

SUNYLA Council Meeting

November 17, 2023

Virtual

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

Attendance: Matt D'Angelo, Amanda Bailey, Joshua Beatty, Michelle Beechey, Fred Berowski, Morgan Bond, Michelle Bowers, Kate Brent, Milo Cameron, Maureen Clements, Joan Cook, Justin Cronise, Justin Crossfox, Jennifer DeVito, Carrie Fishner, Dan Harms, Gregg Headrick, Rebecca Hewitt, Amy Hillick, Jocelyn Ireland, Jennifer Jeffrey, Jill Kehoe, Caitlin Kenney, Cynthia Koman, Jill Locascio, Amanda Lowe, Charles Lyons, Joe Malek, Alicia Marrese, Cheryl Marriott, Tom Mazza, Cynthia McKane, Jaime Neudecker, Alana Nuth, Clare O'Dowd, Sarah O'Shea, Violet Price, John Santana, Adam Saunders, David Schuster, Liz Simmons, Heather Stalter, Kabel Stanwicks, Rebecca Steere, Catherine Stollar Peters, Marcy Strong, Katelynn Telford, Mary Timmons, Alayna Vander Veer, Jane Verostek, Dawn Walton, Erin Wilburn, Cori Wilhelm, and Anna Wong

Meeting start time: 10:00 AM

1. Approval of Minutes from September 15, 2023 meeting.

1.1. Motioned to approve, minutes approved

2. Report Recaps

2.1. Officers

2.1.1. President – Adam Saunders

2.1.1.1. Thanks to the delegates who posted their campus updates to the forum. Still more time to post additional updates!

2.1.1.2. NovelNY Task Force and OLIS Advisory Board meetings both took place in November. Will discuss more about NovelNY under Old Business. In short, most of the activity is happening at the Legislative-level.

2.1.1.3. EIT Accessibility is a topic of conversation. Several lawsuits are happening. At the SUNY Library Director meeting, there was a presentation and discussion about EIT Accessibility. Adam believes that this topic is one that SUNYLA should be discussing and so he invited Rebecca Oling and Carli Spina to share their presentation as part of New Business.

2.1.1.4. Best wishes for the end of the semester!

2.1.2. First Vice President – Jill Locascio

2.1.2.1. SUNY Delhi is interested in hosting the 2025 SUNYLA Annual Conference. Delhi was supposed to host in 2020, however, the conference had to abruptly transition to virtual format. SUNY Delhi looks forward to hosting an in-person conference. Carrie Fishner will be on the ballot in the spring election for 2nd VP. Other positions still accepting nominees, including 1st VP!

2.1.3. Second Vice President – Charles Lyons

2.1.3.1. Planning for the 2024 Annual Conference is well underway. The conference theme is Libraries Eclipsing Boundaries (Buffalo is in the zone of totality for the April 2024 eclipse).

2.1.3.2. Email for the conference logo contest was distributed earlier in the week. Two submissions already!

2.1.3.3. The planning committee is considered about 10 candidates for keynote and voted for the top three candidates:

2.1.3.3.1. Ani DeFranco (from Buffalo, supporter of libraries, Buff State alum)

2.1.3.3.2. Meghan Oakley (Syracuse University, library assessment)

- 2.1.3.3.3. Eric Gansworth (award winning children's author, professor at Canisius College, Indigenous Peoples scholar)
- 2.1.3.3.4. Conference website is up (but not publicly shared) more content will be added soon. In the process of reaching out to hotels to block rooms.
- 2.1.3.3.5. All five sub-committees are starting to meet. Chairs and co-chairs are as follows:
 - 2.1.3.3.5.1. Programming: Julie Setele and Chris Hulsman
 - 2.1.3.3.5.2. Poster: Alessandra Otero Ramos
 - 2.1.3.3.5.3. Conference General: Charles Lyons and Amanda Lowe
 - 2.1.3.3.5.4. Vendor Relations: Carrie Fishner
 - 2.1.3.3.5.5. Registration: Logan Rath
 - 2.1.3.3.5.6. Local Arrangements: chairs almost set
- 2.1.3.3.6. Charles would like to make a formal motion to request the seed money for the conference in the amount of \$5,000 (as it has been for the past several conferences).
 - 2.1.3.3.6.1. Motion for seed money of \$5,000 is seconded and approved.

2.1.4. Secretary – Alana Nuth

- 2.1.4.1. No report

2.1.5. Treasurer – Leah Fitzgerald

- 2.1.5.1. Currently we have just shy of \$11,000 in the bank and just over \$43,000 in PayPal, which is comparable to amounts in past years at this time. The full Treasurer's Report is posted to the forum. Contact Leah with any questions.
- 2.1.5.2. Charles will contact Leah about the seed money. Leah will send Charles a check which he can use to create a bank account for the conference.

