



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 1, 2023

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Saratoga Hilton, Saratoga Springs, NY

NYLA President, Arlene Laverde Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene Laverde, <i>President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Burke, <i>PLS President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>President-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julie Delaney, <i>SMART President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joyce Laiosa, <i>YSS Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Keturah Cappadonia, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Julia Corrice, <i>ASLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Isopo, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caitlin Kenney, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <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> |

Absent:

Beth Merkle, *Immediate Past President*

Kristina Graves, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests:

Lauren Hoyt, *NYLA Director of Association Operations*

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

Matt Bollerman

Kerrie Burch

Kristin Charles-Scaringi

Tony Iovino

Ryan Perry

Tim Spindler

Simone Yearwood

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Arlene Laverde called the meeting to order at 11:05am and welcomed the group.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the agenda.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Ginger Tebo

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 14, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from September 14, 2023 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Lisa Kropp Seconded by: Julie Delaney

Approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. September Financial Statement

Treasurer Kelly Harris reviewed the September Financial Statement and the new report format.

b. Audit Process

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon noted that BST, the company performing NYLA's audit, has created the online dashboard for the FY2022-2023 audit. AnnaLee will begin working to populate the information needed, along with the bookkeeper and Lauren Hoyt, and the auditors are expected to come to the NYLA office during the last two weeks of November. The goal is to have the audit completed by the end of January 2024.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Potential NYLA Position Statement

Executive Director AnnaLee Dragon said that there had not been time for NYLA staff to begin a draft of the Position Statement on libraries hiring fully remote Directors, due to the necessary planning for conference in the last month. A draft of that statement will be forthcoming for Council members to discuss, etc.

5. New Business

6. President's Report

Arlene Laverde submitted a written report. She added that she had attended an ALA meeting the day before the Council meeting with Chapter leaders from across the country regarding the backlash ALA and President Drabinski are facing.

7. President – Elect's Report

Lisa Kropp submitted a written report.

8. Past President's Report

No report received.

9. Executive Director's Report

AnnaLee Dragon submitted a written report.

10. Legislative Report

Max Prime submitted a written report.

11. Section/ALA/Committee Reports

Sections/ALA/Committees submitted written reports.

Under the Membership Committee report, Chair Tony Iovino discussed a memorandum that his committee shared with Council, requesting permission from Council to move forward with investigating possible discounts at various businesses for NYLA members. If the Council allows the investigation, the Committee will then return at a later meeting with more information on moving forward.

MOTION III: Motion to allow the Membership Committee to investigate the possibility of discounts for NYLA members with various businesses.

Made by: Lisa Kropp Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously.

Under the Sustainability Committee report, Chair Lisa Kropp noted that with NYLA signing an MOU with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative (SLI), and with the continued work of the NYLA Sustainable Thinking and Action Round Table (START), that the Sustainability Committee was redundant. Lisa suggested that the Sustainability Committee be discontinued, and that the volunteers working on the Committee be encouraged to join the work with START.

MOTION IV: Motion to discontinue the Sustainability Committee and encourage members to engage with NYLA's START and the SLI.

Made by: Julie Delaney Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously.

12. Review/Adjournment

MOTION V: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Kerstin Cruger

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, December 14 via Zoom at 3:15pm.