



NYLA Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 23, 2020

3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

via Conference Call

NYLA President, Dr. Jennifer Cannell Presiding

In Attendance: Dr. Jen Cannell, *President*; Claudia Depkin, *President-Elect*; Roger Reyes, *Treasurer*; Grace Riario, *Treasurer-Elect*; Ryan Perry, *ASLS President*; Lisa Wemett, *FLS President*; Tim Furgal, *LAMS President*; Jean Currie, *LTA President*; Kelly Yim, *PLS President*; Rosemarie Gatzek, *SMART President*; Tara Thibault-Edmonds, *SSL President*; Amanda Schiavulli, *YSS President*; Todd Schlitt, *SCLA Representative*; Stacey Rattner, *Councilor-at-Large*; Simone Yearwood, *Councilor-at-Large*; Ana Canino-Fluit, *Councilor-at-Large*; Stephanie Hartwell-Mandella, *Councilor-at-Large*; Cassie Guthrie, *ALA Chapter Councilor*; Jeremy Johannesen, *NYLA Executive Director (ex-officio)*

Absent: Michelle Young, *Immediate Past-President*; Dana Sinclair, *RASS President*; Tom Vitale, *Councilor-at-Large*; Jane Verostek, *Councilor-at-Large*

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This special meeting of the NYLA Council was called to review and act upon the single issue of the format for the 2020 NYLA Annual Conference.

1. Format for NYLA 2020 Conference

NYLA Executive Director Jeremy Johannesen outlined the options relative to administering the NYLA 2020 Annual Conference. Safety protocols required by New York State currently in place (and expected to remain in place for November) result in space restrictions that make hosting the event in-person unworkable.

The Saratoga Hilton has agreed to waive the stated cancellation penalties in the contract (\$74K), provided that a new contract for a future year event is confirmed and signed. A contract for 2025 is being negotiated.

The Saratoga City Center has agreed to transfer the previously submitted deposit for 2020 to a future year event (2022).

The recommendation from the NYLA staff is to move to an all virtual online format for 2020, to include both live broadcast and OnDemand pre-recorded programming. The Annual Trade Show will also be made available in a virtual online format.

The 'base' pricing for the event would be \$149, with non-member and no-early-bird pricing increasing from that base. A zero dollar option for those currently furloughed or laid off would also be made available.

With the elimination of the required in-person expenses, an all virtual event, with 500 attendees, would exceed the budgeted net income for the conference.

MOTION I: Motion to enthusiastically endorse the move the NYLA 2020 Annual Conference to an all virtual format.

Made by: Claudia Depkin, Seconded by: Jean Currie

Approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.