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April 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m. We will take a 5-minute break at about 11:00 a.m.

- April 2025 Meeting Packet
- Meeting Link (Zoom) | Meeting ID: 813 8202 7659 | Passcode: 908648

1. Call to Order: Jeff Cupo, President, 10:04 am
2. Adoption of Agenda: Jeff Cupo, President
    a. Unanimous adoption
3. Welcome and Introductions
    a. Brett Bonfield, Jeff Cupo, Katy White, Alicia Gough, Rosy Wagner, Andrew Luck, Emily Witkowski, Will Porter, Adriana Mamay, Adele Puccio, Ally Blumenfeld, John Wallace, Corey Fleming, Sai Rao, Allan Kleiman, Lorraine Ruiz, Emily Dalton, Nicole Potdevin, Eleni Glykis, Muhammad Hassan, Heather Kristian, Melody Scagnelli-Townley, Dana Vocht, Maura Deedy, Jen Nelson, Ali Cole, Layla Abdallah, Melaina Squicciarini
4. Adoption of March 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
    a. Unanimous adoption
5. Financial Reports: Monthly Financial Report (Allan Kleiman, Treasurer)
    a. NJLA investments at Community Foundation of New Jersey (Will Porter, Chair, Finance Committee)- motion by Committee
        i. Changes to investment strategy are in place by CFNJ; short-term recommendation by Brett is to put funds in to a money market account
            1. Votes for: 10 (Rosy, Allan, Melody, Adriana, Emily, Heather, John, Ally, Jeff, Corey); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
    b. NJLA primary banking relationship (Will Porter)- motion by Committee
        i. Due to changes at TD Bank, recommendation by Brett is to move primary banking relationship to Credit Union of NJ
            1. Votes for: 11 (Rosy, Allan, Melody, Adriana, Emily, Heather, John, Ally, Jeff, Corey, Eleni); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
6. Reports
    a. President's Report (Jeff Cupo)
    b. Executive Director's Report (Brett Bonfield)
    c. ALA Councilor Report (Brett Bonfield for Laverne Mann)
    d. Mini-Grants Task Force recommendation (Heather Kristian)
        i. "On behalf of the Mini-Grants task force, we recommend one award

Cursor parking lot

this cycle of $750 to the Honor and Awards subcommittee for the project "Enhancing the Honors & Awards Reception." The funding will be used to "enhance and elevate the Honors & Awards Reception at the NJLA Conference in May. This will include the addition of decorative elements, potentially including a reusable step-and-repeat backdrop, centerpieces, plants, air-filled mylar displays, etc." A more dignified reception will "allow NJLA to better acknowledge the recipients of honors and awards. Improving the atmosphere and appearance of the Honors and Awards Reception aligns with several strategic priorities and goals, as well as several core values."

    ii. Heather moves, John seconds
        1. Votes for: 11 (Rosy, John, Emily, Heather, Ally, Jeff, Eleni, Melody, Allan, Adriana, Corey); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
    iii. Federation of Library Organizations will meet on April 21; there has been no FLO meeting since the last executive board meeting (Jeff Cupo)

7. New Business
    a. [Narcan Discussion] (currently tabled) (Jeff Cupo)
        i. The statement has technically already been published in the December Organizational update, however NJLTA has chosen not to co-sponsor
        ii. Jeff: this statement will not negatively impact libraries as eliminating the opioid epidemic is a bipartisan issue; this statement would help libraries that want to advocate to their admin for providing services to those suffering from the opioid epidemic; making the statement now is in alignment with current Governor's office priorities
        iii. Allan: how does this fit into the vision and mission of NJLA?
        iv. Motion to discuss: Ally; seconded: Emily
            1. Clarification needed on whether or not this has been published or would need to be republished
            2. The resolution as it was published is now inaccurate (NJLTA no longer co-sponsors; the White House program referred to in the document no longer exists)
        v. Motion to untable: Eleni; Heather seconded
            1. Votes for: 10 (Emily, Eleni, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Allan, Melody, Rosy); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
        vi. Motion to edit statement to reflect NJLTA is not co-sponsoring and remove irrelevant information: Ally, John seconds
            1. Votes for: 9 (Emily, Eleni, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff,

Melody, Rosy); votes against: 0; abstentions: 2 (Allan, Corey)

vii. Motion to vote on publishing amended statement: Ally; Heather seconded
   1. Votes for: 7 (John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy); votes against: 1 (Allan); abstentions: 2 (Corey, Emily)

b. Board Statements and Resolutions (Laverne Mann, postponed to May)
c. Professional Development Fund Task Force Roster and Proposal (Jeff Cupo)
   i. Motion to establish funds: Emily, Rosy seconds
      1. Votes for: 10 (Emily, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy, Corey, Allan); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
   ii. Motion to approve roster: Emily, Heather seconds
      1. Votes for: 9 (Emily, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy, Allan); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
d. Joseph M. Gasparro Scholarship for Teen Volunteers
   i. Motion to establish scholarship: Rosy, John seconds
      1. Votes for: 9 (Emily, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy, Allan); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0

8. Old Business
   a. SkillType (Brett Bonfield) (may require board action)
      i. Motion to invest in Skilltype for EIM members: Rosy, Emily seconds
         1. Votes for: 10 (Emily, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy, Corey, Allan); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
   b. Committee Consolidation Plan (Rosy Wagner and Jeff Cupo)
      i. Motion to accept new Committee roster: John, Ally seconds
         1. Votes for: 10 (Emily, John, Heather, Ally, Adriana, Jeff, Melody, Rosy, Corey, Allan); votes against: 0; abstentions: 0
9. Sections, Committees, Task Forces
10. Public Comment
11. Good of the Order
12. Next Meeting: May 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom
13. Adjourn
   a. Allan moved, Adriana seconded