



REFERENCE & ADULT SERVICES DIVISION  
A DIVISION OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**May 3, 2022**  
**Suffolk Cooperative Library System, Bellport, New York 11719**

The meeting was called to order at: 10:00 AM

**Members Present:** Alex Blend, Azuree Agnello, Mary McNulty, Kelly Filippone, Alexander Cranshaw, Alicia Columbello, Sal Filosa, Wendy Bennett, Nicole Berroyer, Jessica Giannetti, Rachel Cecchini, James Garvey, Nicole Rambo, Joan Cook, Amber Gagliardi, Mara Zonderman, Stephanie DiChiara, Adam Zoffrianieri, Wonda Miller

Sal Filosa made a motion to approve the March 2022 minutes. The motion was seconded by Azuree Agnello

**President's Report:** Sal Filosa reported:

SCLA Board agreed to not record meetings on Zoom

**NYLA**

- NYLA Exit Board met with AnnaLee Dragon
- AnnaLee was very understanding and wants a smooth transition. She also wants to stay on good terms with SCLA.
- Aiming for a separation date of 7/1/2022 (to align with the fiscal year)
- NYLA won't cut SCLA off from resources until we're ready

**Vendor Fair**

- Roger Reyes reached out to SCLA about hosting something at SCLS in lieu of the conference
- SCLS will host a bunch of vendors
  - These are the vendors who regularly attend the LILC and who wanted to participate in something this year
- SCLA would like to turn this event into a networking event
  - Professional photos will be taken
  - May 17th from 10:00AM-3:00PM
  - Breakfast and lunch will be provided
- SCLA would like each division to set up a table

- SCLA will be collecting new baby items for donation to Angels of Long Island to be distributed to families in need

### **Professional Development Series**

- Fall 2022
- Carisse would like to turn this into a yearly virtual professional development campaign
- Vice President of SCLA and NCLA would essentially spearhead this

### **List-Serv**

- NYLA is switching to a new list-serv
- Alex Blend did some research about different options SCLA has and a vote is expected at the May meeting

### **Other**

- 119 people used the Google form for SCLA so far. Angela Breslin does still have access to the NYLA membership database.
- Next issue of the SCLA newsletter is going out in July- **send me your information by the June RASD board meeting date**
  - Will promote the professional development series
  - **Divisions should have ideas ready by June**
- **Elections**
  - There was a discussion about how we are going to vote
  - Options are Election Buddy, Wild Apricot, Google Forms
  - Discussion about having the 2022 election be for all Suffolk library employees
  - The Board will vote on which service to use via email ASAP
- **The SCLA Scholarship Chairperson position is open**
  - Emma Lodato stepped down
- **NYLA Council:**
  - NYLA is finding other streams of incomes
  - Operating out of 1 budget
  - NYLA is pushing for more virtual meetings to save on costs of in-person expenses
  - Any unit that has a sizable revenue stream will have a separate fund going forward. I.e. YSS, RASS, etc. (doesn't affect us)

### **Treasurer's Report:** Wendy Bennett reported:

The following Treasurer's Report is for **March 2022**. The opening balance was \$3,859.81. **Total revenues** were \$0.00. **Total expenses** were \$0.00. The **closing balance** for **March 2022** was \$3,859.81.

### **\*Items Submitted to NYLA but not yet accounted for in NYLA's financial statements:**

- **Annual Marketing Award at \$88.00 (excluded from ending balance) –** Jo-Ann received this check on 4/28/2022.
- **Revenues from seats at the RASD Annual Luncheon (excluded from ending balance) –** Roughly \$420.
- **\$113 made from selling raffle tickets at annual luncheon (included in ending balance)**  
**\$15 for one spot at RASD Annual Luncheon.**

\*I have followed up about these items with SCLA Treasurer Rebecca Goldstein. Rebecca advises us to sit tight; the new Executive Director and Kelly Harris are aware of the missing revenues, and will be sure to be credited to RASD during SCLA's formal separation with NYLA.

