

# RASD

**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 7, 2017**  
**SCLS, Bellport, N.Y.**

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 am.

**Members Present:** Lauren Bernat, Nicole Berroyer, Jo-Ann Carhart, Robert Cognato, Beth Gates, Candace Hope, Stephen Ingram, Dave Jones, Ruby Marchetti, Rose Marut, Katie McIntyre, Wonda Miller, Maureen Nicolazzi, Wendy Polhemus – Annibell, Tim Sicurella, Lissetty Thomas

Lauren made a motion to approve the February 7 minutes with corrections. The minutes were approved.

**President's Report:** Lauren reported that two campuses of Suffolk County Community College now have 3D Printers and there is now a short video program where students can learn to make their own 2 minute videos. Such a tutorial might be of interest to staff in public libraries. Adelphi University now has their own Makerspace. St. John's University has sold the property in Oakdale and is now leasing a location at 120 Commerce Drive in Hauppauge.

SSD is planning either a paint night or psychic night event as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. Also, they plan to hold the majority of their trainings as webinars from now on as they have seen a dramatic drop in attendance. SSD thinks that there are more part-timers than full-timers and it is difficult to get out of the building for meetings.

NCLA reported that St. John's University student interns digitized their archived minutes. Bruce Seger who is in charge of Archives for SCLA plans to have a digitization program for SCLA in the next 6 months.

Fandom Outreach is looking for volunteers for the LI Geek conference on April 23 and 24, 2017. The LDA Award pamphlet went out in February; all SCLA members should have received a copy. Art Freedman proposed a deal for adding the directory to SCLA members; more information to follow. I will be creating a document that will allow SCLA Board Members to track attendance at the Long Island Library Conference, ensuring that a Board Member is present at all committee meetings. Lissetty Thomas has volunteered to attend the March 13, 2017 meeting. It is important to continue to show our presence.

LILRC's annual meeting will be held on June 20, 2017 from 9:30-12:30 at the Farmingdale Public Library.

PLDA looks on the proposed points for Librarian I/II exams favorably; minor changes were made at the Board Meeting and PLDA is unsure of what Civil Service will have to say about this proposal. There was talk of bringing the SCLA blog back to life; many on the Board would prefer that this be the homepage with a link to NYLA. There was also talk of condensing the digital footprint of all of the divisions (webpages and social media). No changes or official proposals were made at this time.

I would like to remind all committee chairs and co-chairs of the importance of submitting reports, attending board meetings and planning at least one month in advance. Also, a gentle reminder to send meetings to be posted to the RASD page and the SCLA calendar; please share with Wonda

Miller and Stephen Ingram as soon as possible. The next SCLA newsletter is scheduled for May, please prepare all information so that I may include it in the RASD write-up. Also, SCLS is donating access to Library Aware for the newsletter.

**Treasurer's Report: (March):** Maureen reported that the opening balance was \$3962.16 **Total revenues** from new member/continuing dues were \$2.00. **Total expenses** were \$0.00. The **closing balance** as of March 3 was \$3964.16.

**Approved reimbursements:** None

**Outstanding:** None

**Correction to February 2017 report:** Closing balance was \$3962.16 **Not** \$3962.46. – Updated in the February minutes.

**C.A.R.E.:** Nicole reported that the last committee meeting was on Thursday, February 16. There was a speaker from Job Corps, a federally funded free education and training program for 16-24 year olds. Everything is paid for up front by federal grant-certifications; such as tuition, dorms and food. The tuition is \$35,000 per person per year. There are orientation centers located in Hauppauge and Patchogue.

New administration wants to cut the funding, but anyone accepted before the cut is guaranteed to be able to finish the program.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 18 at 2:30 pm at SCLS. The committee is trying to get a speaker from ACCESS-VR, which is a vocational rehab that assists individuals with disabilities to achieve and maintain employment and supports independent living.

**Electronic Resources:** Dave reported that there was a joint meeting on March 3 at SCLS with the PR and Marketing Committee.

