YSS Winter Board Meeting
January 14, 2022
Virtual
1:00 PM-2:00 PM

Voting Board Members In Attendance: Jenny Burke - President, Kim Hazen - Vice President/President-Elect, Amanda Schiavulli - Past President & 2022 Council Representative, 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

Non-Voting Board Members In Attendance: Claire Lovell - Continuing Education Liaison, Jaclyn Bleich - Communications Committee and Web Liaison, Raena Pellichet - Sustainability Committee Liaison

Members In Attendance: Anne Nelson - Pied Piper Award Committee, Dawn Pressimone - SSL Past President, Jennifer Lelinski - Marketing Committee Chair

E - vote between meetings - Kim Hazen motion to accept John Edvalson to the NYLA/YSS Marketing Committee, Chrissie Morrison seconded, motion approved December 2, 2021

E - vote between meetings - Kim Hazen motion to to accept Alyssa Harvey for the NYLA/YSS Conference Planning Committee, Elissa Valente seconded, motion approved December 16, 2021

E - vote between meetings - Amanda Schiavulli motion to appoint the following people to serve as the YSS Liaisons to these NYLA committees - Mallory Marinaro as the 2022 YSS Representative to serve on the NYLA Awards & Recognition Committee and Raena Pellichet as the 2022 YSS Representative to serve on the NYLA Sustainability Committee, Kim Hazen seconded, motion approved January 4, 2022

1:05 PM President Jenny Burke called the meeting to order

Motion to approve the agenda for today’s meeting - Amanda Schiavulli, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve October 22, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes - Chrissie Morrison, Amanda Schiavulli seconded - motion approved

Motion to approve October 28, 2021 Virtual Membership Meeting Minutes - Julia Farrar, 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 - Mary Jo Smith, Elissa Valente seconded - report approved

Past President’s Report - Amanda Schiavulli (see attached #2)
  a. NYLA Council Updates
  b. Executive Session to Discuss NYLA Council Vote
  c. Liaison Reports
     i. Awards & Recognition
     ii. Communications/Website
     iii. Continuing Education
     iv. Intellectual Freedom
     v. Legislative
     vi. New York State Library
     vii. Sustainability

Motion to begin Executive Session - Amanda Schiavulli, Chrissie Morrison seconded - motion approved

Motion to end Executive Session - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved

President’s Report - Jenny Burke (see attached #3)
  a. Resolutions:
     i. E - vote on Marketing Committee – John Edvalson
     ii. E - vote on Conference Planning Committee – Alyssa Harvey
     iii. E - vote on NYLA Council Committee Appointments: Mallory Marinaro, NYLA Awards & Recognition Committee; Raena Pellichet, NYLA Sustainability Committee

2nd Vice President - Membership Report - Mary Jo Smith (see attached #4)

Vice President/President-Elect’s Report - Kim Hazen (see attached #5)
  a. Status of 2021-2022 Committees
  b. Committee Reports
     i. Empire State Award
     ii. Fall Conference Planning
     iii. Marketing
     iv. NYS Battle of the Books
     v. Pied Piper
     vi. Scholarship
     vii. Youth Advocacy

Motion to approve the Empire State Award Committee’s slate of potential candidates for the 2023 Award - Chrissie Morrison, Amanda Schiavulli seconded - motion approved

2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Chrissie Morrison (see attached #6)

2023 Spring Conference Director’s Report - Julia Farrar (see attached #7)

Unfinished Business
New Business?

SSL Past President Dawn Pressimone gave updates on the upcoming SSL Conference

- The in-person conference will take place from May 19th to May 21st at the Turning Stone Casino in Verona, NY, which is right outside of Syracuse
- Registration is now open
- Next year’s Conference will be in Binghamton

Adjournment - Motion to Adjourn - Chrissie Morrison, Elissa Valente seconded - motion approved
1. Treasurer’s Report

TREASURER’S REPORT

2021-2022 INCOME
Projected $44,460.00
Received (through 09/30/2021) $2,135.75

2021-2022 EXPENSES
Projected $44,460.00
Incurred (through 09/30/2021) $815.00

General Comments

Membership dues collected was $2014.75 through the end of September, and we have received $121 in donations.