2.2. Committees

2.2.1. Membership Development – Carol Anne Germain

- 2.2.1.1. Current membership statistics are as follows:
 - 2.2.1.1.1. Current members: 312
 - 2.2.1.1.2. Lifetime members: 56
 - 2.2.1.1.3. Student members: 57
 - 2.2.1.1.4. Delegates: 58
- 2.2.1.2. Membership has decreased, especially for student memberships. More messaging to recruit new members.
- 2.2.1.3. If anyone has paid for their membership and is not reflected in the database, contact Carol Anne. There has been some issues with PayPal.
- 2.2.1.4. Carol Anne and Bill Jones are working on the renewal messages.
- 2.2.1.5. The LIS Student Subcommittee plans to regroup in the spring.

2.2.2. Personnel Policies – Heather Stalter

- 2.2.2.1. Thank you to the five reviewers who provided feedback on the first draft of the stay survey.
- 2.2.2.2. Next step is to review the first round of feedback and adjust the stay survey based on the feedback. Heather will send a revised draft to the reviewers.
- 2.2.2.3. If interested in sharing feedback, contact Heather Stalter.

2.2.3. Professional Development – Logan Rath

- 2.2.3.1. No report

2.2.4. Publications – April Davies

- 2.2.4.1. October newsletter was distributed on time. The next issue is February.
- 2.2.4.2. Upcoming activities:

- 2.2.4.2.1. Reintroducing themed issues is under discussion.
- 2.2.4.2.2. Finish updating the photo collage for the Facebook page.

2.2.5. TDG – VACANT

- 2.2.5.1. Report from Jill Locascio:
 - 2.2.5.1.1. Still looking for a chair. Contact Jill if interested.
 - 2.2.5.1.2. Main responsibilities are the virtual component of the council meetings, spring elections, listservs, and serving as midwinter conference chair.
 - 2.2.5.1.3. The new chair would not have to chair the MidWinter Conference this year and instead could observe.
 - 2.2.5.1.4. The Midwinter Conference planning team has six members. The second call for proposals was just distributed. The Conference title is Library Data Part II: Too Good, Too Bad, and Too Ugly. The proposals deadline is December 1.

2.2.6. Web Development – William Jones

- 2.2.6.1. No report

2.2.7. SILC (SUNYLA Information Literacy Committee) – Megan Benson and Jocelyn Ireland

- 2.2.7.1. The November Community Conversation was about the use of AI in instruction. Great job to Christina Hillburger at Fredonia. The group shared lesson plans and articles. The next Community Conversation is February 15 at 2:00 PM and will be taking place virtually. Join the listserv to get information about upcoming SILC activities (Email Megan Benson).
- 2.2.7.2. Instruction Showcase is planned for January 12. Call for proposals was shared via the listserv.

2.2.8. Archives (ad hoc) – Jennifer Collins

- 2.2.8.1. No report

2.2.9. IDEA Committee – Milo Cameron

- 2.2.10. New listserv: SUNYLA IDEA. Send a message to subscribe-sunyla-idea@ls.suny.edu to subscribe. The listserv will be used to distribute a mini-newsletter for DEI issues.
- 2.2.11. The committee is collecting DEI resources, including DEI libguides, resources, events, displays, calendars, etc to build a repository as to avoid duplicating work and to share great ideas.
- 2.2.12. Best way to stay updated: join the listserv.

2.3. Liaisons

2.3.1. FACT2 – Katie Ghidiu

- 2.3.1.1. No report

2.3.1.2.

2.3.2. LACUNY – Derek Stadler

- 2.3.2.1. LACUNY will sponsor the New York Metro American Studies Association week-long summer institute in June 2024.

2.3.3. ESLN – Nate Hill

- 2.3.3.1. No report

2.3.4. IDS – Mark Sullivan

- 2.3.4.1. New IDS Forums once a month. Virtual gatherings to discuss issues and highlight interesting initiatives at libraries.
- 2.3.4.2. The Virtual User Group on November 7 was a success.
- 2.3.4.3. CrossLink, the new discovery and resource sharing system, is on track for 2025.