**Outstanding Expenses: (submitted to NYLA):** Nothing outstanding.

**Approved Expenses: (NOT YET submitted to NYLA):** Nothing outstanding.

**Career & Business Reference Services Committee (C&B):** Nicole Berroyer and Alex Blend reported: For our next meeting we have planned a Financial Professionals Panel that will take place on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 - 2:30 - 4:00 pm. It will be a virtual showcase via Zoom.

The purpose of this showcase is to present different program topics on financial literacy that might best appeal to librarians and that will have the largest impact on the patrons of each community. The main objective is to educate, as there is a severe lack of financial literacy and fair and unbiased education available to the public.

**Electronic Resources:** No report.

**Health Concerns:** Sal Filosa and Stephanie DiChiara reported: We will be having our next committee meeting on Monday, May 16 at 3:00pm, in-person at the Sayville Library! The Library is located at 88 Greene Avenue in Sayville. Please reach out to me or Sal if you would like to attend, or have any questions or concerns. We hope to see you there!

**Historian:** Adam Zoffranieri reported: digitization of older RASD materials is ongoing. Any relevant materials from your respective committees can be sent to my email at [azoffranieri@smithlib.org](mailto:azoffranieri@smithlib.org). Thank you!

**Local History:** Caren Zatyk and Kelly Filippone reported: The Local History Committee met virtually on Thursday, 4/14, via Zoom. The group discussed meeting dates for the rest of 2022, plans for the upcoming Programmers Showcase, creation of a discussion forum for the group, and Caren's ongoing meetings with individual committee members. Caren has already met with five committee members and plans to meet with several more in the coming weeks. These meetings have provided Caren with an opportunity to learn more about the committee's individual members and the local history collections that they work with. It is part of an ongoing effort to better understand what the work entails for individual members and how best the committee can serve them.

**Long Island Reads:** Mara Zonderman reported: The LI Reads event was Sunday, May 1, for the first time back in person at Plainview Library. The event was a success, with about 50 people in person, and another 89 watching on livestream. There was positive feedback, and the committee is already thinking about next year's book and author. The Nassau co-chair is stepping down, and Deborah Kinironsof Uniondale Library will be joining the committee as replacement. If anyone has any suggestions of a possible book please email: [maraz@westhamptonlibrary.org](mailto:maraz@westhamptonlibrary.org)

**M.O.S.A.I.C.:** Amber Gagliardi and Michelle Athanas reported: MOSAIC is working on a few ideas. Next is a plan to do a program about the history of Juneteenth and how libraries can celebrate it. The committee has reached out to Dr. Key (<https://nysmuseums.org/Georgette-Grier-Key>), who helped to get Juneteenth federally recognized as a holiday, as a guest speaker to reflect on the day's importance and how libraries can reflect, run programs, create reading lists centered around the holiday. The committee wants to bring her in as speaker, and made a motion for a speaker fee of \$350 for Dr. Key, a vote was taken and a majority was in favor. A second motion was made for up to \$250 for the breakfast, a vote was taken and a majority was in favor. The original date was June 15, but the venue is now booked, so the committee will see if the location or date can change.

**Media:** Nicole Rambo reported: No report

**Member-at-Large:** Laurie Aitken and Jessica Giannetti reported: They are still collecting dates for any committee things to send to Stephen Ingram, as well as posting flyers to FB. They are also beginning to discuss a venue for the RASD December luncheon

**Membership:** Kelly Filippone reported: Based on the spreadsheet provided by SCLA, we currently have 89 people interested in RASD. I will work on comparing that to the last few RASD membership lists generated by NYLA so we can get a better email list and make sure people take advantage of the one free year.