NYLA has hired an outside organization to catch up with outstanding RRs and to balance the budget. I have only received financial statements through September, so I do not have the most up to date information at this time. I do know that both Nina Crews and Jackie Lam received their checks, which is not reflected in the numbers above. There have been significant delays with RRs and processing checks, and each case is being dealt with individually. Thank you to our committee coordinators for your patience and communication throughout this time.

We did have a successful raffle at the NYLA Fall conference and raised $727. Thank you to Sarah Heukrath for the great baskets, and everyone who purchased tickets!

Conference planners—please make sure to submit a W-9 form for any speakers/honorariums along with the RR requests. The name/address on the W-9 must match the name/address on the RR. Since we are in person this year, I will ask for checks to be held at NYLA, instead of mailed directly to presenters.

As always, please keep the Treasurer informed of any/all communication or correspondence involving financial transactions—income or expenses.

Respectfully submitted,

Elissa Valente
Elissa Valente
YSS Treasurer

Attachments:
FY 2021-22 Budget to Date with Chart of Accounts, NYLA Treasurer’s Report—Winter 2022
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2. Past President’s Report

**YSS Past President/2022 NYLA Council Representative Report**
NYLA Council Report:

Met on December 16, 2021 and again January 6, 2022.

12/16/2021: no big news. Still in uncertain times for budget. Search committee actively working through resumes for new Executive director and Appointing Committee Chairs:


Approved the Unit Membership Requirements: We are in compliance so no worries there!

1/6/2022 meeting was about voting the director appointment, announcement of appointment will be emailed to the membership on January 14, 2022.

Liaison Reports:

Awards & Recognition – Mallory Marinaro
- Just appointed recently. No news.

Communications/Website – Jackie Bleich

News

Communications committee work:

- Gained administrative access to the YSS Facebook page.
- Gained access to the NYLA YSS Gmail account.
  - Note: If you have files uploaded in the YSS Documents Google Drive that state you as the owner, please transfer ownership to the NYLA YSS Gmail account.
- Gained and gave access to the YSS Instagram page.

Website Updates

- Added August 2021 Meeting Minutes.
- Updated 2022 Board Members Page.
- Added new application link (google form) to the Spring Conference Scholarship page.
- Updated Events page with new dates for YSS Board meetings, YSS and NYLA Conferences, and special events.
● Note: YSS Board meetings with virtual options will now have a zoom registration link instead of an email contact.

● Added the 2022 NYLA YSS Conference Information.
  ● Flyer
  ● Brochure
  ● Keynote Speaker
  ● Registration
  ● Travel & Lodging
  ● Pre-Conference Reception
  ● Service Project
● Archived the 2021 NYLA YSS Conference Page.
● Added the Winter 2021 Newsletter.
● Added live registration link to the 2022 NYLA YSS Conference Page.
● Confirmed and added two recent liaisons to the Board Members Page.

Current Projects

● None.

Questions for YSS board

● None

Report prepared by Jaclyn Bleich, Onondaga County Public Libraries

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Continuing Education – Claire Lovell

● Continuing Education from NYLA is on hold until a new Executive Director hires a new Professional Development Manager to replace Sarah Sherlock.
● Conference proposals for NYLA 2023 will not be due as early as they have been in the past, although no specific date has been set yet as a deadline.
● Taking names/ideas for webinars.

Intellectual Freedom – Anthony Stenta

● No Report

Legislative Committee Liaison – Mary Fellows
Advocacy Day – hybrid – will be Wednesday, March 2. Watch for more information from NYLA and your system as to how you can participate.

A bill has been signed into law placing on NY’s personal income tax form a checkoff for contributing to “the state library aid program for financial support for public libraries.” My understanding is that funds collected will go into the “Love Your Library” fund. This fund has been collecting money for years through an income tax checkbox, but there is no mechanism to release the money to libraries. Apparently that will require legislation, and NYLA is working on securing a bill and sponsor.

