



NYLA Council Meeting

Thursday, May 7, 2020

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

via Web Conference

NYLA President, Dr. Jennifer Cannell Presiding

In Attendance: Dr. Jen Cannell, *President*; Claudia Depkin, *President-Elect*; Michelle Young, *Immediate Past-President*; Roger Reyes, *Treasurer*; Grace Riario, *Treasurer-Elect*; Ryan Perry, *ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Tim Furgal, *LAMS President*; Jean Currie, *LTA President*; Kelly Yim, *PLS President*; Dana Sinclair, *RASS President*; Rosemarie Gatzek, *SMART President*; Tara Thibault-Edmonds, *SSL President*; Amanda Schiavulli, *YSS President*; Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, *Councilor-at-Large*; Stacey Rattner, *Councilor-at-Large*; Simone Yearwood, *Councilor-at-Large*; Cassie Guthrie, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Tom Vitale, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ana Canino-Fluit, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jane Verostek, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guest: Briana McNamee, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*; Christina Romeo, *NYLA Communications & Marketing Manager*

Council Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Jen Cannell welcomed everyone to the call.

It was noted that Michelle Miller, former Council Member and Former President of the School Librarians Section, passed away last week.

2. Approval of Minutes from March 12, 2020 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve minutes from the March 12, 2020 Council Meeting with noted corrections.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Tim Furgal

Approved unanimously.

3. Finance Report

a. February Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Roger Reyes presented the February Monthly Statement, noting that both income and expenses are in line with the percentage of the fiscal year completed.

b. FY 2020-2021 NYLA Operating Budget

NYLA Executive Director, Jeremy Johannesen, presented the proposed FY 2020-2021 NYLA Operating Budget, as developed with Roger Reyes and Grace Riario, and previously reviewed by the NYLA Executive Committee with additional comments offered Roger. Questions regarding NYLA's reserve funds, and the pending fundraising appeal for the Legal Defense Fund were addressed.

MOTION II: Motion to approve FY 2020-2021 NYLA Operating Budget as presented.

Made by: Cassie Guthrie, Seconded by: Jean Currie

Approved unanimously.

4. Unfinished Business

a. NYLA 2018 IRS 990

The NYLA 2018 IRS 990 form was presented to the Council for review and consideration.

MOTION III: Motion to approve NYLA 2018 IRS 990 form as presented.

Made by: Roger Reyes, Seconded by: Michelle Young

Approved unanimously.

5. New Business

a. NYLA Developing Leaders Program (DLP) 2020-21 Cohort

For 2020-21 the YSS Empowerment, Advocacy and Leadership Academy (EALA) will be rolled into the NYLA Developing Leaders Program. Sections and affiliate groups are invited to sponsor a seat at the discounted rate of \$750/each. The standard rate is \$995. The program will be adjusted to accommodate virtual program – particularly during the early months.

6. President's Report

NYLA President Jen Cannell presented her written report.

7. President-Elect's Report

NYLA President-Elect Claudia Depkin presented her written report, and reported on recently attended library related programming.

8. Past-President's Report

NYLA Past-President Michelle Young presented her written report, and plans for an informal feedback survey to replace a formal evaluation process for the Executive Director for 2020.

9. Executive Director's Report

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen presented his written report, and mentioned that actions are underway to return membership processing and reporting to a more timely schedule.

10. Legislative Report

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Bri McNamee presented on recent activities. Advocacy during the shutdown has been challenging; funding for libraries is precarious; there are issues relating to the timing and delivery of elections and budget votes; the close-out deadline is looming for some library construction projects, with an extension being pursued.

11. Section / Roundtable / ALA / Committee Reports

Written reports were reviewed and discussed.

MOTION IV: Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 PM.

Approved unanimously consent.