NYCSLS Council Meeting #3 – February 5, 2015

PRESENT: Jen Abounader, Margaret Dennehy, Arlene Dominguez, Leanne Ellis, Damary Gonzalez, Richard Hasenyager, Melissa Jacobs Israel, Lindsay Klemas, Jillian Lazaridis, Allison Lehner-Quam, Melissa Malanuk, Elizabeth Naylor-Gutierrez, Olga Nesi, Emily Nichols, Tom Nielsen, Christine Poser, Brenda Shufelt, Lynne Kresta Smith, Kathleen Tarbell, Andrea Vaughan Johnson, Sally Young

Approval of Minutes from first meeting.

Vote: 1) Approval of bylaw revisions

2) Election of Vice Chair – Christine Poser

3) Election of Secretary – Brenda Shufelt

News and Notes

Procurement

Ric discussed the procurement challenges this year, contract approvals and next steps

Recruitment

Elizabeth discussed the success of the OLS Librarian Recruitment events, Get Certified! There were three information sessions:

- Brooklyn (30 registered, 28 attendees)
- Manhattan (18 attendees)
- Queens (upcoming)

The format:
1. Overview discussing canceling of the hiring freeze/compliance issues w/ NYSED & subsequent opportunity, advantages of being a school librarian
2. Librarians discuss their experiences
3. College library programs w/ representatives from the certified library schools. The attendees will be tracked to see if they sign up for one of the library programs. OLS is working to set up a partnership with LIU.

The job is teacher librarian. Librarians need teaching skills and experience.

3. Discussion of e-books grant – trying not to contract with so many different publishing companies. Have to see if we have the usage, want the option to discuss price if the usage is really low. This is a test. Also there will be e-books for the LBL grants.
Committee Reports

**Recruitment:** NYCSLS will track Council representation according to the bylaws. Will increase the number of certified librarians working in the DOE.

Ric: the goal is over the next 5 years to have 50-75 new recruits each year. We need to be able to support them. It’s better to have quality over quantity.

**Five-Year Plan of Service:** Lynne. Getting ready for the fall – every 5 years we have to complete an updated Plan of Service. Since it is due next year it will be the primary focus of Council meetings for next year. The member survey is being updated and must be done at least once during the five year POS. This is different than BEDS, which his filled out by the principals. The directory survey goes out in the fall. The committee will present in September the directory survey and will then work on a November survey.

Ric: we need some data points for advocacy. After the April break we will develop a program survey: what did you do this year. Ex: computers in the library, flexible schedule. The member plan asks questions about your goals, etc. (5 years in November)

**Grants:** The libguide for grants will be updated. We are looking for a private funder and working on a grant for a library summer program. The target: Districts 5 & 6, Grade 4, 10 schools, an enrichment program with librarian and books for the schools. Information Literacy Standards will be used to plan summer program. Children from that school or neighboring schools or non-public schools can join.

**Advocacy:** Alison: A libguide is being created, building out with the following sections: Reading Guidance, Instruction, Access to Resources & Technology, Library Environment, Collaborative Partnerships, Message Crafting. They are putting the content in. Inspired by Advocacy for School Libraries by Barb Stripling

Olga: the idea is to bring in content for each of the pillars by level.

Librarians can do advocacy even from the beginning. Also, need to understand that we can’t do every one of the pillars at the highest level at once. The library position permits you to play to your strengths and carve out your niche. She will send out Barb Stripling article.

**Technology:** Melissa: taking content that’s developed already from various libguides and translating to one big handbook. Also, looking for best examples from the field for the various sections. Clean up and not make too cumbersome, not too robust. Also updating information that has copyright.

Arlene: Please send any suggestions for committees to the new chair.

No other business.

Motion to adjourn: Christine

Second: Jennifer

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Shufelt, Secretary