2.3.4.4. IDS Project is hiring a part-time developer. If interested or know someone who is interested, please the posting at <https://jobs.geneseo.edu/postings/4591>

2.3.5. OLIS – Maureen Clements

2.3.5.1. Lots of events and meetings coming up:

2.3.5.1.1. Research Data Management Series on November 28

2.3.5.1.2. Scholarly Communication Community of Practice meeting on November 30

2.3.5.1.3. SUNY Spotlight on Libraries on December 13

2.3.5.1.4. OLIS Update on December 14

2.3.5.1.5. Cataloging Town Hall planned for spring 2024

2.3.5.1.6. Planning for Alma five-year anniversary for Spring 2024/Fall 2024

2.3.5.1.7. New Electronic Resources Interest Group has started and meets monthly. Fifteen people attended the meeting earlier this week.

2.3.5.1.8. Events will be added to the calendar.

2.3.5.2. Cataloging survey is completed. 57 respondents. OLIS will be discussing more. Planning a cataloging town hall in the spring of 2024.

2.3.5.3. Five-year anniversary of Alma in spring of 2024. Planning to celebrate how far we've come and what it's going to look like going forward.

2.3.5.4. Tim Jackson is working on the CUNY Resource Sharing project to add CUNY to our resource sharing network. Aiming for January and February of 2024. More info coming!

2.3.5.5. OLIS and SUNY administrators met with NYSED to try and get an additional \$3M added to the executive budget to fund NovelNY in the future. OLIS is putting together a cost-use benefit for legislators. Next steps are to regroup the task force to write up next steps, especially if funding does not come through. SUNYLA has potential for advocacy. Will discuss more in Old Business.

2.3.6. UUP – Dan Harms

2.3.6.1. Many campuses are struggling financially including Potsdam and Fredonia. UUP has advocated for funding to go to the distressed campuses. The Board of Trustees directed most of the funding to the university centers.

2.3.6.2. The Library Ad Hoc Committee met at the Delegate Assembly and held a focus group. Topics were broad: looking at budget and campus climate. No news on A48 (protected time for librarians).

2.3.6.3. Keep an eye on paychecks! If something does not look correct, contact local HR.

2.3.7. NYLA – Caitlin Kenney

2.3.7.1. New York Assembly Standing Committee on Libraries and Education Technology met to discuss library construction and infrastructure (mostly for public libraries).

2.3.7.2. NYLA conference held from November 1 – 4 in Saratoga Springs. More than 800 attendees, which is the highest number of attendees since COVID.

2.3.7.3. Advocacy initiative should be up by early December will be focused mainly on NovelNY and banning books in libraries.

2.3.8. NYSLAA – Dawn Foland

2.3.8.1. NYSLAA is working on workshop ideas for the 2024 conference. Theme for the 2024 conference: Library Workers: Making Connections, Making a Difference.

2.3.8.2. Cheryl Marriott has been elected as the new NYSLAA President. Cheryl Paine is the new Corresponding Secretary. Mario Castillo as the Donations Officer and Shai-ana Grippaldi as the Public Relations Committee Chair.

2.3.8.3. Heather Gad will be taking over as Treasurer, starting 1/1/2024. NYSLAA will need a new Recording Secretary at that point.

2.3.8.4. Scholarship deadline is 12/31/2023.

3. Old Business

3.1. Defunding of NovelNY – Adam Saunders

- 3.1.1. There's a lot which can be done at the campus-level. Please send impact and usage statements for SUNYLA to Adam; soft deadline of early January. The NovelNY Task Force is also gathering impact and usage statements.
- 3.1.2. Gathering marketing material that campuses can use at their library as a shared message across SUNY.
- 3.1.3. A brief summary that could be shared with campus administrator would be helpful.
- 3.1.4. Requesting \$3M to cover NovelNY for the executive budget. If that effort fails, the legislative budget would be the next step.
- 3.1.5. Further advocacy opportunities: work with NYLA as well as SUNY, create shared marketing and advocacy materials can be developed and distributed via the listserv.
- 3.1.6. How can SUNYLA better advocate? Through NYLA?

4. New business

4.1. EIT in SUNY and the role of libraries -- Presentation by Rebecca Oling and Carli Spina

- 4.1.1. Rebecca Oling (Purchase) and Carli Spina (FIT) are chairs of the SUNY Libraries Subcommittee of SUNY Electronic & Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Committee. Rebecca and Carli presented on the topic of accessibility in SUNY libraries and broader SUNY EIT accessibility initiatives.
- 4.1.2. Committee cochairs are looking for participation from SUNY librarians in the SUNY Libraries Subcommittee. Please contact Rebecca Oling (rebecca.oling@purchase.edu) and Carli Spina (carli_spina@fitnyc.edu) if you are interested in participating.
- 4.1.3. Please see the presentation slides for more information (attached or [viewable here](#)) as well as the SUNY EIT Accessibility site (<https://www.suny.edu/accessibility/eit/>)

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 AM