



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

2:15 PM to 4:15 PM

In person and via Web Conference

NYLA President, Beth Merkle Presiding

In Attendance:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Beth Merkle, <i>President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rosemarie Gatzek, <i>SMART President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barbara Stripling, <i>Immediate Past President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Schiavulli, <i>YSS President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Graves, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassie Guthrie, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alana Mutum, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simone Yearwood, <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"/> Meg VanPatten, <i>PLS President</i> | |

Absent:

Arlene LaVerde, *President-Elect*
Angela Hackstadt, *ASLS President*
Alexandra Mercado, *SCLA Representative*
Dawn Pressimone, *SSL President*

Guests:

Briana McNamee, *NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy*
Christina Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications & Member Engagement*
Julie Brannon, *NYLA Membership Services Coordinator*

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
NYLA President Beth Merkle called the meeting to order at 2:15pm and welcomed the group.
2. Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2022 Special NYLA Council Meeting

MOTION I: Motion to approve Minutes from April 14, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting as presented.

Made by: Meg VanPatten Seconded by: Ginger Tebo

Approved with minor change: Amanda Perrine was in attendance but not listed. Her name will be added to the attendees.

3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. April Monthly Statement
NYLA Treasurer Kelly Harris reviewed the April financial statement. With 75% of the fiscal year complete, and with the anticipated projected income and anticipated expenses, we look to close out right around the projected \$162K deficit.

There were questions on several budget lines show in the financial statement. The lines in question and the explanation of the expenses are as follows:

- **4599: Misc. Income** – This line contains money that was transferred from the Fund for the Future this year.
- **6085: Special Initiatives** – This line is used for grants and other special projects. It is only budgeted for \$1,500 as there is no way to accurately predict grant activity in any year. This year's \$25,620 in expenses is from two grants, the ASLS research grant and the ULU Trauma Study IMLS grant.
- **6110: Conference Space Rental**
6115: Conference A/V WiFi Tech
6120: Conference Décor & Setup – It was noted during the meeting that line 6110 was significantly higher than planned, while the other two conference lines below (6115 and 6120) were significantly lower than planned. It appears that the bill NYLA received was not itemized into these three lines properly as the Executive Director position was vacant at that point and there was no one in place to attribute the expenses to the correct lines. Line 6110 seems to include expenses from conference that would fall under A/V and Décor, and thus it is showing as over budget, while those other lines are showing as under budget. When the budgeted amounts in these three lines are added up, compared to the actual expenses, the total expended is only ~\$2,000 over the expected budget.
- **6710: Travel/Lodging** – The majority of this line is travel and lodging associated with the ULU Trauma Study IMLS grant, which NYLA is being reimbursed for through the grant although the reimbursement will likely come in our FY 2022-23.

b. FY 2020-2021 NYLA Operating Budget (attached separately)

Kelly Harris, along with AnnaLee Dragon, reviewed the previously distributed proposed FY2022-2023 proposed operating budget.

MOTION II: Motion to approve the NYLA Fiscal Year 2022-2023 operating budget as presented.

Made by: Kelly Harris Seconded by: Amanda Perrine

Approved unanimously.

4. President's Report
Beth Merkle reviewed her written report.
5. President-Elect's Report
Beth Merkle reviewed Arlene LaVerde's written report.
6. Past-President's Report
Barbara Stripling reviewed her activities on the Nominating Committee, which is in progress with the elections that will run from June 1 – June 15. She also gave an update on the Governance Task Force, which has decided to defer a membership vote on the revised by-laws until the November conference in light of further revisions that may need to be made.
7. Executive Director's Report
AnnaLee Dragon reviewed her written report.

8. Legislative Report

NYLA Director of Government Relations & Advocacy, Briana McNamee, reviewed recent activities and addressed questions relative to the NYS FY22-23 Budget, the appointment of the new Lieutenant Governor, the re-districting maps, and the upcoming primaries.

9. Section / Roundtable / ALA / Committee Reports

Section representatives reviewed their written reports.

IFRT President Frank McKenna informed Council that the group had met. He reminded members to report book challenges to the ALA Office of Intellectual Freedom using the form on their website (<https://www.ala.org/tools/challengesupport/report>) and to join the ALA Unite Against Book Bans campaign. He also asked members to send in nominations for the Intellectual Freedom Award and noted that the IFRT is currently looking for a speaker for their Intellectual Freedom Breakfast at NYLA Conference this November.

10. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

11. New Business

a. August 4, 2022 Meeting Format

The group decided that the Council meeting on August 4, 2022 to be held during NYLA's first ever Open House will take place in person, with a videoconferencing option for those unable to make the trip to Guilderland. The Open House will run from 10am-2pm, and the Council Meeting will run from 1pm-3pm. AnnaLee Dragon will send around the agenda, link to participate remotely, and the timing information to Council members. NYLA staff will also investigate better microphones/cameras for an improved hybrid meeting experience in advance of the August meeting.

b. SUNYLA Registration

Simone Yearwood announced that registration is open for SUNYLA 2022 and will remain open until May 27. The conference is being held at Farmingdale State College, both hybrid and in-person June 8 – 10, 2022.

c. Spring on the Hill

Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn noted that the Spring on the Hill event was a great opportunity and offered many interesting/informative programs. There was group consensus that NYLA should consider doing it again in the future.

MOTION III: Motion to adjourn.

Made by: Beth Merkle

Seconded by Cassie Guthrie

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24pm.

Next Council Meeting: Thursday, June 16 via Zoom from 3:15pm – 4:45pm.