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### **NJLA Executive Board Meeting**

October 17, 2023, 10:00 a.m. We will take a 5-minute break at about 11:00 a.m.

[Liaison Assignments](#) and [Liaison Reporting Form](#).

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81382027659?pwd=RkpORDFhbIFSNHBUNU5jSzIHLzhjZz09>

Meeting ID: 813 8202 7659 | Passcode: 908648

1. Call to Order: Carina Gonzalez, President 10:04 am
2. Adoption of Agenda: Carina Gonzalez, President
3. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Brett Bonfield, Will Porter, Joy Robinson, Lynnette Fucci, Allan Kleiman, Rosy Wagner, Darby Malvey, Ralph Bingham, Selwa Shamy, Jenna Ingham-Furlong, Ally Blumenfeld, John Wallace, Emily Witkowski, Jeff Cupo, Adriana Mamay, Carina Gonzalez, Alicia Gough, Cara Berg, Keisha Miller, Corey Fleming, Jen Nelson, Ann Hoang, Jessica Trujillo, Alison Bryant
4. Adoption of [Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Partner Organizations Reports
  - a. [NJSL](#): Jen Nelson
    - i. Conversation came up around where to find First Amendment Training
      1. Laverne suggested MEL/JIF as a resource
      2. Jeff suggested playing copyrighted music if someone is trying to film
      3. Will suggests NJ SIF as a resource
    - ii. NJSL team will see some retirements soon and will be hiring, primarily in administrative roles
  - b. [LibraryLinkNJ](#): Ralph Bingham
  - c. [NJASL](#): Darby Malvey
    - i. From Lynnette: <https://www.nj.gov/dcf/nj4s.html>. I attended a program on Friday about this statewide initiative on helping student's mental health. NJ4S is a community-based care model (also called "hub"). The hub staff will have the ability to connect students and their parents/caregivers with other community services, both clinical and non-clinical, beneficial to student social, emotional, and mental health and well-being. Libraries are considered a spoke, so you can sign your library up to potentially run mental health programs for students (non-clinical support).
  - d. Rutgers University: Joyce Valenza *not present, no report*
  - e. NJLTA: Alison Bryant

- i. Still working in collab with NJSL on workshops
  - f. [VALE](#): Ann Hoang
- 6. [Financial Reports](#): Allan Kleiman, Treasurer
- 7. Reports
  - a. [Carina Gonzalez](#), President
  - b. [Liaison Reports](#) (Carina)
  - c. [Brett Bonfield](#), Executive Director
    - i. At 10:54 Laverne proposes executive session for personnel discussion, Corey seconded
    - ii. At 11:04 Carina moved to come out of executive session, Will and Rosy seconded
  - d. [Laverne Mann](#), ALA Councilor
- 8. Old Business
  - a. Sustainable Libraries: [Proposed Memorandum of Understanding for 2023-24](#) (current MOU expires in October) (Brett)
    - i. Unanimously approved
  - b. [New Jersey State Library Memorandum of Understanding](#) (automatically renews on October 31 (storing NJLA's archives at the Talking Book & Braille Center)
    - i. Unanimously approved
  - c. Mini Grants are ready to go forward: [Guidelines](#) and [Rubric](#)
  - d. Strategic Planning (Brett)
    - i. Consultant Stephanie Chase chosen to be contracted, Audrey Barbakoff chosen for support
    - ii. Contracts should be signed and ready to go in 1-2 weeks
    - iii. Member Services has put out a call to section leaders for additional survey questions
- 9. New Business
  - a. John Wallace asked if there are promotional fliers available for NJLA
    - i. Carina will provide something
  - b. John also asked if NJLA section listserv subscriber details are private or able to be shared with section leadership
    - i. Jessica explained the information is not shared because the people on listservs may be opting in as passive participants; there's no option to create a list where members can opt in to having their info shared
      - 1. Laverne proposes better listserv options, such as section-specific email promotion, for streamlined communication
- 10. Good of the Order
- 11. Next Meeting: November 21, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
- 12. Adjourn
  - a. 11:51 am Joy motioned, John seconded