



UNYOC Executive Committee Meeting April 30, 2026

Present: Abigail Smith, Beth Merkle, Rachel Becker, Susanna Galbraith, Mary Jo Russell, Liz Irish, Erin Keenan, Jessica Hollister, Stephen Weiter, Rebecca Kindon, Olivia Tsistinas, Stephanie Helsher, Jaimi McLean

Regrets: Jamia Williams, Kim Nolan, Logan Rath, Laura Riggs, Sarah Lawler, Angelique Roy, Nell Aronoff

Meeting called to order at 1:02pm

Agenda:

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

MOTIONED by: Olivia T. / **Seconded by** Jessica H.

MOTION APPROVED

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve Jan 22 minutes

MOTIONED by: Liz I. / **Seconded by** Stephen W.

MOTION APPROVED

3. Updates from Elected and Appointed Positions

a. Treasurer (Rachel B.)

- i. no updates
- ii. MLA stipends are spoken for now

b. Members-at-large (Jessica H.)

- i. Professional development award is being promoted
- ii. Deadline is May 1, do we want to extend the application deadline?
 - 1. Yes to extending deadline and running it again

- 2. No plans yet for Katy Nesbitt and Ursula Poland yet
- c. Membership (Erin K.)
 - i. Active members 55 (43 US, 12 Canadian), lapsed 52
 - ii. Reminder emails - were they effective
- d. Chapter Council Rep (Rebecca K. & Liz Irish)
 - i. Submitted annual report to MLA
- e. Government Relations (Angelique R. & Stephanie H.)
 - i. New York - Stephanie:
 - 1. No budgets at state or national level finalized
 - 2. ALA court case won, resulting in the reinstating of Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) funding
 - 3. Deadline for Accessibility laws has been extended - the first compliance deadline under the HHS is May 11, 2026
 - ii. Ontario - Angélique:
 - 1. Ontario Student Assistance Program (OSAP) shift from support through grants to loans affecting student affordability, and enrolment and therefore libraries
 - 2. Ontario Superior Court - OpenAI case addresses copyright usage
 - 3. Budget pressures - exits from the Big Deal, Alberta, Queens, Brock cancelled subscriptions to the Big Deal. CJAL - complexities of those cancellations
 - 4. Layoffs at universities at health sciences libraries - both librarians and staff
- f. Communications (Jaimi M.)
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Wild apricot emails not going through for some people
 - iii. Mary Jo testing the UNYOC-L listserv
- 4. Update from Meeting with NAHSL
 - a. Open to a merger/adoption of UNYOC
 - b. Conference driven chapter, but some CE throughout the year
 - c. They felt the adoption would be well received by members
 - d. They will need to update some of their by laws
 - e. Conferences rotate through the various regions
 - f. They have special interest groups for each state, we would be given that opportunity to form our own special interest group for upstate New York
 - g. Voiced concern about discrepancy in dues, our dues are half than theirs
 - h. They have dealt with groups that had separate dues than others, so we may be provided a grace period
 - i. Interested in our professional development awards, Ursula Poland, Katy Nesbitt awards all interested

- j. They asked whether they anticipate Canadian members joining and how does that complicate things
 - k. Executive is welcome to join Burlington conference to get to know them
 - l. Physical archives will need to be maintained
 - m. Questions about how to preserve our chapter website and history
 - n. Next steps: Executive, update to MLA and Chapter Council, notifying membership
5. Message to the Membership
- a. Discussion:
 - i. Sell the benefits of NAHSL
 - ii. Bigger, engaged group
 - iii. Emphasize the New York state special interest group
 - iv. Member meeting and discuss how to do a vote
 - v. Alternative is dissolving, this is the better option
 - vi. MLA requires a vote, our by laws do not
 - vii. Send out communication on UNYOC-L, then call a members meeting, before October meeting
 - viii. Special meeting rather than waiting until October
 - ix. Do an e-vote if we needed to, or the people at the meeting rather than the entire membership. Quorum is 20% for any vote
 - x. Actions - Abigail:
 - 1. Email Beverly at MLA with an update
 - 2. Draft an email to the membership
 - 3. Call members to attend the special meeting
6. Conference Planning Update (Logan R.)
- a. Encourage people to attend NAHSL Burlington conference if they're able to
 - b. Discussion around a send-off toast last get-together as a UNYOC group, member presentations, wait until after the NAHSL business is wrapped up
7. Business from the floor
- a. - None
8. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn

MOTIONED by: Rebecca / **Seconded by** Mary Jo

MOTION APPROVED

Meeting adjourned at 1:55