



Awareness & Advocacy Committee Meeting
3/17/2017, 10:00 a.m.
SCRLC & Online via GoToMeeting
Notes

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

News/Updates. Mary-Carol updated the group on Barbara Stripling's Re: NYLA and social justice. They will do three things: endorse Julie Todaro's ALA statement (displayed), look into offering a diversity scholarship, and Barbara will be writing a contextual statement on our fundamental values and why diversity in the profession is important.

Committee Membership. Brian will be the new chair of the committee. Eva left Alfred to take a new position at UNCW.

NY State Legislative Developments. Both the Assembly and Senate asked to restore the \$4M funding the Governor removed from his budget. The Senate asked for an additional \$4 million, which would bring library aid to \$99.6M. What's next? We need to thank the Senators and ask supportive Assembly members to talk to their colleagues. Brian was disappointed with the Assembly's proposed one house budgets. He's encouraging trustees to reach out to Assembly members and thank the Senators. Sarah is in the same position. Brian was impressed by the library community's advocacy efforts this year.

National Developments. Proposed elimination of IMLS. How do we respond? How are other states responding? Mary-Carol shared several responses (TX, MN, CT) including connecting with the museum community to combine efforts, creating infographics demonstrating the effects of federal cuts on libraries. We need to share the impact of local and regional IMLS grants with Tom Reed and the other House members representing our region.

Regional Meetings. We're in the "ask" season. After budgets are finalized, what's next? Set up regional meetings with legislators. All library types should be represented. Nicole said it should ideally be during after-school hours. What format (e.g., breakfasts, speed dating)? Assembly member Miller liked the speed dating format and learned a lot about different library services. When should it be held? Brian, Sarah, Steve, and anyone else who would like to be part of the planning will meet in April to discuss. Contact Brian if you are interested.

Social Justice Summit. It will be held on July 19 at Binghamton University. Trevor Dawes will keynote. There will be 2 tracks- one on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion and one on Civic Engagement, followed by

a facilitated discussion. Loriene Roy may be involved. There will be actionable outcomes and a 6-month follow-up to the conference. Save the Dates have started going out.

Next Steps.

Brian convene will a group to plan a legislative meeting, which will include Steve, Sarah, Mary-Carol, and anyone else on the Committee who is interested. He will send out a Doodle Poll to set up the next meeting for April.

The Awareness & Advocacy Advisory Committee will meet in May.

Mary-Carol will collect IMLS grant information on regional libraries and museums that have had awards within the last five years.

Notes taken by Jessica.