NJLA Executive Board Meeting
December 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m. We will take a 5-minute break at about 11:00 a.m. Liaison Assignments and Liaison Reporting Form.

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1. Call to Order: Carina Gonzalez, President 10:02 am
2. Adoption of Agenda: Carina Gonzalez, President - approved by unanimous consent
3. Welcome and Introductions
4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes- approved by unanimous consent
5. Old Business
   a. Strategic Planning (Brett Bonfield and Stephanie Chase)
   b. Materials: NJLA Mission Statement Worksheet
6. Partner Organizations Reports
   a. NJSL: Jen Nelson
      i. A number of retirements are being celebrated
   b. LibraryLinkNJ: Ralph Bingham
   c. NJASL: Darby Malvey, not present, report added later
      i. Legislative Update - NJASL is still advocating for S3907 to move during the lame duck session and working with SweepNJ to push for the bill. We have heard that Assemblywoman Lampitt’s office is asking for more calls in support of this bill (She is the chair of the Assembly Education Committee).
      ii. You can use the SaveSchool Librarians petition to send an email: https://www.saveschoollibrarians.org/njaslbookbans
      iii. Or call her office: 856-435-1247
      iv. If you live or work in LD#6, please identify yourself as her constituent. Counties: Burlington and Camden 
         Municipalities: Berlin Township, Cherry Hill, Collingswood, Gibbsboro, Haddon, Haddonfield, Hi-Nella, Maple Shade, Merchantville, Oaklyn, Pennsauken, Somerdale, Stratford, Tavistock, Voorhees
   d. Rutgers University: Joyce Valenza
i. We had a strong presence at NJASL with lots of student energy, and were honored to be platinum sponsors.
ii. We have an offer out for an LIS hire and are excited about this individual and their contributions to LIS and the wider community.
iii. We also have two offers out for an HCI position and we will be making an offer for Data Science faculty member as well.
e. NJLTA: Alison Bryant, not present, no report
f. VALE: Ali Cole
g. NJALA: Heather Kristian
7. Financial Reports: Allan Kleiman, Treasurer
8. Reports
   a. Carina Gonzalez, President
   b. Liaison Reports President, no reports
   c. Brett Bonfield, Executive Director
   d. Laverne Mann, ALA Councilor
9. New Business
   a. NJLA Investment Committee proposal (Mimi Hui, Chair, NJLA Investment Committee)
      i. We would be closing current accounts and moving everything from Raymond James to the Community Foundation of New Jersey
      ii. Vote to approve: 12 aye’s (Jessica, Emily, John, Lynnette, Cara, Ally, Carina, Adriana, Allan, Laverne, Rosy, Will), 0 no’s, 0 abstentions
      iii. Approved
   b. Ruth Pallante’s retirement
      i. Board commendation- Will moved, Carina seconded,
         1. 12 votes in favor (Jessica, Emily, John, Lynnette, Cara, Ally, Carina, Adriana, Allan, Laverne, Rosy, Will), 0 no’s, 0 abstentions
   c. Ally- PR and Marketing Section question about how to best guide new section leader
      i. Brett and Katy will be reaching out to support new sections
10. Good of the Order
11. Next Meeting: January 16, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
12. Adjourn Will moved, Allan seconded

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