NYLESA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 13th, 2019

Venue:
DANNY KAYE VISITORS CENTER, UNICEF HOUSE
3 United Nations Plaza 44th Street, New York, NY 10017

Time:
Doors opened 9:30 am: registration and social networking

Formal proceedings: 10:15 am – 1:00 pm

PRESENT:

Steering Committee 2018
Davina Solomon  Co-Chairperson
Hong Xiao  Career Support Working Group Coordinator (CSWG)
Zein Dudha  Communication Working Group Coordinator (CWG)
Francine Afane  Welcome Working Group Coordinator (WWG)

Regrets
Tuba Durrani  Chairperson
Eric Pasqualli  Treasurer

Presiding Officer  Davina Solomon
Electoral Officer  Tanya Marinova
Master of Ceremony  Manuella Cuzzot
Parliamentarian  Siham Bloch
Regular members  57 members were present in total

UN Guest Speakers:
John Lackey, Chief Talent Acquisition at UNICEF
Cecilia Fantoni, Public Partnerships Manager at UNICEF

2019 AGM AGENDA

10:00 - 10:15 am Registration for voting and networking
10:15 - 10:20 am Welcome by NYLESA OIC Chair
10:20 - 10:35 am Presentation of NYLESA activities and achievements
10:35 - 10:55 am Speeches by UN Guest Speakers
10:55 - 11:10 am Speeches by NYLESA Members
11:10 - 11:15 am Recognition of NYLESA volunteers
11:15 - 12:00 pm Annual General Meeting

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at 10:15am by 2018 NYLESA Co-Chairperson, Davina Solomon.

In her capacity as acting Presiding Officer for the AMG, and as she would not be able to record the minutes, the Co-Chairperson Davina Solomon moved to have two NYLESA
members, Zein Dudha and Candice Yu, record the minutes for the AGM 2019. The motion was approved with no objections.

Presiding Officer Davina Solomon gave the opening remarks. A video prepared by Yen Nguyen, with the highlights of the 2018 SC’s achievements, was broadcasted. The financial report was presented by Yun Lin on behalf of the Treasurer. Presentations on team achievements were given by Natalia Chernysh on behalf of the Membership Team, Zein Dudha on behalf of the Communication Working Group, Hong Xiao on behalf of the Career Support Working Group, and Francine Afane on behalf of the Welcome Working Group.

Speeches were given by UN guest speakers, John Lackey and Cecilia Fantoni, and NYLESA members Maria Gonchar and Gabriel Amsellem.

UN focal points and NYLESA volunteers were acknowledged and each awarded with an electronic copy of the Certificate of Appreciation.

**OFFICIAL BUSINESS**

- Legitimacy and Quorum of AGM: Electoral Officer Tanya Marinova confirmed Quorum had been reached.

- 2019 AGM Agenda was adopted as presented by a show of hands.

- Minutes of the AGM 2018 were approved as corrected by the majority by a show of hands.
• The omission of the special events report was brought to attention by Yen Nguyen and was noted. The Presiding Officer noted that said report was to be shared by the Welcome Group coordinator and would be added to the 2018 Annual Report.

• Siva Rajendran’s suggestion to explore other methods for voting rather than show of hands was noted.

• 2018 Annual report and 2018 Financial Report were approved by a show of hands.

• Presentations were given by the candidates of Steering Committee 2019.

• 2018 Chairperson’s farewell speech to be posted online.

• draft NYLESA 2019 Annual Work Plan to be posted online.

• Members took a moment to vote and hand out their ballots.

**Results of Elections**

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<td>Total number of regular voting members who were sent the AGM invitation</td>
<td>190</td>
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<td>Total number of regular voting members who attended the AGM (52R, 3A, 2H)</td>
<td>57</td>
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<td>Total number of subscribers emailed the invitation (including non voting Associate members and Honorary members, UN Focal points etc)</td>
<td>263</td>
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Total of votes received

Total of valid votes received at AGM
Total of valid online votes: 46
Total of proxy votes: 29
Total of null votes: 0
Total of blank votes: 1

Total of valid votes: 73

Results for the 2019 NYLES A Steering Committee positions:

- Chairperson:
  DAVINA E. SOLOMON (72 votes, elected)

- Co-Chairperson:
  ALEJANDRO TORREALBA (73 votes, elected)

- Career Support Working Group Coordinator:
  HONG XIAO (71 votes, elected)

- Communication Working Group Coordinator:
  GABRIEL AMSELLEM (72 votes, elected)

- Welcome Working Group Coordinator:
  FRANCINE AFANE (70 votes, elected)

- Treasurer:
  SIHAM BLOCH (71 votes, elected)
Newly-elected Chairperson gave speech and adjourned the meeting at 1:00pm to the next AGM to be held in the first quarter of next year.

Recording officers: Candice Yu, Zein Dudha