

Approved at Winter 2016 board meeting

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the November 2015 Board Meeting, as amended
Motion made by Jill Leinung, seconded by Michaela Schied. *Motion carried.*



SSL Board Meeting

October 21, 2015

NYLA Conference Lake Placid

Minutes

Meeting began at 7:20 p.m.

ATTENDEES - Rebecca Sofferman, Jennifer Cannell, Mary Beth Farr, Sara Kelly Johns, Sue Kowalski, Jill Leinung, Michelle Miller, Anne Paulson, Susan Polos, Stacey Rattner, Michaela Schied, Karen Sperrazza, Maureen Squier, Maria Muhlbauer.

ADMINISTRATION – Jill Leinung, President

- Approval of Agenda

MOTION: To approve the agenda.

Motion made by Susan Polos, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Minutes from August's Board Meeting – Rebecca Sofferman, Secretary

MOTION: To approve the minutes from the August 2, 2015 meeting.

Motion made by Michelle Miller, seconded by Karen Sperrazza. *Motion carried.*

- Treasurer's Report and Passage of 2015-16 Budget – Tina Laramie, Treasurer

MOTION: To accept the proposed budget as presented.

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

- President's Report – Jill Leinung – This is her last meeting as President. She has found it challenging, thanks everyone on the board for support and assistance.
Affiliates conversion to roundtable discussion – SSL needs to put out a set of expectations and goals for affiliates (step-by-step instructions). Don't expect all of them to want to convert this year - NYLA's goal is to get 3 this year. Should have an affiliates' assembly and invite Jeremy or someone to come and explain process. This is a different process than the typical roundtable creation – it's geographical instead of topical.
Need to convey to librarians who are not members what SSL can give them beyond their local affiliate. We need to convince people that the legislative amplification is worth the money to join. Also, holding ourselves to the same standards as other professions (doctors, lawyers, etc). Need to keep the connections.
Under Governor Cuomo's new APPR regulations, unless professional development providers are approved by the state, it doesn't count toward your 175 hours. NYLA will be approved, so becoming a roundtable helps with that too. Insurance issues as well.
- Re open discussion of donation for NYLA's 125th - consider giving \$2500 instead of just \$500. We have \$153,000 in unencumbered funds, but about half of it is scholarship funds that can't be touched. It was recommended that we donate 10% of our unencumbered funds, which would be about \$7,000. How much should we give? This doesn't come out of our budget, it's like a savings account, and our section is the wealthiest of all.

MOTION: To approve an increase in the donation for NYLA's 125th Capital Campaign from \$500 to \$5000.

Motion made by Anne Paulson, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

- Past President's Report – Karen Sperrazza – Reimbursement policy is posted on SSL's Google Drive. Along with cleaning up some wording, Karen added a paragraph to the reimbursement policy to clarify what is reimbursed.

MOTION: To approve the changes to the SSL reimbursement policy as presented.

Motion made by Anne Paulson, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

YSS newsletter has a nice writeup about our spring conference, posted on Google Drive.

Bylaws change – see Google Drive - Article 2 states old mission, we need to delete it and include our new mission (reflects NYLA's mission) – changes in yellow. This will be voted on during our membership meeting on Saturday.

ACTION ITEMS

- Communication – Michelle Miller – Vice President of Communication
- Conferences – MaryAnn Karre, Vice President of Conferences
2016 Conference – Albany – vote on Logo – Melissa Bergin

MOTION: To approve the logo for the 2016 NYLA-SSL conference.

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

2017 Conference - Buffalo – Maria Muhlbauer – Planning is underway, vendors being organized, hotel could be Hyatt (right downtown) but parking is an issue. May be better to wait and see if the Hotel Henry has a better deal (will know by Jan 2016, so will revisit at February meeting).

- Awards – Dawn Pressimone - Barron Scholarship – ran out of funds and will be discontinued.
- Affiliates Chair – Charlie Kelly, Jen Henry – want to invite all affiliate presidents (or designated representative) to a meeting at every SSL conference – something we used to do, want to integrate it back in as a session at each conference. This year will be 30th anniversary of SLSA at SSL conference so they will be holding a ceremony.
- Membership – Maureen Squier – SSL membership is increasing, even though NYLA membership is decreasing. NYLA is working on a brochure for their new member packets. What are three “evergreen” things that we want every member to know? Expired SSL members listed in case anyone wants to contact them
- SED – John Brock, Joanne Shawhan, Mary Beth Farr – John sent info on work they are doing on SLMPE rubric. Making decisions on NOVELNY – come to session at the conference and respond to the survey. Commissioner is touring the state right now, try to get in touch if we can. 1/3 of schools report using BEDS for info. John is looking for comments and input on Saturday morning program.
- Advocacy Chair – Sue Kowalski – getting information out to members, be more strategic about what is going out there, could do a better job of communicating protocols about how to convert affiliate to roundtable, trying to use Facebook page as a landing for all sorts of information of interest.
Library legislative day is March 5th.
- AASL – Sue Bartle, Sue Kowalski will be filling this role going forward. Oct 31st is deadline to apply to present at NYS Social Studies conference in Albany, but may be

extended. AASL seeking input on commendations and concerns of the affiliates (will announce at membership meeting).

- Knickerbocker Award - Karen O'Donnell – Patricia McCormick is 2016 Knickerbocker winner – We are the only event that she has accepted this year since her book Sold is being turned into a movie.
- Leadership Institute – Sara Kelly Johns, Lisa Perkowski – Got feedback on Institute, everyone liked Olga, looking for ideas for next year.
Will be a PBL/Makerspace conference near that same time next year Aug 2-5.
Provider of Professional Development under new Budget Law – NYLA will be one of the providers, may need to apply to be a provider (Sue wrote letter – holding off on using it until we know for sure).
SSL looking at moving the Institute dates to Thurs afternoon-Friday; board would stay Friday-Saturday (July 28-30). Would cut back on time and cost, and wouldn't conflict with PBL conference.

MOTION: To approve moving the dates for the SSL Institute to July 28-30.

Motion made by Sara Kelly Johns, seconded by Anne Paulson. *Motion carried.*

- NYSCEA – Karen Sperrazza, Pauline Herr – Chris Gibson spoke at meeting, will be a good advocate, believes in local control. APPR is now TQS (Teacher Quality and Support). Discussing multiple pathways to get through High School. Most popular areas that don't get funding – libraries and the arts.
- Membership Meeting – Saturday October 24 at 11:00 with Storyteller Karen Glass
- Next Board Meeting – January 30-31 – Utica Hotel
- Need VP Communications on Board

MOTION: To adjourn.

Motion made by Karen Sperrazza, seconded by Michelle Miller. *Motion carried.*

Meeting adjourned at 10:02 pm