

# RASD

Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 4, 2017  
Suffolk Cooperative Library System

The meeting was called to order at 9:59 am by Past President Stephen Ingram.

**Members Present:** Azuree Agnello, Lauren Bernat, Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Sal Filosa, Gilda Ramos, Stephen Ingram, Ruby Marchetti, Rose Marut, Cindy Miller, Maureen Nicolazzi, Lissetty Thomas, Wonda Miller, Tim Sicurella, Dave Jones

Lauren made a motion to approve the January 10 minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved by Azuree Agnello and seconded by Maureen Nicolazzi.

## **President's Report:**

Lauren Bernat reported. Please send all committee reports to her attention until further notice. The ELSA Committee intends to go green and send out digital applications instead of print this year.

The SCLA Board has decided to break tradition and share the Spring 2017 Newsletter to all listservs, etc. Traditionally, it was a benefit of membership, but with membership down, it might be a positive way to entice new and returning members. Additionally, the Membership Chair will soon begin contacting all whose membership has expired within the last 3 months.

SCLA is also looking to take more notes on Part Timers across the county, how they feel about SCLA, and how best the Assoc. can serve these employees.

NYLA would like the 2017 Board to review the NYLA organizational membership, with the opportunity for SCLA to propose institutional memberships for itself too. So far the SCLA institutional membership proposal would include 15 members and any additional memberships would cost \$35.00 additional.

The SCLA Dinner will most likely be either on November 9 or 10; more information to follow. There had been talk of switching up Networking Night, but no finalized plans at this time.

PLDA will address the proposed change to the examinations (where membership and service in a Library organization would mean an additional point or points on the 1 or 2 exams); PLDA representative Sue Goldberg does not have high hopes of it making it to or past Civil Service. However, Sue is going to broach the topic of membership and active participation at the next PLDA meeting – in the hopes of increasing membership. Please remember to submit your meeting attendance sheets to Teri Hatred of SCLS; she is in charge of recording continuing education records, which is vital to those who have the requirements to maintain their license, and to those taking the upper level management exams. I will re-send out the proper attendance form to all Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs this week, and have brought copies to today's meeting.

Make sure to get your reports in for *Ramblings* on time and try to give your meetings a 30-day notice so it's easier for librarians to get approval to attend these meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Maureen Nicolazzi reported. The opening balance was \$3,

964.16. Total revenues from new member/continuing dues and the RASD dinner were \$2.00. There were no reported expenses from March.

The check for \$100 to cover the cost of the deposit for the luncheon will come out of the April balance. Also, the money to cover the LILC giveaway will come out of the April budget; the giveaway came in under budget at \$296.00.

**Approved reimbursements:** None

**Outstanding:** None

**C.A.R.E.:** Nicole Berroyer reported. The next committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2017 at SCLS. The meeting will start at 2:30 pm and the speaker is TBA. The committee will work to update its webpage at that time.

**Electronic Resources:** Dave Jones reported. The joint February meeting with the PR/Marketing Committee on the topic of hosting a tech fair was well received. A meeting is being planned for Thursday, June 8, 2017. Topic is TBA.

**Health Concerns:** Sal Filosa reported. The committee is finalizing plans for the Long Island Library Conference, and working on programs for the second half of 2017.

**Historian:** Robert reported that everything is currently up to date.

**Long Island History:** Inez reported that the History and Genealogy Program Showcase is still planned for April 27, 2017 at SCLS from 9:30 am – 12:00 pm.

**Long Island Reads:** Beth Gates reported via email. The Long Island Reads committee is in the final countdown to our author event on April 23. Our Suffolk County bus is sold out and has a wait list. The tickets to the author event, which are free but required, went live on April 1 and as of April 3 we have "sold" 384 tickets, which is 59% of the available tickets. If patrons are looking to get tickets, please refer them to [longislandreads2017.eventbrite.com](http://longislandreads2017.eventbrite.com).

**Media:** Tim Sicurella reported. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2017 at SCLS. Coffee and networking at 9:30am and meeting to begin at 10:00am. The meeting will cover several topics including circulation trends, podcasting and streaming. A July meeting is being planned.

