

Approved at board meeting 7/31/11

MOTION: To approve the minutes with corrections.

Motion made by Mary Ann Karr, seconded by Anne Paulsen. *Motion carried.*



SLMS/NYLA Board Meeting

May 5, 2011

Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York

2:00 – 5:00 PM

Called to order 2:09

In attendance: Melissa Ahart, Rosina Alaimo, Bea Angus, Kate Berens, April Bliss, John Brock, Jim Clark, Sally Daniels, Marcia Eggleston, MaryBeth Farr, Pauline Herr, Sara Kelly Johns, Mary Ann Karre, Charlie Kelly, Sue Kowalski, Carole Kupelian, Jill Leinung, Chris Lupo, Patty Martire, Michelle Miller, Karen O'Donnell, Anne Paulson, Laura Reed, Karen Sperrazza, Bethanne Stanci, Katherine Starks, Kelly Wilson,

Administration – Fran Roscello, President

The agenda calls for meetings today and tomorrow with small break out groups this evening.

- Approval of Agenda: Fran Roscello, President

MOTION: To approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Charlie Kelly. *Motion carried.*

- Approval of Minutes – Michelle Miller, Secretary

MOTION: To approve the minutes as presented.

Motion made by Patty Martire, seconded by Sue Kowalski. *Motion carried.*

- Budget and Treasurer Report - Patty Martire, Treasurer
 - The transfer balance to NYLA was \$43,358.69
 - On the Google documents page is a complete list of current line items.
 - Scholarships are in a separate spot now for budget purposes.
 - Dues information on reports is current due to new budget alignment with NYLA.
 - We continue to finish conversion to budget year of July to June with NYLA.

MOTION: To approve the Treasurer’s report and 2011 Budget as presented.

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Charlie Kelly. *Motion carried.*

President Update:

- Full introductions were made, welcoming our newest members.
- Many hours were spent by SLMS leadership in responding to SED requests for information regarding the new APPR, lesson plans and curriculum, requests for information and qualifications for teaching evaluation rubrics, and the vision of libraries.
- As an organization we appreciate and value the amount of time and effort spent collecting and organizing information to be sent to SED.
- There are positive actions to report from the Legislation Report. New York state legislation had considered eliminating the mandate of a middle school librarian; however this mandate does remain intact at this time. There was also a consideration to include library instructional aid funding with textbook and software aid; however the library instructional aid was not combined with other aid and is still required to be spent specifically as library instructional aid and software and textbook aid can now be used within the library.

ACTION ITEMS FROM REPORTS:

- NYC Policy Paper will be sent on after this conference to the new Chancellor of Education in New York City. The goal is to develop a strong working relationship with the new Chancellor and increase the number of certified librarians currently in the New York City public school system.
- Election Slate was presented to the Board for review and the voting will be completed at the Membership meeting.

- President-Elect: Sue Kowalski
- VP Conferences: Livia Sabourin
- Secretary: Michelle Miller
- Treasurer Intern: Paige Jaeger
- Region I Coordinator: Jane Herbst
- Region II Coordinator: Melissa Ahart (fill 1 year unexpired term)
- Region III Coordinator: Susan Polos
- Region IV Coordinator: Jill Leinung (fill 1 year unexpired term)
- Region V Coordinator: Anne Paulson
- Region VII Coordinator: Jennifer “Charlie” Kelly

MOTION: To accept the slate as presented.

Motion made by Charlie Kelly, seconded by Anne Paulsen. *Motion passed*

- An order needs to be placed for the Knickerbocker Awards. Karen O’Donnell reported that there is no longer a need to order 3 awards at a time as there is not a discount offered for volume orders.

MOTION: To order 3 awards at \$428 each plus shipping.

Motion made by Carole Kupelian, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. Motion passed

- The Board Policy Book is in need of an update, there are changes that have been to be added and some revision of existing policies. Pauline Herr, Carole Kupelian, and Kelly Wilson will begin this process.

Discussion Items from Previous Meetings

- Our new logo needs to be revised to reflect the name change that will be voted on, information will be sent from Kathy Starks to Fran Roscello on a possible graphic designer to make the changes.
- There is a need to evaluate the conference guidelines, this will allow for some consistency and provide a resource to new conference chairs. Karen Sperrazza will head the committee with the following members assisting in the process: Jim Clark, Bethanne Stanci, Kathy Starks, Mary Ann Karre, Patty Martire, Charlie Kelly, Rosina Alaimo, April Bliss, and Livia Sabourin. Ideas and comments can be emailed to Karen for consideration and the group will report at the summer meeting.

Discussion Items

- Region I proposed to establish a NYLA SLMS blog, wiki, podcast library or other online site where affiliates could post suggestions for solving common problems such as attracting members or nonmembers to affiliate events, building membership bases, and preparing active Common Core-based lessons as some examples of how this would be beneficial. This would create an online networking venue that would give SLMS members a chance to reach for reasonable solutions without waiting for a meeting. Laura Reed and Fran Rosella will work to create folders and links for reports from SLMS Board meetings as well as create categories on webpages for Board Briefs, ARRP, SED Reports and Responses, Board Minutes and President Reports. This will also encourage networking among librarians and create another value for membership.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- SLMS/NYLA Conference Updates. The 2011 Conference Chairs reported attendance for this year's conference at 236, which is lower than last year, however and an increase in vendors this year with 38 attending. The 2012 Conference Chairs shared the following speakers slated for the conference, David Wisner, Margi Prius and are waiting to hear from Joyce Valens. The 2013 Conference Chairs are preparing save the date information to send and share with membership.
- The DLD report was presented and reviewed. The SED is looking to bridge the summer reading programs with the Persistently Low Achieving (PLA) schools to improve skills and scores. This is also an opportunity to improve relationship between the school library

- and the PLA and SLMS.
- There are changes to the BEDS school data form question 21 which relates to the school library and these changes are consistent with the recommendation made from the 2009 School Library Services Summit. There is also development of Educational Technology questions. The SED is also developing a database for analyses of school library BEDS data and State aid expenditures and reimbursements correlated with 67 persistently low achieving schools. This database can then be queried to determine why a school may be a persistently low achieving school.
 - Legislative Priorities- Jill Leinung reports that letters to Congress are vital to decisions made regarding the budget process. There were two important issues that were affected by the communication with Congress. The first was the mandate was continued for a middle school librarian, although this mandate may be challenged in the future and the software and textbook funding may be used for library materials.
 - AASL News- National Library Legislative Day is to be held May 9-10 and there are talking points available on the AASL websites, this is a critical time as we continue to work towards ESEA reauthorization in Congress. There are new advocacy brochures that will recently sent to 50,000 Elementary and Middle School Principals. Funding for this initiative was provided by Bound to Stay Bound so thank your representatives and inquire with your principal to see if they received their copy.
 - The Summer Retreat has scholarships available for attendance; deadlines are May 8, 2011. The application is available on the SLMS website.

Additional highlights and/or issues from reports

Membership report shows that membership has decreased by about 100 people; we will place an article in SLMSGram. There continues to be concern regarding the decrease in membership, we need to continue to work on attracting and keeping membership.

John Brock reported the RFQ (Request for Qualifications) has been included in the most recent APPR, which includes the writing of the teacher evaluation rubrics. This RFQ may include a listing of those persons or agencies approved by SED to develop teacher evaluation rubrics. There are nine components that will be required to have a teacher rubric submitted. Ohio currently has a rubric that John Brock will forward to Fran Roscello for review and we will continue to monitor the changes and action taken.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza seconded by Anne Paulsen. *Motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 5:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Miller, Secretary