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NJLA Annual Business Meeting Agenda

NJLA Annual Conference
Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ
February 18, 2026, 3:00–3:45 p.m.

1. Call to Order (Lorraine Ruiz, President) 3:03 pm
2. Adoption of the [Rules Governing the Conduct of the Business Meeting of NJLA](#) (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
 - a. Eileen Palmer moved, Emily Witkowski seconded
 - b. Unanimous adoption
3. Adoption of the Agenda (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
 - a. Unanimous adoption
4. Approval of the [2025 NJLA Annual Business Meeting Minutes](#) (Lorraine Ruiz, President and Rosy Wagner, Secretary)
 - a. Unanimous approval
5. President's Report (Lorraine Ruiz, President, 5 minutes)
6. Executive Director's Report (Brett Bonfield, Executive Director, 5 minutes)
7. [Treasurer's Report](#) (Allan Kleiman, 5 minutes)
8. [Proposed Changes to NJLA Bylaws](#) (Lorraine Ruiz, President, and Brett Bonfield, Executive Director)
 - a. Jeff Cupo moved, Heidi Cramer seconded
 - b. Discussion
 - i. Motion to refer to committee- James Keehbler moved, Kate Jaggars seconded
 1. Votes for: 7, votes against: 41
 - c. Original motion still on the floor- Votes for: 29, Votes against: 19
9. ALA Chapter Councilor's Report (Melody Scagnelli-Townley, ALA Chapter Councilor-elect, 3 minutes)
10. Reports of Committees and Sections (3 Minutes Each) (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
 - a. Nominations & Elections Committee (Jeff Cupo, Past President) Vice President/President-Elect
 1. Chip McAuley, Social Media Librarian/Adult Services Librarian, Mercer County
 2. Crystal Hooper, Branch Manager, Somerset County
 3. Sarah Lester, Director, Maplewood

4. Diane Musella, Adult Services Supervisor, Toms River Branch-Ocean County

Treasurer

1. Samantha McCoy, Director, West Caldwell

Secretary

1. Narissa Palmer, Outreach Librarian, Bayonne
2. Gail Lordi, Adult Services & Reference Librarian, Garfield

Member-at-Large

1. Alyssa Valenti, Electronic Resources & Web Services Librarian, Raritan Valley Community College
2. Victoria Sciancalepore, Digital Scholarship Librarian, Ramapo College of New Jersey
3. Kate Davis, Assistant Library Director, Jersey City
4. Ceciley Binegar, Librarian, Burlington County
5. Melissa Kuzma, Library Director, Parsippany
6. Sara Imranyi, Reference & Instruction Librarian, Middlesex College
7. Gary Marks, Reference & Outreach Librarian, William Paterson University of NJ
8. Megan Kociolek, Director, Clark
9. Wen Gu, Library Director, Gloucester City Library
- Ballots going out March 1st
- b. Conference Committee (Aaron Pickett, Co-Chair)
- c. Member Engagement: (Cristal Blue, Chair)
 - i. April 18th- event in Collingswood
- d. Public Policy (James Keehler, Co-Chair)
 - i. Next meeting- February 18th
 - ii. Interested in participating in advocacy month- reach out to Mo Ferretti
- e. Additional Reports from the Floor
11. Partner Organization Reports (2 Minutes Each) (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
 - a. New Jersey State Library- not present, no report
 - b. LibraryLinkNJ- not present, no report
 - c. New Jersey Association of School Librarians- not present, no report
 - d. New Jersey Library Trustees Association- not present, no report
 - e. Rutgers- not present, no report
 - f. VALE- not present, no report
12. Unfinished Business (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
13. New Business (Lorraine Ruiz, President)
14. Motion to Adjourn
 - a. Allan Kleiman moved, Nick Bastean seconded