**Member-at-Large:** Ruby Marchetti reported. She received the check from Maureen, and will mail out the deposit to Painters this week. Once they have received it, Painters will invoice us. Ruby then provided the Board with menus, from which a first and second choice meal were selected. First choice is a grazing menu (though concerns were raised as dessert was not listed), with choices including a taco bar, quesedillas, mini pizzas, meat satay and crab cakes; and the second choice was a buffet lunch with salad, pasta and two entrees (iron skillet chicken and salmon) and dessert.

The luncheon will be held from 12-3pm on Tuesday, October 3, 2017.

**Membership:** Wendy reported that there are currently 172 members.

**M.O.S.A.I.C.:** Gilda Ramos reported. Gilda noted that more librarians from the East End are joining, as well as from across the county. The committee is preparing for LILC.

Gilda asked that the Board approve up to \$200.00 for food for the committee's annual breakfast meeting, which will be held on June 6 at the Middle Country Public Library. The meeting topic will be the need for books in multiple languages.

**New Adults:** Lissetty Thomas reported. Jamie of the Sachem Public Library demonstrated Virtual Reality at the March meeting. The next meeting will be on April 10 at the Patchogue-Medford Library. Elena of Make the Road New York will be speaking as a legal advisor about undocumented students.

**O.A.R.S:** Cindy Miller reported. The last committee meeting was cancelled due to snow. The next meeting will be held on April 12 at SCLS; topic and speaker TBA.

**PR and Marketing:** Jo-Ann Carhart reported. The committee has a new Secretary: Sharon McDivet of the Half Hollow Hills Community Library. Joan will be working on the blog, Sharon will take and post meeting minutes and Jo-Ann will concentrate on program speakers and the annual Award. Jo-Ann still plans to look for a sponsor.

The committee plans to host a roundtable meeting to discuss what various libraries are doing. Meeting date is tentatively planned for June 22, 2017 at SCLS.

**Programs:** Rose Marut reported. A volunteer is needed to take attendance statistics at the 6 RASD programs at the 2017 LILC. Otherwise, Rose is in the process of confirming and finalizing everything for the RASD Suffolk/Nassau program "Are You Struggling to Promote your Online Resources."

**Ramblings:** Wendy Polhemus-Annibell reported. She would like to thank the committee members who submitted reports for the Spring issue. It would have been posted on April 3 but .

**Reader's Advisory:** Azuree Agnello reported. The blog has been updated. The next committee meeting will be on April 27 at SCLS and the topic will be humor.

**Webpage:** Wonda Miller reported. The RASD page has moved to [scla.net/rasd](http://scla.net/rasd)

**New Business:** Gilda Ramos has reported that the Middle Country Public Library has partnered with BOCES to offer the TASC classes at the library. The TASC classes are free and welcome to out of district patrons. Additionally, students of the program who commit to a trade program through BOCES will receive a discount for their classes.

**Old Business:** Lauren Bernat reported. The stylus/highlighter pens have arrived! She thanked Stephen Ingram again for his flyer on the RASD programs at the LILC; even the conference committee was impressed.

The Board voted on speaker Antonia Petrash on the topic of Women's Suffrage and Long Island leaders in the historical event. The Board agreed to pay her up to \$150.00 and offer her and a guest admittance to the luncheon (up to \$215.00 total). The Board would like for Antonia to bring her books to sell and sign.

**Upcoming meetings are scheduled on the following dates:**

Tuesday, January 10, 2017, at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Bay Shore – Brightwaters Public Library

Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

**No May meeting: LI Library Conference on May 4, 2017**

Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at John Jermain Memorial Library in Sag Harbor

**No meeting in July**

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Connetquot Public Library

**September: Annual Dinner & Meeting**

Thursday, October 3, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at SCLS in Bellport

*If your library would like to host a meeting, please let Lauren know.*

The meeting was closed at 10:56 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lauren Bernat subbing for Katie McIntyre