Awareness & Advocacy Committee Meeting
12/10/2018, 11:00 a.m.
Online via Zoom

Notes

Present: Brian Hildreth (STLS)--Chair, Nancy Abashian (BU), Sarah Glogowski (FLLS), Mary-Carol Lindbloom (SCRLC), Jessica Philippe (SCRLC), Mechele Romanchock (Alfred), Mikki Smith (CMOG);
Excused: Steve Bachman (4CLS); Deb Gagnon (Wells); Nicole Waskie-Laura (BT BOCES SLS).


*A Digital Inclusion Summit hosted by the Pioneer Library System is coming up on Jan. 28th at the Cracker Factory in Geneva. Members were encouraged to attend. This will also be shared with ACITS.

Legislative Breakfast. It was a successful event and about 70 people participated. We had good legislator turnout and positive feedback. The Legislative Engagement Planning Group will discuss a 2019 event at their next meeting. Brian will set up a meeting prior to our next A&A meeting in February.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Sub-Committee. The DEI subcommittee will meet on December 18th to continue the work of updating the LibGuide. SCRLC has had a number of programs focused on these issues, including the recent Implicit Bias and Bystander Intervention Training. Brian asked if due to the important work of this group, the sub-committee should be an advisory committee. Mary-Carol agreed and will bring this up at Friday’s Board meeting and next week’s DEI meeting.

NYLA Legislative Committee Update. The legislative committee’s 2019 recommendations include $200M for statewide library aid. Due to the 2020 census going digital, the ask also includes $40M in support of the census. They will also ask for an increase in library construction aid to $75M.

NYALS (New York Alliance of Library Systems) Update. The Excelsior Dues, which help fund NYLA’s government relations position and other advocacy support, increased for each library system type. The steering committee, on which Mary-Carol serves, will be developing a new Memorandum of Understanding for NYLA/NYALS. Each system type now has a seat on the state librarian search committee. Sheryl Knab will represent ESLN and Kevin Verbesey, PULISDO. At this time we’re not sure who is representing the school library systems.
Next Steps.

- Brian will send out a Doodle poll for the next A&A committee meeting in February (after the 12th, if possible).
- Brian will convene The Legislative Engagement Planning Group in February prior to A & A.
- The DEI subcommittee will meet on Dec. 18th to update the LibGuide and to discuss becoming an SCRLC advisory committee rather than remaining a task group under A&A.
- Mary-Carol will send out an updated list of 2019 activities for the committee to review. Activities will now align with the fiscal year (July-June), so we will be planning 18 months of activities. The activities will be finalized at our February meeting.

Notes taken by Jessica