



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 5, 2024

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

via Zoom

NYLA President-Elect, Tim Spindler Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tim Spindler, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michael Bartolomeo, <i>SMART Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Squier, <i>SSL President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Bollerman, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Perry, <i>ASLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristin Charles-Scaringi, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerrie Burch, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sarah O'Shea, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rakisha Kearns-White, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i> | |

Absent:

Lisa Kropp, *President*

Joyce Laiosa, *YSS Representative*

Laura Schiefer, *Councilor-at-Large*

Arlene Laverde, *Immediate Past President*

Jerrie Grantham, *FLS Representative*

Guests:

Becky Czornobil, *NYLA Director of Communications and Member Engagement*

Lauren Hoyt, *NYLA Director of Association Operations*

Max Prime, *NYLA Director of Government Relations and Advocacy*

Anna Maria Varney, *NYLA Intern*

Tony Iovino

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

NYLA President-Elect Tim Spindler called the meeting to order at 3:16pm and welcomed the group.

2. Review of Agenda

MOTION I: Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Rakisha Kearns-White

Seconded by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn

Approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes from August 1, 2024 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from August 1, 2024 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Matt Bollerman

Seconded by: Frank McKenna

Approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. July Financial Statement

NYLA Treasurer Frank McKenna reviewed the July Financial Statement. As we're only one month into the fiscal year, there isn't much to report yet. Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon noted that conference registration is going well, but the income from that posted mostly in August, which is why it's not yet showing on the report. Also, AnnaLee pointed out that under the Unit Expenses, each of the approved budgets for sections and roundtables now show up on this report, in addition to their year-to-date expenses.

5. Unfinished Business

a. Confirmation of electronic vote regarding NYLA Special Election Slate

NYLA Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon reported that an electronic vote had been held to approve the slate for the NYLA Special Election, happening online from September 17-October 1, 2024. Ginger Tebo has been elected to be NYLA President-Elect next year, and she still has a year left on her Councilor-at-Large (representing School Libraries) seat, so NYLA will host a special election to fill that impending vacancy. The person elected will be filling the Councilor-at-Large (school libraries) position from NYLA Conference 2024 – NYLA Conference 2025. At that time, they would be eligible to run for election to a full 3-year term in the role on Council if they so choose.

6 people self-nominated for the position, and the Nominating Committee recommended the following slate of 3 candidates:

Jim Belair
Evan DeNaro
Loriana Donovan

“Do you approve the motion, made by NYLA Immediate Past President Arlene Laverde and seconded by NYLA President Lisa Kropp, to accept the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of candidates for the NYLA Special Election?”

17 Councilors voted electronically, all in the affirmative. Motion approved.

b. NYLA Annual Conference Registration Update

As of this morning, September 5, we are up to 471 registrants.

The regional breakdown of registrations is as follows:

Long Island/NYC/Westchester – 144
Western NY/Southern Tier – 122
Central NY/Capital District/Mid-Hudson Valley - 170
Adirondacks/North Country – 33
Out of State – 2

We're at 67% of our goal of 700 registrants, but please help us spread the word and make this conference as successful as we possibly can. As a reminder, Early Bird pricing ended this past Monday, September 1. **Regular pricing runs from now through October 11, which is the last day for any kind of advance registration.**

6. New Business

a. Recommendations from Legislative Committee on 2025 Budget Priorities

Max Prime presented the two options for the 2025 budgetary priorities for NYLA, which are currently being considered/discussed by the Legislative Committee.

State Operating Aid: \$176.81M
State Construction Aid: \$175M **OR** \$79.38M
Library Materials Aid: \$21.55/pupil **OR** \$11.33/pupil
NOVELny: \$3.1M **OR** \$3M

The Council decided that they did not feel comfortable offering blanket approval of two such different financial scenarios. They also feel their approval will carry more weight once it is the approval of the final recommendation of the Legislative Committee.

MOTION III: Motion to approve either presented budgetary priority scenario from the Legislative Committee.

Made by: Matt Bollerman Seconded by: Rakisha Kearns-White

Voted down unanimously. Motion fails.

AnnaLee Dragon will send around an electronic vote in the next two days, once the office has a final recommendation from the Legislative Committee.

b. Section Check-In

The IDEAS Section had wanted to give an update to Council, and time was made for any other sections that had updates or questions for Council.

Kristin Charles-Scaringi, current IDEAS President, noted that IDEAS is at a crossroads. They had renamed themselves from RASS to IDEAS about three years ago and are having continued trouble getting members to commit to leadership roles in the section. The Board has not been active, there is no succession plan, and several board members have stepped down. The group is considering if they can remain a Section or should disband or transition to a Roundtable.

7. President's Update

No report received. Lisa Kropp did meet with President-Elect Tim Spindler to go over Presidential responsibilities, etc.

8. Executive Director's Update

AnnaLee Dragon submitted a written report. Also included was a report of the scholarship account and a membership report.

9. Legislative Update

Max Prime submitted a written report.

10. Review/Adjournment

MOTION VII: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn Seconded by: Rakisha Kearns-White

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07pm.

**Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – Syracuse from 11:00am-2:00pm *IN PERSON
MEETING/ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

Reports Due: October 23