



UNYOC Executive Meeting October 25, 2024

Present:

Elizabeth Merkle (*Chair*), Susanna Galbraith (*Secretary*), Michael Labrecque (*Webmaster*), Kim Nolan (*Parliamentarian, Conference Planning Immediate Past Chair*), Stephanie Helsher (*Government Relations NYS*), Sarah Lawlor (*Continuing Education Chair*), Abigail Smith (*Chapter Council Representative, MLA Credentialing*), Mary Jo Russell (*Conference Planning Chair*), Lorraine Porcello (*Conference Planning Chair*), Elizabeth Mamo (*Membership Chair*), Olivia Tsistanis (*Nominee to the MLA Nominating Committee*), Jennifer McKinnell,

Meeting called to order at 12:08

Agenda:

1. Opening remarks, introductions of new members, and update on vacancies (Beth)

Discussion:

- Using Wild Apricot membership list as a new listserv to cut back on committee positions
- Michael - Wild Apricot is not setup for the purpose of replacing a listserv would not work for that purpose
- Listserv needs to be someone from University of Buffalo
- Amanda-Ross White and Jennifer will try to get some new people on board for the vacant membership role.

ACTION: Beth University of Buffalo for management of listserv

2. Conference debrief and look ahead to 2025 conference (Lorraine & Mary Jo)

a. 2024 Conference Debrief

- Approximately \$11,300 for the 2024 conference, plus the cost of speakers, \$3000 total for the speakers, \$550 for the CE.

- Incidentals, gifts etc. are not included in this.
- \$17,145 YTD was the estimated expenses.
- Lori Quigley Keynote speaker, all positive feedback

ACTION: Conference planners to meet Rachel get final numbers for the conference income for the proposed budget

ACTION: Lorraine to send out post-conference survey

b. Conference Planning 2025 Update

- Vendors preferred location is Watkins-Glen, some are supportive of doing alternative years with NAHSL
- Virtual in 2025 committed to this.
- Keynote speakers
 - Joe Stahlman, medical anthropologist
 - Jode Millman, copyright
 - Dr. Brunda Aires, food as medicine for the community
- Call to vendors for a lower tier virtual conference attendance
- 6 vendors is the goal, 20 minutes to speak for each of them
- SE Library Council will host
- Theme is “Staying Alive in 2025”

ACTION: Mary Jo will send out call for conference planning chairs

ACTION: Mary Jo to send out announcement for Virtual 2025 Conference

c. Conference Planning 2026

Discussion around a joint conference with NYLA:

- They have higher conference registration rates
- What would we bring to them – we would bring special librarians
- Driving to Saratoga is not appealing to some
- Joint conference planning is more intimidating – could be harder to recruit conference planning chairs
- When is the special librarian taking the lead of NYLA, could be better to time it with that
- Sometimes joint conference planning is easier

ACTION: Beth will reach out to contacts at NYLA to inquire about a collaboration

Discussion about hybrid in 2026:

- Vendors not a fan of hybrid if it's not clearly communicated how many in-person attendees there are.
- Make people choose up-front what they're doing. Don't make it flexible

Discussion about keynote speakers:

- Ontario Six Nations can be contacted – Jennifer volunteered

3. 2025 Executive Committee Meetings (Beth)

- Wednesday, January 22, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, April 23, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, July 23, 2025 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm
- Wednesday, October 22, 2025 (date and time to coincide with 2025 virtual conference)

4. Outstanding Objectives from 2023-2024 (Beth)

- Inclusion & diversity committee
- Promoting librarianship to relevant groups
 - o Form partnerships with library schools in ON and NY
 - o Engage with elementary schools to discuss librarianship

New Objectives for 2024-2025 (Beth)

- Fill all vacancies on Executive Committee & Committees

Discussion about the Archivist vacancy:

- Documents being held at Rochester, about 4 boxes, meeting minutes, history of the organization
- Need an official agreement between MLA and the University of Rochester to continue to house documents
- Intern idea– who would supervise, how would pay for it

ACTION: Beth will put our call for conference committee and vacancies

- New Business
- None

5. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn.

MOTIONED by Beth/ Seconded by Kim.

Meeting adjourned at 1:08pm.