Another remedy in this same category of NYLA seeking bill and sponsor is eliminating tax for books purchased at school book fairs.

NYLA is moving ahead with a coalition of supporters (NYLA, DemocracyReady NY and Media Literacy Now) on securing a Senate sponsor and support for the media literacy bill package. The School Library Policy Working Group has been hosting targeted mini-advocacy events around policy initiatives relating to this package.

New York State Library – Sharon Philips

- No Report received but I compiled some of the announcements she has shared with the YS Consultants:
  - Flyers for 2022 have been updated and those versions will be posted on the downloadable material section of the Summer Reading site in the next week or so. We have also updated most of the links on www.summerreadingnys.org for 2022, and have just added some new resources to the list for librarians and educators at https://www.summerreadingnys.org/online-and-e-resources-for-families-students-and-schools/. If you see any links that still need updating, or you have resources to add to that list, please let me know.
  - We still have some links to the Spanish site at http://daybydaynysp.org/ remaining on our Ready to Read site and on a couple of Summer Reading pages. Please make sure your member libraries know that ONLY the Spanish site is being discontinued, and they should remove any links to that Spanish site from their web pages or if they have the site linked from any resource documents.
    - This does not affect the DayByDayNY site in English, which will continue to operate normally.
    - We will be keeping the domain name for the Spanish site just in case we decide to bring it back at some point in the future. And the content on that Spanish site is being archived.
  - Link to the new toolkit from ALSC on Summer Learning has been added to the Resources page of the DLD Summer Reading site here: https://www.nysl.nysed.gov/libdev/summer/resource.htm

Sustainability – Raena Pellichet

- No Report. Just appointed recently.
  - Chair of Sustainability Committee shared the following:
    - Why does Council need a Sustainability Committee? Well, the charge has been updated and is based on the model of the Intellectual Freedom Committee, which liaisons with both the ALA Intellectual Freedom Committee and NYLA’s round table.
• The charge for the Sustainability Committee reads: "The NYLA Sustainability Committee serves as a liaison between the NYLA Membership and the ALA Council Committee on Sustainability and maintains a strong partnership with NYLA’s START (Sustainable Thinking and Action Round Table). The committee ensures resources are shared with members surrounding the topic of sustainability to mobilize libraries in a way that builds awareness of sustainable practices, programs, and services for libraries of all types."

• With New York libraries facing damage from storms most certainly brought on by climate change; to more and more of our libraries searching for policies and solutions regarding social justice and financial equity work - it is clear that there is much to be done on this front, and I am grateful that NYLA Council voted unanimously to reinstate this committee and show their support of sustainable work in libraries of all types.

3. President’s Report

**YSS President Report**

**January 14, 2022**

I have nothing to report, since our leadership manual has changed. I contacted Dawn Pressimone, Past President of SSL, and our liaison, and made sure she had our calendar of board meetings and contact information.

Between November 2021 and present, we had several e-votes the Executive Board approved and here are the resolutions:

Evote on Marketing Committee – John Edvalson

Evote on Conference Planning Committee – Alyssa Harvey

Evote on NYLA Council Committee Appointments: Mallory Marinaro, NYLA Awards & Recognition Committee; Raena Pellichet, NYLA Sustainability Committee

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Burke

4. 2nd Vice President - Membership Report

Second Vice President’s Report—January 3, 2022

Activities completed since November 2021:

• Read through all the documents pertaining to the position available on Google Drive
• Contacted Chinasa Seyse with questions regarding the Membership Plan, the Membership Committee, and several other things referenced in the aforementioned documents
• Sent an email to appropriate parties (President of NYLA, Chairperson of the Membership Committee, and others) to try and obtain more information about expired YSS memberships and the like
• Interviewed YSS member Tonia Burton for the Winter newsletter. Wrote and submitted an article based on that interview.