**Health Concerns:** Sal reported that the committee met with the presenters and began preparation for the LILC program.

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

**Long Island History:** No report.

**Long Island Reads:** Beth reported that the flyers went out for the LI reads event. Tickets will be available April 1. If you have reserved a spot on the bus, that is your early ticket.

**M.O.S.A.I.C.:** Gilda reported that the committee has confirmed the speaker from USCIS for the LILC and they are spreading the word! The committee is also working on their annual breakfast which will take place Tuesday, June 6 at Middle Country Public Library. This year the committee has invited librarians from World Languages Collection Selection to present at the event. They will be discussing the selection process as well as demographic changes. They are experts on different languages and will give insight on how to choose materials for individual collections.

The next MOSAIC meeting will be on March 21 at SCLS.

**Media:** Tim reported that the committee is looking for dates for meetings. He is trying to get something for April and working on topics such as; circulation trends and new media. Any suggestions would be helpful!

**Member-at-Large:** Ruby presented 3 possible venues for the RASD annual dinner which will be a lunch this year. Painters' located in Brookhaven, Francesco's in Babylon and Ruvo in Greenlawn. After consideration, the majority vote was for Painters' based on parking, accessibility and good reputation. There was also a motion approved to pay for the \$100.00 deposit.

Lauren mentioned 2 possible topics and speakers for the annual lunch. Bill Bleyer who would do a presentation on World War I or Monica Alvarez, a JASNA member, who does an interesting discussion on Jane Austen.

Wendy also suggested 2 speakers that she knows and has used on the topic of Women's Suffrage which is close to the anniversary. The majority of the vote was to go with the Women's Suffrage speaker provided she was available.

**Membership:** Wendy reported that there are currently 162 members.

**New Adults:** Lisetty reported that the last committee meeting on February 27 was about new housing developments at Pilgrim State and how this will impact everyone.

The next meeting is on March 20 at Sachem Public Library and the topic will be virtual reality.

**O.A.R.S:** Rose reported the last committee meeting on February 15 was about programs and services for seniors.

The next meeting will take place on March 15 at SCLS and they are trying to find a speaker.

**PR and Marketing:** Jo-Ann reported that she is looking for panelists for their event and Samantha is working on giveaways.

Joan is working on getting someone from Suffolk Community College as a speaker for the videoing program in the spring. Maureen needs a price for the speaker. There will be more information about this program in April.

Jo-Ann is also working on a secretary for their committee. This will be a big help for Jo-Ann and Joan as the secretary will take notes for the meetings.

**Programs:** Rose reported that she has received confirmation of the program setup for the joint RASD program, *Are You Struggling to Promote Your Online Resources?* at the LILC and notified the presenter Nancy Dowd.

The program will be presented from 3:00 to 4:00 pm in Salons 4, 5 & 6.

Rose will be in contact with the speaker and the Nassau RASD president, Cynthia Nielsen about the details when the Conference date becomes closer.

**Ramblings:** Wendy reported that the link for the *Ramblings* spring draft has gone out. Please submit your reports before the end of the month.

**Reader's Advisory:** Azuree reported that the next committee meeting is Thursday, April 27 at SCLS at 10:00 am. The topic is humor in fiction and non-fiction.

**Webpage:** Wonda reported that everything is status quo. If you have any items that you would like posted on the RASD website please forward them to her.

You can reach her at: [wmiller@johnjermain.org](mailto:wmiller@johnjermain.org)

**New Business:** Tim Sicurella will be taking over for the Media committee. Welcome Tim!!

Thank you to Stephen for his hard work on the RASD/LILC flyer!

Lauren presented some ideas for giveaways for the LILC; such as flash drives, water bottles, earbuds, coasters and highlighters.

The flash drives didn't offer much memory and the water bottles seemed a bit costly. The majority of votes seemed to go for the highlighters that were affordable (to purchase 300), useful and could be easily imprinted.

**Old Business:** Lauren reported that she did apply for our space at the LILC; it was received by committee members.

**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 Sag Harbor Public Library

**No meeting in July**

Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Connetquot Public Library

September 2017, TBD

Thursday, October 3, 2017, Annual Lunch & Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2017, Annual Health Concerns Breakfast & Meeting 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 11:21 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie McIntyre