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 17th
NEW: December 2nd for IDEAS forum (PD program)
December 8th (planning for 2022)

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