I would like to have done more, but I have had difficulty in getting the gaps in my knowledge completely filled, as the NYLA office is in somewhat of a disarray currently. My hope is the coming months will allow me to obtain more information and complete the tasks associated with this position more thoroughly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo C. Smith

5. Vice President/President-Elect’s Report

YSS 1st Vice President-President Elect Report

January 14, 2022

1st VP Report

I have been in contact with Jennifer Burke via email, I emailed all the committees introducing myself. Since then, I’ve been in contact via email with everyone to answer any questions they have. I also emailed the incoming committee members the welcome letter and guidelines for committees. I sent all the committee the 2022 YSS calendar with deadlines for reports and newsletter. I also made sure all committee reports were uploaded to Google Drive.

In December through e-vote, John Edvalson was appointed to the Marketing Committee.

In December through e-vote Alyssa Harvey was appointed 1st Year Member to the Conference Planning Committee.

The reports for each committee will follow. There are a few items that need to be discussed with the YSS board.

1. The NYLA/YSS board needs to vote on the Empire State Award Committee’s slate.
2. To date, the scholarship committee has received no submissions for the Spring Scholarship and would like to request an extension past the February 1st deadline.

Committee Reports:

Name of Committee: Conference Planning

There is not much to report other than the new committee member Alyssa!

Alyssa Harvey has her MLIS from Syracuse University and graduated in 2018. She has worked in libraries for twelve years and has spent most of her career working with youth, ages 0-18. She recently started a new position as the Head of Youth Services at the Town of Ballston Library in Burnt Hills, NY. Prior to this position she was the Youth Services Librarian at the Worth-Pinkham Memorial Library in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ (2018-2021) and a Librarian Assistant at the Cortland Free Library (2012-2018).

The conference planning committee plans to get in touch at some point this month to go over committee duties.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Heukrath

Name of Committee: Empire State Award

2022 ESA Business

Kate Messner is the selected ESA recipient for 2022! We are excited about working with her and making the official announcement at the spring YSS conference.

Lex Abenshon and I met via Zoom on December 1st, 2021 to check in and debrief any updates and, more specifically, for Lex to hand off Chair responsibilities. The pandemic has made normal protocols more difficult and I needed more clarification about my roles and responsibilities as Chair. Lex has been great! I will continue to pick her brain and ask questions.

ESA Nomination Bank Update
The 2022 ESA Committee will continue to work on compiling a list of authors and illustrators residing in New York State to supplement nominations received through traditional means and to solicit nominations from YSS members. We discussed the ongoing difficulty to collect nominations from YSS members in the past and this continues to be difficult. We brainstormed ideas on different ways to get out the word more broadly perhaps by targeting certain dates, areas, listservs, etc.

**Slate of Nominees for ESA 2023**

The ESA committee met via Zoom on January 3rd, 2022. Prior to our meeting, we looked at the list of nominees submitted via the YSS form during 2021 and eliminated those who have already won or those who are ineligible due to their current living status outside of New York State. We each chose our top 3 and presented our rationale in favor of each. It is interesting that the three of us had chosen most of the same potential recipients, which made the slate of 3 an easy task! Here is the list of 3, which I emailed to Kim Hazen for the YSS board to discuss and approve:

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1. Tamora Pierce
2. Nina Crews
3. Paul Zelinsky

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Thank you.

Respectfully Submitted by the 2022 ESA Committee:

Gail Brown
Alexandria Abenshon
Margaret Martin

**Name of Committee: Pied Piper Award**

**Updates:**

The Committee welcomed Public Services Librarian Michelle Waldenmaier as 2022 First Year Member.

**2021-2022 Award:**

The 2021-22 prize may go unawarded for lack of eligible applicants.

The deadline for submission stands at January 31, 2022. This is already an extended date: the traditional deadline falls in December. We urge YSS members to apply.
Additional Information:

Since the award is open only to YSS members, the Committee has relied mostly on the YSS newsletter and social media for marketing. The announcement of the 2020-21 winners was the most liked YSS Facebook post in August 2021 and a reminder to apply before the deadline appeared in the most recent YSS newsletter, so we assume that YSS members are already reasonably aware of the prize.

Third Year Member Sarah Brown has recommended investigating why the prize is attracting so few eligible applicants; there was only one entrant last year and past Committee members have indicated that a low response is not unusual. Second Year Member Anne Nelson has noted the Committee is still employing a (mailed or emailed) PDF application and not a webform. First Year Member Michelle Waldenmaier has suggested updating some of the wording of the award’s stated purpose and requirements for clarity.

