



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022

3:15 PM to 4:15 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"/> Alexandra Mercado, <i>SCLA Representative</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlene Laverde, <i>President-Elect</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"/> Dawn Pressimone, <i>SSL President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kelly Harris, <i>Treasurer</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amanda Schiavulli, <i>YSS President</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank McKenna, <i>Treasurer-Elect</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cassie Guthrie, <i>ALA Chapter Councilor</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristina Graves, <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"/> Jean Currie, <i>LTAS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Tebo, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meg VanPatten, <i>PLS President</i> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Simone Yearwood, <i>Councilor-at-Large</i> |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AnnaLee Dragon, <i>Executive Director (ex-officio)</i> |

Absent:

Angela Hackstadt, *ASLS President*

Guests:

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

Julie Brannon, *NYLA Membership Services Coordinator*

Kate Pauly, *NYLA Institutional Events Manager*

Joe Burke

Dave Jones

Terry Mulee

Roger Reyes

Patty Thompson

Lisa Wemett

Council Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda

NYLA President Beth Merkle called the meeting to order at 3:16pm and welcomed the group.

2. Final Report and Recommendations of the Balanced Budget Task Force

Kelly Harris presented the report on behalf of the Balanced Budget Task Force, and the Council discussed plans for both cutting costs and increasing revenue for NYLA through a variety of methods including, but not limited to, raising member dues on a planned schedule, reviewing membership structure, working to increase membership, looking for more event sponsorships, searching for applicable grant opportunities, planning fundraisers, adjusting the way Sections are funded, reviewing service contracts to find better deals, and operating with an austerity mindset in the short term. *During the discussion of the way NYLA Units are currently funded and the potential changes, it was noted that Units should continue to operate as they have in the past but should NOT attempt to spend their balances down entirely as this would negatively impact NYLA's finances, and ultimately the Units as*

well. This is an early discussion, and after the 2022-2023 NYLA Budget is approved, the Finance and Audit Committee will begin work with Council and Membership to create a plan for how to best move forward with the recommendations. This will be a long process, and would not be implemented until the 2023-2024 NYLA Budget, meaning membership and sections will have plenty of time to give input, ask questions, and make plans.

MOTION I: Motion to adjourn.

Made by: Kelly Harris

Seconded by Frank McKenna

Approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm.

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