

Library Trustees Association, a Section of NYLA
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Virtual Meeting via Zoom
December 19, 2021 1:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Jean Currie, Adria Ripka, Edris Scherer, Martha Anderson, Robin Donovan

Excused Absence: Phil Archer

Absent: Suzanne Stockman

- ♦ **CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JEAN CURRIE**
- ♦ **WELCOME/REVIEW OF AGENDA**
- ♦ **APPROVED MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2021**

TREASURER'S REPORT: Edris Scherer

- ♦ Nothing much has happened. In September, there were some memberships that came in, one for \$1,150.00 and one for \$760.00 and a \$60.00 one. No expenses were recorded in NYLA for September.
- ♦ There is little over \$28,000 in one account. In the Morgan Stanley account there is \$62,000 and the other has \$12,000.
- ♦ On Colleen's last day, she sent out a letter communicating that communication will be established between the Section(s) Treasurer and Capital CFO, a company that will be overseeing financials and membership information.
- ♦ A question was posed if LTAS has any expenses that need to be submitted? Jean Currie will call Suzanne Stockman to ask about reimbursement for Stephanie Adams' hotel room for one night. These need to be sent to Edris and signed off. According to NYLA, Jean stated, "Capital CFO is only doing reimbursements. It is questionable about what they are doing about memberships. It is not clear how this is being done. When NYLA gets a new director, they might get a Forensic Auditor."
- ♦ LTAS has financials through September 2021.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jean Currie

- ♦ Jean Currie sent pages to the Board that has to do with Beth Merkle's report.
- ♦ This include the 2022 NYLA Conference, ***Back to the Future, November 2-5, 2022, Saratoga Springs, NY.***
- ♦ January 20, 2022, there is a conference for the curators, explaining how the whole thing works. By March 7, LTAS must have proposals for programs. Robin Donovan has volunteered to be the curator for the 2022 Conference. Martha Anderson said it's overwhelming at first but we do have the speakers lined up from last year. These include Ellen Bach, Robert Schofield and Stephanie Adams.
- ♦ Jean Currie noted she had submitted form with LTAS assignments to NYLA committees.
- ♦ Advocacy Day is March 2, 2022, and will be virtual.
- ♦ Monday, December 20, 2022, NYLA will interview the finalists for the director of NYLA.
- ♦ NYLA issued Unit Requirements for all NYLA (Units (Sections and Round Tables) Jean explained that we need to have a minimum of (1) meeting annually to which all members of the unit are invited. This meeting may happen virtually or in-person.

OLD BUSINESS

◆ **October Newsletter**

- ◆ As of 12/19/2021, the October 2021 LTAS Newsletter has not been emailed out to members. Christina of NYLA, said she would send it out this past week, December 10-17, but no one has received it. It is in digital format. Adria will contact Christina and have it renumbered for January, 2022 and then sent.

◆ **Membership**

- ◆ Email Blast is being developed to send out to membership. This could include a request for LTAS members to email suggestions for 2022 conference programs.
- ◆ Jean Currie will be away for most of December 23 – January 23. Martha Anderson pointed out that LTAS needs to have their workshop proposals in by January 20, 2022, and Jean Currie assured this would be done.
- ◆ Surveys from last year's conference will be sent out by Jean Currie from the 2021 NYLA Conference to board members in order to come up with program suggestions. Ellen and Robert usually do case studies. Jean Currie suggested we should look at "Ask the Lawyer," put out by WNYLRC and pick up on one or two topics.

◆ **Awards**

Suzanne was not in attendance to talk about the awards. This topic will be included in the email blast. We will continue with the Velma B. Moore Award only.

◆ **Flyers**

Robin Donovan will resend flyers that were created to attract members and board members to LTAS. Adria Ripka recommended that the flyers be sent to the 23 System Directors.

◆ **Trustee Handbook Book Club**

It is very well attended. They intend to extend it into 2022, covering Save the Dates - Trustee Handbook Book Club Sessions 2022:

- January 18th
- February 22nd
- March 29th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 14th

Webinar

- ◆ Brian Hildreth may be able to do a LTAS webinar in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- ◆ Farewell and many, many thanks to Adria Ripka and Martha Anderson for their many years of service.
- ◆ Adria will email board on who the regular contributors are for the newsletter.
- ◆ The next newsletter would come out in March and could include NYLA New Director, the 2022 Conference, Flyers, etc.

◆ **LAWS AND REGULATIONS FOR NY PUBLIC LIBRARIES**

◆ Joe Eisner offered his publication to the LTAS organization. Joe explained while the LTA Handbook exists, it does not include NYS Law as it pertains to libraries. Joe Eisner's publication does just that. Joe agreed to send the board content from his book. It could include a case study and how it pertains to a library issue.

- ◆ Jean Currie will follow up with Joe Eisner.

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February 2022