Respectfully submitted by:

Anne Nelson

Name of Committee: Marketing

Committee Updates:

- The Marketing Committee is fully staffed thanks to new committee members Anna Healy and John Edvalson!
- Anna has taken on the Pinterest and Twitter accounts for YSS. John has taken over the Instagram account. Jennifer is running the Facebook account and periodically checking on all four accounts.
- Facebook – Up 6 new followers since August at 622 total followers
- Instagram – Up 22 followers since August at 268 total followers
- Twitter – 445 Followers
- Pinterest – 49 Followers
- Engagement is growing on the Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. Unfortunately, engagement is low on the Pinterest account, however Anna is in the process of revamping the page which will hopefully lead to more interaction.

Short Term Goals:
• Acquaint new committee members with their social media roles.
• Increase followers and engagement on all social media platforms.
• Work with all YSS Committees to promote the Youth Services Section.

Long Term Goals:

• Coordinate with contacts from other sections to ensure our members have access to relevant news, updates, and other important information, including conference updates, scholarship/award winners, webinar information, and more.
• Work cohesively with other committees and to discuss possible solutions to ensure that information is shared in a timely, organized, and complete manner.
• Discuss possible ways to increase YSS membership and enthusiasm.
• Increase engagement on our social media pages.

If there is anything you’d ever like shared on our social media platforms, please do not hesitate to contact me! Information/posts can be emailed to lelinskij@buffalolib.org

Respectfully submitted 1/5/2022

Jennifer Lelinski
Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries

Name of Committee: Scholarship Committee

To date, we have received no submissions for the Spring Scholarship and would like to request an extension past the February 1st deadline.

Respectfully submitted by Rickele Bello

Name of Committee: Youth Advocacy Committee

The Youth Advocacy Committee, now chaired by SSL member Jill Leinung per our operating guidelines.

YAC is working on a #challengethechallenge initiative via our Twitter feed to inform YS librarians about their role in managing a materials challenge. Please watch for our messages on Twitter, and follow us if you haven’t: @YACNYLA.

Respectfully submitted,
Name of Committee: NYS Battle of the Books Committee

As a result of extensive discussion among committee members and in light of the continuing uncertainty of the status of the pandemic across New York State, the New York State Battle of the Books (NYSBOB) Planning Committee has resolved to take a pause. NYSBOB will be taking a pause from monthly meetings and active participation of committee members for the foreseeable future. It is, however, top priority that NYSBOB remains a sustainable Committee. Therefore the NYSBOB Committee will meet quarterly to touch base as a team and evaluate re-starting the Committee. If it is decided that the time to resume active Committee participation has come, NYSBOB will resume its efforts where they left off. If the conclusion is reached that the pause should continue, the committee will adjourn, remain paused, and reconvene the following quarter. NYSBOB is a joint committee between NYLA Youth Services Section and NYLA Section of School Librarians.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Respectfully submitted by:

Liz Anastasi (NYS BOB Chair, YSS)
Serena Waldron (SSL)
Jennifer Gay (YSS)
Elizabeth Portillo (YSS)

Respectfully submitted by Kim Hazen

6. 2022 Spring Conference Director’s Report

Report by Chrissie Morrison, 2022 YSS Spring Conference Director
YSS WinterBoard Meeting – January 14, 2022

Registration is LIVE!

There was a slight glitch with pricing (NYLA member pricing of $145 was coming through for YSS members who should only pay $135), but Amanda caught it and Christina was able to fix it right away. Jenny also noticed that there was a glitch where it still asked for a credit card number for people who selected that they were going to pay by check. I sent an email to Christina about this.

Early bird registration goes through February 18th, and regular registration will cut off March 18th so we can get all our final numbers over to the hotel.
Because NYLA is so short-staffed, Christina set up the system to email me every time someone registers... This way, we won't have to depend solely on NYLA staff for information about registration numbers, etc. She still plans to send me monthly reports leading up to the conference, but we can see things “in real time” this way. As of right now (the afternoon of Monday, 1/10/22), we only have 9 registrations… but I will call that a win since we didn’t even start our social media campaign!

