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Annual Membership Meeting Minutes
Online via PheedLoop/Zoom
November 5, 2020 – 11:00 AM

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by President Jennifer Cannell.

President Jennifer Cannell presided.

Jeremy Johannesen, Executive Director, served as secretary of the meeting.

A quorum was established and the following was adopted:

1. **Adoption of the Rules:** President Jennifer Cannell reviewed the Rules of Order
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
The agenda was approved without revisions or amendments.
3. **Approval of 2019 Membership Meeting Minutes**
Approved by NYLA Council, December 12, 2019
4. **Introduction of Council Members and Staff**
5. **President's Report**
Jennifer Cannell remarked on the major activities of her tenure including; the turbulence of the COVID-19 pandemic, the execution of the first ever virtual conference, and finally thanking the membership for the opportunity to serve.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
Roger Reyes provided overview of 2019-20 Financial Statements. NYLA ended the fiscal year with deficit of just over \$19K. The independent auditor's report was delivered, and recounted no operational deficiencies.
7. **Report on 2020 NYLA Election:**
Jennifer Cannell reported on results of election of President-Elect Beth Merkle, as well as Kristina Graces and Lisa Kropp as Councilors-at-Large.
8. **Executive Director's Report**
NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen delivered 2019-20 Annual Report of organizational activities.
9. **New Business**
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Timothy Furgal from the Fayetteville Free Library, and President of the Leadership & Management Section (LAMS) presented a call for participation in a virtual Town Hall on the topic of Pathways to Librarianship, to examine the barriers to entry into the profession, particularly for those from diverse backgrounds. The Town Hall will take place on December 3, 2020, and task force is expected to be established to further work on this issue during 2021.

A motion to adjourn the 2020 NYLA Annual Membership Meeting was approved by unanimous consent at 11:38 a.m.