



**Meeting of NYLA Council**

Thursday, January 6, 2022

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Online via Zoom

NYLA President, Beth Merkle, Presiding

**In Attendance:** Beth Merkle, President; Arlene Laverde, President-Elect; Barbara Stripling, Immediate Past President; Kelly Harris, Treasurer; Frank McKenna, Treasurer-Elect; Cassie Guthrie, ALA Chapter Councilor; Angela Hackstadt, ASLS President; Kerstin Cruger, FLS President; Jean Currie, LTAS President; Meg VanPatten, PLS President; Amanda Perrine, LAMS Representative; Dawn Pressimone, SSL President; Amanda Schiavulli, YSS President; Simone Yearwood, Councilor-at-Large; Lisa Kropp, Councilor-at-Large; Laura Osterhout, Councilor-at-Large; Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn, Councilor-at-Large; Ginger Tebo, Councilor-at-Large; Rosemarie Gatzek, SMART President; Alana Mutum, IDEAS (formerly RASS) Representative; Ally Mercado, SCLA Representative.

**Guests:** Christina Romeo, Brianna McNamee, Ellen Rubin, Mickey Cherry, Tim Burke, Kerrie Burch, Tracy Van Dyne, Madelyn Haussner, Amanda Travis, Lisa Jacobs, Meghan Gartland, Nick Tanzi, Samuel Simon.

1. Welcome / Review of Agenda
  - a. President Beth Merkle called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm. Amanda Perrine made a motion to approve the agenda. Lisa Kropp seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Application for NYLA Disaster Relief Funds from Whitehall High School Library
  - a. Treasurer Kelly Harris made a motion to approve a payment of \$1,000 to the Whitehall School Library from NYLA's Disaster Relief Fund. Dawn Pressimone seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. Executive Session to review recommendation from Executive Director Search Committee
  - a. Alana Mutum made a motion to invite Briana McNamee into Executive Session to represent NYLA staff during the discussion. Jean Currie seconded, and the motion passed. Council entered Executive Session at 3:11 pm.
  - b. Treasurer Kelly Harris made a motion to exit Executive Session at 4:23 pm. Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn seconded. The motion passed.
  - c. Rebecca Budinger-Mulhearn made a motion to approve the recommendation of the NYLA Executive Director Search Committee and to direct the Executive Committee to negotiate an employment agreement and compensation package with the recommended candidate. Treasurer-Elect Frank McKenna seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4. Review / Adjournment
  - a. Treasurer Kelly Harris made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Kerstin Cruger. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Merkle, President  
March 17, 2022