



**NJLA Executive Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 15, 2017**  
**Fairlawn Public Library**

**Call to Order:** Michael Maziekien, President  
Michael called the meeting to order at 10:11am.

Introductions/Roll Call – Kate Russo, Secretary

Present: Michael Maziekien, Chris Carbone, Leah Wagner, Kate Russo, Jayne Beline, Philip Berg, Kate Jagers, Adele Puccio, Lynn Schott, Jen Schureman, Chelsea Woods-Turner

Attended online: Cynthia Lambert, Melissa Brisbin, Darby Malvey

Guests: Mary Chute-NJSL, Peggy Cadigan-NJSL, Jeanne Marie Ryan-NJLA Public Policy Chair

Staff: Patricia Tumulty, NJLA

Absent: Emily Moore

**Adoption of the Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda by Jen, seconded by Leah.

**Motion to adopt minutes:** by Adele, seconded by Lynn; all in Favor.

Reports from within NJLA

**Report from Pat Tumulty**

Focus on membership. This year we started with rolling membership with renewal occurring at different times. June 30<sup>th</sup>-August 11<sup>th</sup> over a month with the former member receiving 3 notices, we have 108 who did not renew.

Pending renewals do not get dropped, and in many cases they are waiting for the library to submit a voucher.

**Report from Jayne Beline ALA**

An article by Eileen Palmer was discussed which explained how if a bipartisan bill is passed, it would support library wifi. Additionally, the FCC extended the net neutrality comment period with a new date of advocacy on September 27<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for the ALA grant is September 30<sup>th</sup>. There is a free voucher from ALA. Make you mark logo design for libraries. There is a webinar on Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:30.

Treasure's report was moved back to accommodate Cynthia's availability for online attendance.

**New Business**

Michael reached out to the person managing the conference regarding exhibitors. She supported this task being managed by the conference committee. Kate Jagers added that most of the work

is done by the conference committee, and to have 2 groups handle this creates issues with vendors, and conflicts in who is responsible for each task. Therefore, it was recommended to dissolve this and have a separate subcommittee.

Motion out to the table by Philip, seconded by Leah; All in Favor

There was a discussion of using the NJLA Logo on an endorsement for MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) from former president Karen Klapperstuck. Philip said this was a slippery slope. Kate agreed that it attaches the NJLA name to MOOC and it would be better if the endorsement came from the standing board or current committee. Pat brought this matter to the board because the logo can't be used without endorsement. Therefore, the board determined Karen can use the title as past president, but not with the logo in order to avoid a conflict of interest. A policy was adopted in 2007 so that people would not use their NJLA position for personal gain. This will be shared with the board and every member will have a copy. Pat will provide them to the board members, to be signed, returned, and kept on file.

#### NJLA Privacy Policy

Melissa raised the topic of safeguarding the information provided by members to the office. NJLA used to have paper forms that read *I do wish/I do not wish* to have my information given to a member list of vendors. Vendors rarely asked for this. NJLA doesn't sell them as a file, but rather a onetime mailing. We will look into have an electronic opt in/opt out going forward. Michael suggested that a library could opt in or out for their emails. Kate Jagers could also make an option to contact vendors. A person could be appointed to a privacy subcommittee. Kate Jagers suggested Privacy and Permission. Michael added that concern for personal information is at an all-time high and suggested we work with Intellectual Freedom. Lynn added that we should also contact Member Services. Jayne added that this new committee should also look into what other institutional memberships do. Kate Jagers will reach out to conference chairs to disclose their role in this process.

#### **Update from Public Policy Committee by Jean Ryan**

The governor signed the construction bond bill. The library community is thrilled. Many well laid out plans are underway to gain crucial voter support.

Jean let people know they could register for the Public Policy Institute on 9/15.

#### **Update from Nominations and Elections:**

5 members submitted candidates. There is 1 more week left for them to gather their 15 signature endorsements. The election goes live on 9/5 with the results being certified on 9/15 before our next board meeting on 9/19. Michael thanked Nominations and Elections. Chris thanked the board for the people who got this new process approved and facilitated with ease.

#### **Mary Chute from NJSL**

Digital Public Library of America is moving ahead as a service hub with a positive response

Career Connections on July 25<sup>th</sup> was a good meeting and a great opportunity for the sharing of practices. Highlights included:

- PLA Conference
- 2017 Youth Services Forum
- National Book Festival being held Labor Day weekend in Washington, D.C.
- NJSAL is on 11/16 in Long Branch
- Cultural Competence Annual Convention
- Disaster Planning and Recovery- Session 1 &2 on 10/17-19 & 11/28-30; attend 1 or both

### **Peggy Cadigan from NJSL**

Peggy reminded us that Futures Conference is right around the corner. There is a \$500 scholarship from Cosline, with \$5,000 for Rutgers Students to attend.

No report from Rutgers

No report from NJASL

**Cynthia's Treasurer's Report** presented by Pat due to microphone issues  
Bill approval list motion made by Pat, seconded by Michael; All in Favor

We added the expense of an accountant firm review to ensure all was in order. Thank you to Melissa for her work with them. They will return once more to ensure that the books are in good order.

Congratulations to Conference and Annual Appeal. Michael reminds us to extend invitations to others to join.

**Action Plan for the Next Meeting:** South River Public Library on September 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8.

### **Good of the Order**

A question arose from an online forum. A debate ensued since that was not an official NJLA channel yet, gave direct access to NJLA via the president. Concerns arose that a person on an online discussion was invited to our next meeting. Michael stood behind his motto to allow all to, "Speak Freely," and people do just that in the platform of social media. This becomes especially viable since formal channels do not always allow the public to reach us. No action needs to be taken. However, Michael can post a statement of inclusion in response to this online concern through the NJLA channels.

A discussion then occurred on how to meet the insatiable demand for eclipse glasses, since media reported that ALL libraries had them. Alternate and viable locations were shared, since, "We're libraries, not fake news, real news."

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Jen at 12:02pm, seconded by Kate Jagers; all in favor

*(Minutes approved with corrections 9/19/17. Kate Russo)*