

## **NJLA D&O Section Unofficial Informational Meeting Notes - February 2020**

11am Via Zoom

### **Members present:**

Jen Sulligan  
Jen Schureman Brenner  
Tanya Finney Estrada  
Stephen Felle  
Kara Brehm

### **Welcome / introductions**

### **Minutes:**

No vote on minutes acceptance because we did not have enough attendees for a quorum.

### **Reports:**

Jen Brenner / NJLA Leadership:

- 2/18 Executive Board meeting discussed task force for organizational membership, which would increase funds beyond membership dues.
- Tanya Finney Estrada is sponsoring a dessert reception so NJLA attendees will be able to hear Jen's speech as incoming President, without having to pay for the privilege of doing so. Truly equity in action!
- Tonya Garcia is working on assembling the Diversity Task Force.

Jen Sulligan:

- Memberclicks issue — if a member feels they are not getting any or all of the emails associated with their section or committee should contact the NJLA office. This is a known issue that can be remedied quickly on a case by case basis. Jen B and Tanya spoke of a possible memberclicks demo at the NJLA Conference; May be better addressed as a tabling at the conference, or even as workshops at various locations. Will be discussed at next exec board meeting.
- Joint meeting with YASS has been requested to discuss EDI issues and teens. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Tanya Finney Estrada:

- Nine presentations sponsored or co-sponsored by D&O were accepted, including two of Tanya's (Recruitment and Retention, and Climbing The Ladder) and Cathy DeBerry and Jen S's (Community Partnerships for Special Needs Adults). Another, Recruiting: the Future of Librarianship will be cosponsored by us as well. Tanya is working on getting the full list together.
- Task force met to discuss LLNJ website. 1st phase was a content audit. Now in its 2nd phase, the focus is on streamlining, revisiting content, and renaming categories.

### **Newsletter:**

Submissions to the newsletter may be sent to Ally at [ABlumenfeld@elizpl.org](mailto:ABlumenfeld@elizpl.org), or Jen at [jsulligan@sclibnj.org](mailto:jsulligan@sclibnj.org)

Articles are always welcome. For those pressed for time, photo / caption submissions are also accepted and appreciated. We do not yet have a firm date for the next newsletter.

### **Website:**

Kara: will send detailed notes to membership on the last task force meeting.

- The new lineup of website categories: Diversity In Libraries, disABILITIES, Ethnic, LGBTQ?, Immigrant, Homeless, Across Generations, Veterans, and Submissions. Removed: "Books" category — no booklist because it gets outdated quickly. Online articles etc still available and wanted.
- Will look visually more like: <https://librarylinknj.org/techex>
- Next target date 4/8 to get submissions done in each category, and to gain community input.
- Audit has been done, old information and errors have been removed.
- Would like to do a poster session about the website at NJLA!

### **DO-IT! Conference:**

- Postponed to October 2020
- Monmouth County Library Headquarters would still like to host our event

### **NJLA Conference:**

- Meeting / Meetup at conference to be discussed at the next meeting

### **News and Announcements:**

Stephen Felle

- TBBC will be receiving Large Print and Braille guides to completing the 2020 Census. Stephen has offered to offer information to anyone who requests it. He will prepare a detailed description and send an email blast to members to get the word out.

Tanya Finney Estrada

- NJLA conference D&O Home and Away Table: in planning stages. Working with Elena on this initiative. Benefiting James Stern Community Library in Puerto Rico, and Covenant House, accepting books in Spanish and cash donations. Last year we collected \$275. Doodle poll will be sent out for tabling volunteers. Kara volunteered to print posters, and Tanya said we may be able to use last year's banner.

### **Next meeting:**

March 26 @ 11am via ZOOM