

Member Council Report

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The Member Council had a hybrid meeting at Central Library on Tuesday, January 9th, 2024. The meeting began with the approval of the November 2023 Meeting Minutes. The meeting then moved on to updates from system committees and working groups. Some committees had not met or had no new reports since the November Member Council, so the updates were brief. The most noted conversations from the committee updates stemmed from topics such as flow of protocol with Member Council discussion and voting procedures, new OCPL staff taking on committee chair roles, and updates on delivery.

The meeting then moved on to new business starting with discussion of Evanced. It was stated there will be a demo of Springshare to showcase its features in hopes of helping the decision to eventually replace the previous platform. We also discussed the possibility of Library of Mail on a system wide basis. The Council had a good discussion on the pros and cons of this potential initiative. Some of the member libraries provided examples of what works and does not work with their current Library by Mail program for their targeted communities. The council decided to table this topic for further discussion at the next meeting. Lastly, we discussed the upcoming NYLA Advocacy Day, which will be occurring on Wednesday, February 7th in Albany, NY. It was mentioned that there will be a Pre-Advocacy Day in Albany, NY on Tuesday, February 6th, 2024.

Link for more information here: <https://www.nyla.org/advocacy-day#:~:text=In%202024%2C%20NYLA%20members%20and,for%20Pre%2DAdvocacy%20Day%20attendance.>

We closed the meeting with discussion on the Legislative Breakfast that occurred at the end of December 2023 at Westhill High School. The staff that attended said it was a great turnout and they loved the participation from some of the high school students who presented information about library advocacy.

The next Member Council Meeting is set for Tuesday, March 5th, 2024. Location is TBD and there will be a Zoom option available.