



**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).

**Digital Inclusion Update.** Deadline is Feb 25<sup>th</sup> for these IMLS grants: <https://www.ims.gov/news-events/news-releases/big-opportunities-small-libraries-ims-launches-new-special-initiative>. No one on the committee yet has plan for grant applications.

\*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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 Verbese, 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. 18<sup>th</sup> 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