



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 15, 2022

3:15 PM to 4:45 PM

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"/> 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"/> Amanda Schiavulli, <i>YSS Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Angela Hackstadt, <i>ASLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kerstin Cruger, <i>FLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Kropp, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alana Mutum, <i>IDEAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Osterhout, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Perrine, <i>LAMS Representative</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simone Yearwood, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg VanPatten, <i>PLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |

Absent:

Arlene LaVerde, *President-Elect*

Barbara Stripling, *Immediate Past President*

Kristina Graves, *Councilor-at-Large*

Guests:

Christina Romeo, *NYLA Director of Communications & Member Engagement*

Keturah Cappadonia

Caitlin Kenney

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Beth Merkle called the meeting to order at 3:15pm and welcomed the group. There was a change to the agenda under 4, Unfinished Business, where an item listing the NYLA Bylaws Update will be added.

MOTION I: Motion to approve the amended agenda.

Made by: Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn Seconded by: Dawn Pressimone

Approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes from August 4, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting

Several names were misspelled in the minutes. AnnaLee Dragon will correct the spellings.

MOTION II: Motion to approve Minutes from August 4, 2022 NYLA Council Meeting.

Made by: Frank McKenna Seconded by: Meg VanPatten

Approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. June Monthly Statement

NYLA Treasurer Kelly Harris noted that there is not a financial statement available this meeting, due to the changeover in bookkeeper, but a financial statement will be given in advance of the meeting at NYLA Annual Conference on Wednesday, November 2, 2022.

AnnaLee stated that normally the audit results for the previous fiscal year are presented at conference. Due to the change in auditing firms, we were slightly behind schedule and the audit will not be complete until the end of November. AnnaLee also informed Council that she had distributed fiscal year-end statements, with balances, transactions, and net activity to all of the Sections and Roundtables today.

4. Unfinished Business

a. Bylaws Updates

NYLA President Beth Merkle reported that Barb Stripling had been waiting to hear back from NYLA's legal counsel on one last point of clarification on the Bylaws that had been updated. The lawyers have finished their review and returned the draft to us. Beth will send the track changes version around to Council and will ask for an electronic vote to approve them in advance of the Annual Membership Meeting at Conference in November. Once Council has approved the update, it will be posted online for membership review, and there will be a vote for approval by membership at the Annual Meeting.

5. New Business

a. Confirmation of electronic vote regarding the Council Special Election

MOTION III: Motion to confirm the electronic vote on naming Jennifer Brown, Rakisha Kearns-White, and Ken Miller as the slate of candidates for the special election for NYLA Councilor at Large representing public libraries. 15 Councilors voted electronically, all in the affirmative, motion carried.

b. Recommendations from Legislative Committee on 2023 Priorities

- *Library Aid: \$147.1M*
- *Library Construction: \$69.4M*
- *Library Materials Aid: \$11.00/pupil*

MOTION IV: Motion to approve the Legislative Committee's recommendation for 2023 funding priorities.

Made by: Lisa Kropp Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously.

c. Reauthorization of the Balanced Budget Task Force to deal with Section funds

"NYLA Council hereby re-authorizes the Balanced Budget Task Force to convene to work with the NYLA Executive Director, Membership Services Coordinator, and Bookkeeper to restructure the NYLA unit accounts. The BBTF will consist of the NYLA Treasurer, Treasurer-Elect, Past Treasurer Roger Reyes, and Chair of the NYLA Membership Committee. The Task Force will complete their work on or before February 1, 2023."

MOTION V: Motion to approve the reauthorization of the Balanced Budget Task Force, as described in the statement above.

Made by: Angela Hackstadt Seconded by: Amanda Perrine

Approved unanimously.

d. Recommendation of new NYLA Employee Handbook

MOTION VI: Motion to approve the draft NYLA Employee Handbook as presented.

Made by: Laura Osterhout Seconded by: Kelly Harris

Approved unanimously.

e. Recommendations from the NYLA Awards & Recognition Committee for 2022

i. Intellectual Freedom Award

MOTION VII: Motion to name Elizabeth Portillo as winner of the Intellectual Freedom Award.

Made by: Meg VanPatten Seconded by: Rosemarie Gatzek

Approved unanimously.

ii. Lake Placid First Time Conference Stipends

MOTION VIII: Motion to name Mei Choong, Amanda Greenwood (had to decline), Luke Henke, Jeanne Kambara, Stephanie Kenific, Nicole Malley, Jennifer Reisman, and Joyce Scott as the winners of the Lake Placid First Time Conference Stipends.

Made by: Alana Mutum Seconded by: Jean Currie

Approved unanimously.

f. NYLA Council Representative Terms

AnnaLee raised an idea for discussion, regarding the length of Council representative terms. While the at-large, elected members of Council serve for 3-year terms, currently the Sections each get to decide what length their representatives will serve for, and those terms vary between 1 and 3 years. Having 1-year terms leads to a lot of turnover and a loss of institutional memory during the transitions. AnnaLee proposes that all Sections appoint a Council representative for 3 year terms, and that in the first years there would be a process to stagger the terms so that each year, one third of the Council would turn over. AnnaLee requested that the Council representatives for each Section speak with their groups regarding this proposition so that Council can vote on the idea at the November 2 meeting.

6. President's Update

Beth Merkle reviewed her activities since the August 4 Council meeting, including work on conference planning and the committee appointment process.

7. Executive Director's Update

AnnaLee Dragon reviewed her activities since the August 4 Council meeting, as listed in her attached written reports. Additionally, AnnaLee mentioned that ULU is applying to be eligible for a 2nd round IMLS Grant around their work on trauma in urban libraries and has asked NYLA again to be a financial sponsor in the process. It would be about \$150,000 grant if they are successful, but it is very early stages at this point.

8. Legislative Update

AnnaLee reviewed Briana McNamee's written report. Cassie Guthrie has taken a new position outside of libraries, and had to resign her NYLA positions, including that of Chair of the Legislative Committee. Ron Kirsop has been appointed to serve as Interim Chair and will be eligible for full appointment to the position at the November Council meeting.

9. Review / Adjournment

MOTION VIII: Beth Merkle made a motion to adjourn.
Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm.

Next Council Meeting: Wednesday, November 2 at NYLA Annual Conference from 11:00am.