

# **RASS/IDEAS Meeting 10/6/21**

**Attendance:** Kristin Charles Scaringi, Jennifer Stone, Michelle Isopo, Megan Mullen, Jacquie Owens, Grace Engelbrecht, Nate Heyer, Caitlin Kenney, Susan Hansen, Alana Mutum

Meeting began 10:36am

## **Agenda:**

**Minutes for Approval:** Nate made a motion to approve the minutes from the 9/22/2021 meeting, Michelle seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

## **Introductions**

### **Working Documents:**

[NYLA RASS - 2021 Reboot Planning](#)

[Vision & Mission Statement](#)

[Bylaws updates:](#)

[Proposed Positions:](#)

### **President's Updates:**

- Website
  - Minutes have been posted, front page has been updated
  - Future meetings dates have been added to site
  - Old information has been moved to RASS Archive for Preservation
- Bylaws
  - Sent copy to Beth Merkle, NYLA Pres for recommendations
  - Purpose- any edits to be made?
- Council- NYLA bylaws changes being proposed
  - The group's feedback included that a minimum would work better to ensure section's get adequate funding

### **DEI Statement:**

Feedback Received (Page 3)

- [Existing Statement](#)
- [Recommendation](#)- Adding an inclusion to each meeting? (See example Page 3)
  - [ALA](#)
- Edits suggested were to include a piece that considers diversity of thought.
- Action items for meeting agendas will include speaking/sharing about something members read or sharing a program
- Discussion of diversity efforts that are doing on in libraries that bring awareness to DEI projects
- Addition of "neurodiversity" and "ideology" into the statement

- Adding part III to the statement: to include DEI related ideas into our programming materials and other curated productions of RASS

Ex. A repository of resources and [at least] 2 PD programs a year on DEI topics

- Suggestion: Partnering with a roundtable to work on discussions?
- Long-term goal: developing a DEI team within the section

#### **Conference:**

- Curator Updates: No updates from Nate
- NYLA is still pushing registration. Early bird was extended to 10/8
- [Informal Meetup Ideas? \(Page 3\)](#)
- Virtual Meeting- Structure
  - 10/29 (tabled to 10/20 meeting)

#### **December Program**

- Put google form on the “Get involved” tab for topics and panel presenters?
- Suggestion to send out a form of interest to members to give topic suggestions and opportunity to present
- Ideas: covid-19 programs, sharing ILL resources

#### **Future Communications**

- First priority should be getting the website in order and fully updated
- Second priority: Newsletter (monthly?)
- Schedule
- Expectations
- Newsletter?

#### **Action Items**

- Send any recommendations for website
- How can we market better? Graphics?

#### **Future Meetings:**

October 20th

NYLA Virtual Conference, October 29th 3:00pm

November 17<sup>th</sup>

**NEW: December 2<sup>nd</sup> for IDEAS forum (PD program)**

December 8<sup>th</sup> (planning for 2022)

**Kristin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:31am, Nate seconded. All in favor motion passed.**