**New Adults:** Alex Cranshaw and Andrew Mihopulos reported: The NAC attended the latest M.O.S.A.I.C. meeting in which we discussed au pairs in the library. We invited Lori Brust, the speaker at the M.O.S.A.I.C. meeting, to join the NAC for a follow-up discussion on the topic. The conversation was recorded and published as our latest podcast episode. You can listen to the conversation by searching “New Adult Committee” on your favorite podcast app or visiting [redcircle.com/shows/nac](http://redcircle.com/shows/nac). The topic of our next meeting will be student loans. We’ll be joined by the Director of the Student Debt Forgiveness Center. Date will be sometime in late May or early June. If you’d like to join the meeting, please let us know ([alex@sayvillelibrary.org](mailto:alex@sayvillelibrary.org))!

**Outreach Committee:** Alicia Collumbell reported:

The next meeting of the Outreach Committee will be held on Monday, Aug 8, 2022 @ 10am. Promotional materials will be forthcoming as well as an email out to the full committee and others who may wish to attend. We will have a guest speaker - I have confirmed the date with Long Island author Emily Ladau ([Demystifying Disability](#)), who will come to speak with us about her book, her work as a rights activist and how we can best serve members of our communities with disabilities. Whether or not the meeting will be held virtually or in person is TBD. I will also send promotional information to Valerie Lewis once they have been created and proofed.

**PR & Marketing:** Jo-ann Carhart and Joan Cook reported: They introduced Jim Garvey who will take over as PR and marketing committee chair, and is now onboard to help with the transition. There are currently no programs planned and Jo-Ann will be back in September.

A Message from Jim: MANY THANKS to Jo-Ann Carhart and Joan Cook for launching and running the PR & Marketing Committee and the SLMA award for these many years. We are indebted to them - - they had the foresight to recognize the importance of marketing to the success of our libraries.

Looking forward to learning from them and working with them during the transition over the next year.

Thank you for the opportunity.

Jim

**Ramblings:** Sean Walls reported:

Please send me anything you would want to be included to get your good word out! Next *Ramblings* will go out at the end of June. As ever, you may upload your submissions to this document: [☰ Ramblings Summer '22 Blurbs](#) or else you can simply email them to me at [swalls@smithlib.org](mailto:swalls@smithlib.org). Also, again, taking requests for profiles! Please email me about it if you want to give a brief overview of who you are and what you do for RASD!

**Reader's Advisory:** Azuree Agnello reported: The Reader's Advisory Committee met for the first time in person since before Covid. The blog will be updated with the April annotations in the next month or so. Our next meeting is Thursday, September 29, at 10 am, at SCLS, but we're going to try to do it hybrid for those who can't make it in person. Topic: Award Nominees - books that were nominated for an award but didn't win.

**Web Page:** Wonda Miller reported: Please let me know if you have any programs, flyers that you'd like to have posted to the website. You can send anything to me at [wmiller@johnjermain.org](mailto:wmiller@johnjermain.org). Thank you! The member changes will also be made to the website.

**New Business:** There are two positions open (the two-year term of VP/President and Treasurer), and a few people have reached out with interest. Please reach out to anyone you know who might be interested in getting involved, and moving forward, don't be intimidated about taking on a role because the transition from NYLA will be finalized, and the same board will be in place. It is helpful to rotate between positions on the executive board. The RASD luncheon will be in December, they need to figure out a venue by June. Also, it was proposed that we skip both summer meetings instead of just July, and have passive meetings instead. We will have to readvise and readopt our constitution once the split with NYLA is complete. The idea of combining the media and electronics committee was discussed, since Dave Jones has stepped down there is no Electronics Committee Chair, and the two missions are similar.

**Old Business:**

The meeting was closed at 11:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary McNulty

**2022 RASD Board Meeting Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location and Time</b>
Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, February 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, March 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, April 5, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, May 3, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
NO JULY MEETING	-
Tuesday, August 2, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, September 6, 2021	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting, 10:00am
HEALTH CONCERNS BREAKFAST (TBA)	TBD
Annual RASD Luncheon Date TBD	2:00 pm meeting, 2:00-4:00 pm luncheon

(Subject to change)