

RASS Membership Meeting Minutes

10/29/2021

Attendance:

Sean Antonucci, Kristin Charles-Scaringi, Ralph Cooper, Stephanie DiChiara, Grace Engelbrecht, Fred Ginter, Susan Hansen, Nate Heyer, Stephen Ingram, Michelle Isopo, Gabriel Kane, Alexis Lawrence, Megan Mullen, Alana Mutum, Julia Schult, Jennifer Stone, Irene Winkler

President Alana Mutum called the meeting to order at 12:08pm. Kristin Charles-Scaringi amended the motion to 3:08 pm EST

Ralph Cooper left the meeting before a motion was made.

Alana Mutum asked for a motion to accept and make the change from the Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS) of NYLA to the Instruction, Development, Equity and Access Section (IDEAS).

Motion to accept and make the change from the Reference and Adult Services Section (RASS) of NYLA to the Instruction, Development, Equity and Access Section (IDEAS) was made by Nate Heyer, seconded by Kristin Charles-Scaringi.

Stephanie DiChiara left the meeting without voting.

Vote: 14 yeses, 0 no's, **motion carried.**

Stephen Ingram joined the meeting after the first vote.

Alana Mutum asked for a motion to adopt the by-laws that have been sent out to membership with the feedback from Julia Schult to specify the IDEAS listserv and make grammatical adjustments as needed.

Discussion: Nate Heyer noted that in an earlier email Julia Schult asked if the treasurer will be receiving training.

Megan Mullen, treasurer, indicated that she has been added to e-mails and is being helped with treasurer information.

Julia Schult sent a comment that presidents and vice presidents have also attended the treasurer training.

Michelle Isopo asked how long the treasurer training is and Alana Mutum answered that the training is 3-4 hours that may be done around the beginning of January, although there might be a delay in training until a new executive director of NYLA is appointed.

Motion to adopt the by-laws that have been sent out to membership with the feedback from Julia Schult to specify the IDEAS listserv and make grammatical adjustments as needed was made by Michelle Isopo, seconded by Kristin Charles-Scaringi.

Vote: 14 yeses, 1 no (an abstention for lack of response), **motion carried.**

Alana mutum asked for a motion to adopt the Diversity, Equity, and inclusion (DEI) statement and action plan for the coming year that was sent to membership.

Motion was made by Nate Heyer and seconded by Gabriel Kane

Vote: 14 yeses, 1 no (abstention for lack of response), **motion carried.**

Questions addressed:

Julia Schult asked if RASS members will automatically become IDEAS members. Alana Mutum answered yes, and that RASS members will be given updated IDEAS information in the coming weeks.

Julia Schult asked if the RASS Facebook page will be [used or updated] and Alana Mutum answered that yes, IDEAS plans to use social media and create new merchandise.

Alana Mutum asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:35 pm. Grace Engelbrecht amended the motion to 3:35 pm EST

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Michelle Isopo, seconded by Gabriel Kane.

Motion was adjourned at 3:35 pm