



**Awareness & Advocacy Advisory Committee Meeting  
SCRLC & GoToMeeting  
Thursday, February 1, 2018, 1 p.m.  
Notes**

**Present:** Brian Hildreth (STLS)—Chair, Nancy Abashian (Binghamton U), Steven Bachman (4CLS), Deborah Gagnon (Wells C), Sarah Glogowski (FLLS), Mary-Carol Lindbloom (SCRLC), Nicole Waskie-Laura (BT BOCES SLS).

**Excused:** Regan Brumagen (CMoG), Mechele Romanchock (Alfred U), Jessica Philippe (SCRLC).

**Welcome and Introductions.** Brian welcomed the group and Introductions were made.

**Review of Notes from September 28, 2017 Meeting.** The notes were reviewed; no changes.

**Review Goals & Activities of SCRLC’s Awareness & Advocacy Committee Plan.** The goals and activities were reviewed and discussed:

- Update the awareness & advocacy plan.
- Attend and report back on NYLA's Advocacy Day.
- Work with regional library systems to hold a legislative event (changed from “regional, in-depth meeting with legislators that explores their issues and how libraries can impact”).
- Develop a Diversity/Equity/Inclusion/Social Justice plan.
- Update the Awareness & Advocacy and D-E-I Social Justice LibGuides.
- Support Alfred's LGBT teen mentorship program initiative.

**Upcoming Meetings with Legislators (Local & Albany Visits).** The public library systems have had local visits to legislators, legislators have attended their annual meetings. STLS and 4CLS will continue to share a bus; FLLS has a van going from Cayuga County and a bus from Ithaca. Committee members are welcome to ride one of the buses to Albany.

**Legislative Engagement Planning Team Update.** This subcommittee (Brian, Mary-Carol, Sarah, and Steve) met ahead of today’s A & A meeting to plan a fall legislative event. Brian had attended Rochester’s legislative breakfast and thinks that a similar program would work well in this region. Our event will be held on **September 14** at Tompkins County Public Library. It will be a legislative “thank you” breakfast during which legislators will be thanked for their time and effort and given the opportunity to say a few words. They will be presented with certificates of

appreciation for their support of libraries. It will provide photo ops and we can do press releases. Brian is going to work on “save the date” cards. It is hoped that 5-10 legislators will attend.

**Social Justice/Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan.** Mary-Carol has reached out to see if Regan, Mechele, or Nicole are interested. Nancy and Camille have agreed to be part of the plan’s development. She will recruit additional participants from the membership through the News. Note that the follow-up to the Summit is scheduled for April 13.

**Update on the Awareness & Advocacy and LibGuides.** Jessica has been working on the [Advocacy LibGuide](#) and general format, so far having added information from FLLS (thank you Sarah and staff). Next she will be getting in touch with Erika regarding the phone guide.

#### **Follow-up:**

- **Everyone** is invited to review the Advocacy Plan with Brian, Jessica, and Mary-Carol. [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CXqRsTwdYI1bog7LRzx6w68HBlyF7Yx4\\_HpHpdCfV-4/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1CXqRsTwdYI1bog7LRzx6w68HBlyF7Yx4_HpHpdCfV-4/edit)
- **Brian:** Send out a Doodle poll; set next meeting. Draft some “save the date” cards for fall event. Participate on Legislative Engagement Planning Team. Advocate in Albany. Review Advocacy Plan.
- **Mary-Carol:** Recruit additional participants for the Social Justice Plan Task Force and convene. Advocate in Albany. Review Advocacy Plan.
- **Jessica:** Finish SJ program planning; continue to update LibGuide; reach out to Erika Jenns at STLS. Advocate in Albany. Review Advocacy Plan.
- **Sarah:** Participate on Legislative Engagement Planning Team. Advocate in Albany.
- **Steve:** Participate on Legislative Engagement Planning Team. Advocate in Albany.

Notes taken by Mary-Carol