



**Awareness & Advocacy Committee Meeting**  
**5/10/2018, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Online via GoToMeeting**  
**Notes**

**Present:** Nancy Abashian (BU), Steve Bachman (4CLS), Sarah Glogowski (FLLS), Brian Hildreth (STLS), Mary-Carol Lindbloom (SCRLC), Jessica Philippe (SCRLC), Mechele Romanchock (Alfred), Mikki Smith (CMOG)

**Excused:** Deb Gagnon (Wells); Nicole Waskie-Laura (BT BOCES SLS)

**Review of Minutes from 2/1.** [The minutes from 2/1 were reviewed](#) and no changes were made.

**Awareness & Advocacy Plan.** We reviewed the [updated plan](#) and discussed how often committee goals activities should be updated. The goals will be updated every five years along with the Plan of Service and the activities will be updated yearly.

**Social Justice Sub-Committee.** The social justice/DEI subcommittee will meet on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. to begin working on a Social Justice Plan. There is still room for additional members, if anyone would like to join the group. Mechele volunteered.

**Active & Engaged Libraries Program.** The program had low attendance, but it was well received and SCRLC will try to do a similar event on a yearly basis and possibly other DEI-related programs throughout the year. An Active & Engaged Google Group/SIG was created. If you are interested [click to join this Google Forum](#). There were suggestions for DEI workshop/webinar topics in the Educational Services Survey. We discussed the talks on the Drag Queen Story Time and All Gender Bathrooms. SCRLC is working on updating our bathroom signage to make them available to all genders.

**Legislative Breakfast.** The legislative breakfast subcommittee contacted all legislators in the region. Brian heard back from ¾ of STLS legislators that they will attend. The other systems will need to follow up with their legislators. The event will be held on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Tompkins County Public Library.

**National Library Legislative Day.** No one from this group was able to attend this year, but New York should be well represented. This is a good week to contact your reps!

**Next Steps.**

The Legislative Engagement Planning Group will meet in June to make sure legislators have added the September 14 breakfast to their calendars. Everyone has been contacted. Mary-Carol will write to the regional representatives in May or June to remind them, as well.

The SJ/DEI subcommittee will meet on June 11 at 10 a.m. Email Mary-Carol if you would like to join and aren't already on the list.

The Awareness & Advocacy Advisory Committee will convene again in August following the New York Alliance of Library Systems (NYALS) meeting; Brian will send out a Doodle poll.

Notes taken by Jessica