



**NJLA Executive Board Business Meeting
May 30, 2019**

**NJLA Conference
Harrah's Resort
777 Harrah's Blvd,
Atlantic City, NJ 08401**

Leah Wagner called the meeting to order at 2:07pm.

Jeanne Marie Ryan makes a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Czesak seconds. All in favor.

1. Treasurer's Report - Amy Babcock-Landry

Amy presented that this has been a good year. Membership numbers have exceeded expectations and we are close to hitting the conference income goal. Amy thanked the Conference Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Investment Subcommittee.

2. President's Report - Leah Wagner

Leah spoke about her past year as president and the successes such as the completion of the new Strategic Plan under the guidance of Amy Babcock-Landry and Nancy Weiner. The Core Values were also completed this year which began under the presidency of Michael Maziekien and there have been better steps towards communication in NJLA. Also, this upcoming year NJLA will begin using Zoom instead of Adobe Connect. There has also been strong advocacy for legislation.

Leah thanked James Keebler for moving us forward with MemberClicks.

Leah thanked Karen Cerra, Membership and Communications Coordinator, for increasing our membership. The NJLA office this past year also hired a bookkeeper, Brian Michlich.

NJLA co-sponsored the Library Journal Design Institute at Cherry Hill and the School Library Journal Basecamp at Rutgers.

Leah thanked Emily Moore for coordinating the upcoming Diversity Conference.

Leah spoke about the joint NJLA/NJASL Task Force which will be chaired by Allen McGinley and the two pieces of legislation about School Libraries and School Librarians.

Leah spoke about the difficulty facing LibraryLinkNJ and its future and the attacks on School Libraries and School Librarians. There have also been several challenging intellectual freedom issues. Leah thanked the many committee members for all their work as well as the committee leadership and the section leadership. Leah thanked the Executive Board for their commitment to NJLA and making this a great year.

3. Executive Director Report - Pat Tumulty

Pat thanked the new office staff members and wished Melissa Lena the best of luck.

Pat thanked John Wallace, chair of Public Policy and Laverne Mann, vice-chair of Public Policy for getting sponsors for the State Aid bill. Currently there are 45 sponsors in both houses.

Pat talked about the attacks on School Libraries and School Librarians. NJASL currently has a reporting form on their website to report retirements and open school library positions. Pat has written 7-8 letters this spring advocating for school librarians. Pat also mentioned the intellectual freedom issue in Hunterdon County about the book Fun Home.

4. ALA Councilor Report - Jayne Beline

Jayne thanked NJLA for allowing her to serve as ALA councilor and said that it has been a pleasure sharing the NJ successes like the bond grant funding, legislative fortnight, and school library advocacy. NJLA has taken the lead and motivated many other state chapters.

Jayne thanked Eileen Palmer, Cindy Czesak, and Pat Tumulty.

Jayne congratulated Joyce Valenza on winning the AASL Distinguished Service Award.

Jayne mentioned the Meeting Room Policy that was recently revised and approved and asks that members look at it to set policy in their own libraries.

ALA has provided a lot of information about the census and how libraries impact the overall health of the community.

Intellectual Freedom is looking for comments of resolutions they are revising. For comments please go to ALA connect or email Jayne at jayne.beline@parsippanylibrary.org.

5. Bylaws Committee Report - Kate Jagers

The Committee is presenting changes to the bylaws.

a. The bylaws have been revised to create an overlap for the Treasurer position. This revision is under Section VI, Part C.

The Bylaws Committee makes a motion to approve the revisions. Jen Schureman seconds. All in favor.

b. The following editorial changes: Change "501C(3)" to "501(c)(3)" in Section II:D. Change "shallre view" to "shall review" in section VII:H. Update the title of the document to read "NJLA Bylaws" from "NJLA Constitution and Bylaws"

The Bylaws Committee makes a motion to approve the corrections. Eileen Palmer seconds. All in favor.

6. Conference Committee Report - Emily Witkowski

Emily reported that there are around 700 attendees at the conference with 16-17 sponsors.

The Conference Committee is updating the conference survey.

Emily thanked Adriana Mamay and Rich Loomis, co-chairs of the conference committee and Kate Angelo, vice-chair. Emily thanked the Conference Committee, the NJLA sections and committee, the Executive Board, Pat Tumulty, and Leah Wagner.

Adriana Mamay commented that the committee strives to make this valuable to everyone and to please let the committee know what is working and what is not working. The committee wants you to look forward to attending every year. Adriana reminded everyone to fill out the surveys.

7. Nominations and Elections - Michael Maziekien

Michael thanked everyone who helped get the election off the ground including James Keebler, staff of the NJLA office, Leah Wagner, and the NJLA Executive Board for support.

The New Executive Board for the 2019-2020 year is as follows:

1st VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT - Jennifer Schureman Brenner, Gloucester County Library

2nd VICE PRESIDENT - Amy Babcock Landry, Livingston Public Library

ALA COUNCIL - Eileen Palmer, LMxAC

SECRETARY - Kate Jagers, Piscataway Public Library

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE -

Pham Condello, Old Bridge Public Library

Corey Fleming, Paterson Public Library

Danielle Cesena, Glen Rock Public Library

Adriana Mamay, Middlesex County College

Michael let the members know that there will be a special election and that news will be coming out soon.

8. Core Values Task Force - Julie Tozer

The Core Values document was created from several in-person task force meetings, interactive sessions at last year's conference, feedback from the 2018 leadership conference, and the strategic plan survey.

Julie thanked those involved and those who gave feedback along the way.

9. New Jersey State Library - Mary Chute

The State Library is making progress on the Public Library Construction Bond and will have definitive news relatively soon.

The Technology Infrastructure Study is now available.

Gary Cooper is retiring.

The State Library is part of a task force for statewide services.

Kathy Pfeifer attended a meeting with the Department of Education to talk about electronic resources in schools. There will be a new initiative to get library cards in the hands of each student. This pilot program will begin with 6th graders. The tagline is Libraries=Success.

Mary congratulated Joyce Valenza on the AASL Distinguished Service Award.

Leah Wagner congratulated Mary Chute on receiving the ASGCLA Leadership & Professional Achievement Award from the Association of Specialized Government and Cooperative Library Agencies (ASGCLA).

Jen Schureman makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:45pm. Carol Phillips seconds. All in favor.