Diane has come up with some good images to get the ball rolling, and we just need to get final versions sent over to the Marketing Committee. Here’s a sneak peak of the registration is open and the early bird reminder – which is my favorite one:

![Registration Now Open!]

Location – River’s Casino & Resort in Schenectady, NY  
In early December, I met with Amanda at Rivers to make final decisions per the contract. I chose rooms and setups, gave our AV needs, and selected meal options. Our food minimum was pretty high, so we are going all out and even having a cookie and brownie bar for an afternoon snack break! I just got the final paperwork with AV costs and such, and that can be seen in the Rivers Casino Paperwork folder on my Google Drive: [https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1izZ94yz-VvhcBecM4dJjxGY1igko2vCW?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1izZ94yz-VvhcBecM4dJjxGY1igko2vCW?usp=sharing)

Author/Keynote Speaker – Chris Crutcher  
We have our contract back from him, but I didn’t ask for the W9 at the same time because it was so far in advance of the conference and we wanted to submit for payment much closer to the event. (I probably should have just gotten it and held on to it, but whatever!) Chris has been very responsive when asked for further details about his break out session and even replied within a few hours when I emailed to ask about which of his books we should ask the bookstore to bring. I am confident he will return this quickly as well.

Past Presidents’ Dinner – Druthers Brewing Company  
I began talking to Jenn at Druthers, and we have the space booked. We discussed general menu options, but our final selections cannot be made until after the menu makes its seasonal change and we see what will actually be on the menu at the time of our event. I will reach out to her again soon.
In the meantime, Amanda and I have been talking a little about the format of the evening and I believe that she will be bringing Past President Lisa Neuman in on something fun so she can make up for not getting an in-person event in CLAYTON!

Charity Partner – Things of My Very Own
They have asked that we collect BABY and CHILD toiletry items – like lotion, body wash, toothpaste, etc. Their organization is amazing, and I really hope we will be able to get a good showing of support from our conference attendees.

Bookstore – The Open Door Bookstore
Elissa is looking into the contract with the book store. According to April (who is our committee liaison to the store), they said they don’t always utilize a contract – but I’d rather be safe than sorry. They have agreed to give us 10% of the profits from conference sales, and I think it is best to have that in writing. I asked Chris Crutcher to recommend which of his books they should order, and that has been passed along to April (who is our committee liaison to the store). Amy is going to contact all of the speakers to see if they have particular books (PD or otherwise) that they will be mentioning in their workshops and would like to see at the bookstore table. Since the bookstore has such a small staff, they will only be able to send someone to be at the event for a few hours – but we think the timing should be fine and plan to give over the conference registration table so that they will have a prime location for visibility when they are there.

Speaking of Prime Visibility… Committee T-Shirts!
My husband helped me to rework the logo just the tiniest bit so that it would work better on t-shirts, and we have them ordered for our committee and our two helpers – my hubby and Amy DuBrey’s have been conscripted to be our AV guys. See below for the [cropped] mock-up of the women’s cut t-shirt:

I think that is everything…
But feel free to let me know if there are any questions that need answers!

7. 2023 Spring Conference Director’s Report
Board Report--January 7, 2022

Submitted by Julia Farrar, 2023 Spring Conference Director

Committee

I have been working on assembling the committee for conference planning. Several people that I have reached out to have not been able to help. Chinasa Seyse is assisting with capital region connections and I welcome any other suggestions. Our first committee meeting will be at the end of this month.

Committee members thus far include Catherine Brenner (Youth Services, Saratoga Springs), Emily F. Wood (Youth Services, Hudson Falls Library), and Michele Barron (Teen Services, Stillwater).

Conference Location and Dates

I have identified 5 possible venues in the Lake George/Glens Falls area. I have reached out for more information from two locations that seem like they will work the best.

Easter is April 9th, so I am looking at April 14th, 21st, and 28th as potential dates.