

**Library Trustees Association Section
Board of Trustee
Notes of meeting, October 3, 2021**

Present: Jean Currie, Suzanne Stockman, Martha Anderson, Robin Donovan, Adria Ripka, Edris Scherer

Guest: Joe Eisner

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of July 18, 2021 by common consent.

Treasurers' Report: Reports did not come from NYLA dues to staffing issues in their office.

President's Report: Currie had provided reports on the work of the NYLA Council which has met frequently due to the resignation of Jeremy Johannesen. She also noted a conversation with Susan Sabers Chapman who has a leave of absence from the board but appreciates updates.

NYLA Conference: Stockman reported:

- LTAS has a booth.
- NYLA is providing ribbons for nametags.
- She has been in contact with our speakers.
- We noted who would be at the conference: Currie and Anderson Wed-Sat., Stockman Fri. Ripka and Donovan TBD, Eisner no.
- Trustee registration is proving difficult, and becoming a member is also not working well.

Newsletter & Email Blast: Ripka wants content!! Currie has finally had her membership linked to something that allows email blasts!

Membership: Issues raised in discussion:

- There have been problems with the NYLA membership database and so some memberships do not appear to be working.
- But there are memberships in LTAS trickling in slowly.
- Library fiscal years can make a difference in when memberships are paid.
- We still have problems with articulating benefits of membership as access to much of NYLA is "free". But benefits do include a newsletter, voting membership in NYLA, being part of a profession and professional organization, access to training such as the Book Club, NYLA Conference, and any training we might do.
- Can we send a letter to all Board Presidents? Over 700 libraries!
- We also need to revise the job description for potential LTAS Board members.

Handbook of Laws and Regulations Affecting Public Libraries in New York State: Joe Eisner has a loose-leaf publication which he has been updating since 1963. He has offered to make some or all of this available for our web site. We will follow-up to work on how this will be done. Eisner will have the authorship with sponsorship by LTAS. Thank you Joe!!

Notes by Jean Currie, Secretary pro tem