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### **NJLA Executive Board Meeting**

August 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81382027659?pwd=RkpORDFhbIFSNHBUNU5jSzIHLzhjZz09>

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1. Call to Order: Carina Gonzalez, President
2. Adoption of Agenda: Carina Gonzalez, President
3. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Brett Bonfield, Carina Gonzalez, Rosy Wagner, Jeff Cupo, Will Porter, Ralph Bingham, Darby Malvey, Laverne Mann, Christina Nemphos, Allan Kleiman, Emily Witkowski, Cara Berg, Jen Nelson, Selwa Shamy, Adriana Mamay, Jessica Trujillo, John Wallace, Alicia Gough, Alison Bryant, Ally Blumenfeld, Joy Robinson, Tony Joachim, Karen Cerra, Gary Marks
4. Adoption of Meeting Minutes
  - a. Laverne Mann proposed approval, Rosy Wagner seconded
5. Partner Organizations Reports
  - a. [NJSL](#): Jen Nelson
    - i. State Library Information Center was awarded a grant from the National Archives and Records Administration for a project titled “Telling New Jersey’s Untold Stories.” The grant is helping to build out the NJSL’s digitization studio with sophisticated new equipment that will allow the library to capture digitally fine details of historical records with accuracy. Upcoming digitization projects will include content from the New Jersey Court of Errors and Appeals, Port Authority of New York & New Jersey, and publications related to land use and development in New Jersey. When complete, we’ll have a complete array of book and document scanners, cameras, processors and the like.
    - ii. Please share observations on barriers to digital literacy and internet access for underserved communities with Jen.
  - b. [LibraryLinkNJ](#): Ralph Bingham
  - c. NJASL: Darby Malvey
    - i. Petitions for school boards have closed. Keep an eye on your election slate.
    - ii. If there is a candidate survey by Mary Moyer for those running for office, Darby will share the results.
    - iii. Many open school media specialists positions. Consider applying or encourage colleagues to apply. School will often reimburse you for getting your school library cert if you don’t already have it.
    - iv. Information Literacy Standards still in motion. Will be ready for the 2024-2025 school year.
  - d. Rutgers University: Lilia Pavlovsky- not present, no report

- e. NJLTA: Pat Pavlak (Alison Bryant filling in)- continuing to work with NJSL and planning for the Fall
- f. VALE: not present, no report
- 6. Financial Reports: Allan Kleiman, Treasurer
  - a. Received considerable funding from estate of Learned T. “Dag” Bulman
  - b. Investigating alternatives to current investment accounts to receive better return on investments
  - c. Revenues still coming in from Conference
- 7. Reports
  - a. [Carina Gonzalez](#), President
  - b. [Laverne Mann](#), ALA Councilor
  - c. [Brett Bonfield](#), Executive Director
    - i. Addition: Warren County Public Library facing censorship issue
- 8. Old Business
  - ~~a. Strategic Planning Task Force Report (Jessica Trujillo)~~
  - b. Sustainable Libraries partnership (expires in October) (Brett Bonfield)
    - i. Board will vote in September to move forward with renewal
  - c. [Statement in Support of ALA](#) (Brett Bonfield)
    - i. Jessica Trujillo motions to approve; Allan Kleiman seconds
    - ii. Section votes in favor
- 9. New Business
  - a. EIM: Including Trustees and Volunteers (Jeff Cupo)
    - i. Debate over how viable it would be to include large numbers of volunteers who may or may not participate- would be hard to keep track of
    - ii. Laverne proposed a survey to EIM libraries
    - iii. Possibility to interview or better vet which volunteers would be included
    - iv. Allan suggested working with YASS or established TAB groups
    - v. Potential to include Friends, Foundation, etc members
    - vi. Will points out the EIM membership is still new and we should consider holding off on making changes
    - vii. Adriana recommends a definition and goals for what a successful EIM model looks like
    - viii. Carina asks for a written proposal for what data we need to make changes
  - b. Rewarding libraries that are fine-free (Jeff Cupo)
    - i. Laverne points out that some libraries do not have the option to go fine-free which may deter them from joining EIM
  - c. Creation of a Retired Members Section (Brett Bonfield) : The purpose of this section is to develop programs of interest to retired librarians from all types of libraries, including formal opportunities for involvement and learning; to provide leadership training and opportunities for mentoring; to allow lifelong professional involvement and active engagement in NJLA and the profession of

librarianship.

- i. Allan Kleiman moves to create section; John Wallace seconds
  - ii. Section votes in favor
10. Committees, Sections, and Task Forces
  - a. [Task Force Reports](#) (Jessica Trujillo)
    - i. Issues will improve with additional staff on committees/sections and the new website for communication
    - ii. Equity Scholarship update- groups requested more professional development around the kinds of careers and positions available in libraries; Jessica is working on a job guide and schedule for planning events which will be recorded and available on YouTube
  - b. [Task Force Reauthorization](#) (Carina Gonzalez)
    - i. Jessica Trujillo motions to approve, Will Porter seconds
    - ii. Sections votes to approve
11. Good of the Order
12. Next Meeting: September 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m., Zoom
13. Adjourn
  - a. Motion to adjourn Jessica Trujillo, Allan Kleiman seconds