Jenny Burke or Kim Hazen know

- Empire State Award nominations are due on December 1st and we would love for your help in nominating an author or illustrator
  - This award is given annually and was first presented in 1990
  - It’s a one time award presented to a living author or illustrator currently residing in New York state
  - The award honors a body of work that represents excellence in children or young adult literature and that has made a significant contribution to literature for young people
  - If you’re thinking of someone that you think would be great for this award, please fill out the nomination and the survey form is on the YSS website

- Pied Piper Award nominations are going to be due on January 31st, 2022
  - If you did an amazing program this year, either virtual or in-person, it’s time that you’re appreciated for all your hard work and creativity
  - The Pied Piper Award recognizes excellence in the creation of an individual program that promotes services to the young people of New York state libraries and is replicable at other libraries
  - Submissions are judged on originality, program implementation, program, content, and the marketing of said program

- The Scholarship Committee is delighted to announce that the Ann Gibson Scholarship winner for 2021 is Jackie Lam
  - Jackie is a proud graduate of Smith College and current student in the Graduate School of Library and Information Studies at Queens College CUNY and Jackie is delighted to be a Children’s Librarian Trainee at Kings Park Public Library, a branch of the Smithtown Library on Long Island
    - Jackie heads the Children’s Programming subcommittee of the Smithtown Library’s newly formed Diversity Committee, which she helped establish
    - She also focuses on building accessible and inclusive library collections and in particular examining depictions of underrepresented groups in picture books
    - Outside of work, she runs programs for the Queens College Library and Information Studies Student Association and volunteers at the Guide Dog Foundation in Smithtown
  - This scholarship is given annually to honor the memory of Ann Gibson, a dynamic and dedicated librarian, storyteller, and teacher in recognition of her many contributions to the field of youth service librarianship
  - The purpose of this scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a person who has chosen to pursue graduate studies that will lead to a New York state certification as a youth specialist in a public library or school media center
A big thank you to our Conference Curation Committee who I’m going to introduce the Chair of in just a minute since they planned and coordinated all of the YSS sponsored events and workshops at the NYLA Virtual Conference and next week’s NYLA In-Person Annual Conference. They do a lot of hard work and those members are Amy Relyea, who is the Chair, Sarah Heukrath, and Kate Federiconi so a big round of applause to them and thank you for all your hard work on making this conference a success.

Our 2021-2022 Board members are:
- Jenny Burke - President
- Kim Hazen - 1st Vice President/President-Elect
- Amanda Schiavulli - Past President
- Mary Jo Smith - 2nd Vice President - Membership
- Ashley Bressingham - Secretary
- Elissa Valente - Treasurer
- Chrissie Morrison - 2022 Spring Conference Director
- Julia Farrar - 2023 Spring Conference Director