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March 18, 2025, 10:00 a.m. We will take a 5-minute break at about 11:00 a.m.

- [March 2025 Meeting Packet](#)
- [Meeting Link \(Zoom\)](#) | Meeting ID: 813 8202 7659 | Passcode: 908648

1. Call to Order: Jeff Cupo, President 10:01 am
2. Adoption of Agenda: Jeff Cupo, President
3. Welcome and Introductions
  - a. Brett Bonfield, Jeff Cupo, Laverne Mann, Rosy Wagner, Lynette Fucci, Fred Pachman, Allan Kleiman, Jen Nelson, Ally Blumenfeld, Will Porter, Maryjean Riou, John Wallace, Melody Scagnelli-Townley, Emily Witkowski, Pat Massey, Katy White, Adriana Mamay, Alicia Gough, Jennie Pu, Jessica Trujillo, Ali Cole, Corey Fleming, Cara Berg, Nick Bastean, Tanya Finney Estrada, Cathy DeCampi, James Keehler, Kate Jagers, Linda Hoffman
4. Adoption of [February 2025 Executive Board Meeting Minutes](#)
5. Financial Reports: [Monthly Financial Report](#) (Allan Kleiman, Treasurer)
6. Reports
  - a. [President's Report](#) (Jeff Cupo)
  - b. [Executive Director's Report](#) (Brett Bonfield)
  - c. NJLA Dues Recommendation for 2025-26 (Will Porter, Finance Committee Chair)
    - i. Dues will remain unchanged at this time
  - d. [ALA Councilor Report](#) (Laverne Mann)
  - e. NJLA Public Policy Committee (Jennie Pu, Chair) (may require board action)
    - i. Committee concern about timing of the Narcan statement in conjunction with pending cuts and other issues facing libraries
      1. Corey moves to table the statement, Emily seconds
        - a. Votes to table: Votes for: 13 (Ally, Melody, Corey, John, Tanya, Allan, Cara, Laverne, Adriana, Lynette, Emily, Maryjean, Rosy), Abstentions: 1 (Jeff), Against: 0
    - ii. Survey to go out for members to identify what they want Public Policy to work on
    - iii. Potential for Conference meet up so members can "air out" issues they feel are important
7. New Business
  - a. IMLS (Brett Bonfield)

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- i. Jen Nelson- COSLA made a statement about the Executive Order regarding IMLS. The intent isn't fully clear: existing vs. future programs, allotment, discretionary grants? Proposal is to reduce IMLS to "statutory functions" (open to interpretation).
    - ii. IMLS at the NJSL (\$4.5M annually; 17.5 FTE, about a third of the staff) allocated to:
      - 1. Talking Book and Braille Center (presently an unfunded mandate)
      - 2. JerseyConnect
      - 3. Databases
    - iii. Without IMLS funding, that could affect other programs.
    - iv. Museum and Library Services Act is up for reauthorization in 2025. Without the statute, there is no IMLS.
    - v. Would need to look at how to fund TBBC through Library Network Aid after July 1st 2025 if funding is cut
    - vi. Internal budget has enough reserves to keep things going for a while, NJSL would want to ask library community what priorities for funding are
    - vii. At the moment there are more questions than answers
    - viii. Fred asked about Library Construction Bond Act funds- Jen confirms that's state funding
    - ix. John inquired about the NJ State Museum- Jen said they do not receive an annual appropriation the same way we do
      - 1. They could be a partner in the future
      - 2. Jen will connect John to director of the State Museum
    - x. Laverne asked what the suggested direction is- Jen doesn't know how much impact individually going to a Rep would do but it's always good to try- not an NJSL call to action at this time
      - 1. Jen has been working on connecting with those Reps
    - xi. Laverne confirmed with Brett that Public Policy and Porzio are working on things behind the scenes
    - xii. Allocations sheet coming in the Org update
  - b. [SkillType](#) (Brett Bonfield)
    - i. Decision to move discussion to the April meeting so more Board members can use the trial
8. Old Business
  - a. [Project Archivist Job Description](#) (Fred Pachman, Chair, Archives & History Committee)
    - i. Committee visit to storage to assess conditions; working on developing a finding aid
    - ii. Some documents and artifacts will be shared with Exec Board to

- share collection
- iii. Emily- Question of where this position will be posted
  - 1. Fred- Mid Atlantic Regional Archives Conference NJ Caucus, NJLA, League of Historical Societies
- iv. Laverne Moves to approve the job description, Corey seconds:  
Votes for: 14 (Ally, Melody, Corey, John, Tanya, Allan, Cara, Laverne, Adriana, Lynette, Emily, Maryjean, Rosy, Jeff), Abstentions: 0, Against: 0
- b. [NJLA Nominations and Elections](#) (Jessica Trujillo)
  - i. Corey moves to approve slate of incoming board members, Tanya seconds; Votes for: 14 (Ally, Melody, Corey, John, Tanya, Allan, Cara, Laverne, Adriana, Lynette, Emily, Maryjean, Rosy, Jeff), Abstentions: 0, Against: 0
- c. Weiner Law Group [Letter of Agreement](#) (Brett Bonfield)
  - i. Corey moves to accept contract, Melody seconds; Votes for: 14 (Ally, Melody, Corey, John, Tanya, Allan, Cara, Laverne, Adriana, Lynette, Emily, Maryjean, Rosy, Jeff), Abstentions: 0, Against: 0
- d. [Committee Consolidation Convention](#) (Rosy Wagner and Jeff Cupo)
  - i. Jeff has asked board members to look at notes and prepare for a vote at the April meeting
- 9. Federation of Library Organizations
  - a. [Written Reports](#) from [February 24 Meeting](#) (Executive Summary)
  - b. [Written Reports](#) from [March 17 Meeting](#) (Executive Summary)
- 10. Sections, Committees, Task Forces
  - a. Melody- Urban Libraries section will be collecting donations at Conference for Covenant House; a list will be shared before Conference
    - i. Tanya inquired if D&O can co-sponsor and if volunteer slots will be available; Melody confirmed
- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Good of the Order
- 13. Next Meeting: April 15, 2025, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom
- 14. Adjourn 12:12 pm
  - a. Rosy moves; Corey seconds