NJLA Scholarship Subcommittee Meeting Agenda

*Wednesday, September 7, 2022*

Attending: Dana Vocht (Chair), Jennifer Larsen (VC), Adele Puccio, Betty Turock, John Wallace, Jane Sawyer, Christal Blue, Akiema Buchanan

Call to order: 10:05

* Introductions for new and returning members for the 2023-2024 Scholarship Committee
* Scholarships to award
	+ Course Scholarships: Three $2,500 scholarships provided by NJLA
		- DV: still waiting on final confirmation from Cindy Czesak (CC)
			* Should still cover RU course tuition
	+ RoseMarie M. Rudy Scholarship: One $2,500 scholarship funded by Ms. Rudy per year for four years (pending her confirmation of funds) [4 different recipients over the course of 4 years]
		- DV: Donated $5000 a number of years ago, but has verbally committed to $10,000 total
		- CC said MOU from RoseMarie is forthcoming
		- RoseMarie🡪 indicated scholarship recipient should demonstrate financial need and asked for extra essay
	+ Equity Scholarships: Five $8500 scholarships (so far)
		- Two provided by Rutgers University
		- Two provided by the State Library
		- One provided by NJLA
		- LibraryLinkNJ pending confirmation (MOU for 2 at least)
			* DV: Reached out to Ralph Bingham but no answer yet, Kate Jaggers is following up
			* BT: Patricia Schouman (sp?) offered to donate a named scholarship of $25,000 total to be awarded over the course of a number of years
				+ Not finalized. DV will follow up with CC on this.
			* BT gave $3500 this year towards Equity (scholarship or programming)
	+ Karma Scholarship:
		- Previous Karma scholar notified of scholarship termination
			* DV: Met with Sharon Karmazin with update. Gave previous winner (Elbie Love) one more chance, Elbie has until 9/15 to respond
		- Once scholarship is terminated, Sharon Karmazin would like a draft of how NJLA plans to administer it and keep recipient engaged with NJLA
			* DV: NJLA plan is a requirement to continue offering a Karma scholarship
			* JW: Was this sent to Elbie as a certified letter? Asked DV to follow up with CC on this.
			* BT: Students should have some guidance/mentoring?
			* DV: Will send out email for drafting action plan
* Goals for the committee
	+ Publicize scholarships to ensure high numbers of applicants
	+ Increase engagement with previous winners with a Google Form around conference time
		- DV: annual check-ins from previous winners?
			* Google form created to be sent to winners to provide update
			* Started a Masterlist of previous scholarship winners
			* Each year, when awarding new scholarships, Chair should send and send out follow-up to past winners
		- JW: List of LIS schools in Google Drive from last year, confirmed that all scholarships including Equity had a requirement to work or live in NJ
	+ Communicate with other committee leadership to continue ensuring benefits for our winners
		- Member services for complimentary NJLA membership
		- Conference committee for complimentary attendance to NJLA conference and ticket to President’s Luncheon
		- L&E for opportunities for Internships (Cassandra sent an email to apply to this year’s winners)
			* DV: No LIS students in Emerging Leaders this year
			* Language was phrased as “opportunity” to be intern or emerging leader 🡪 not guaranteed a spot
		- Work with LWOC, D&O, and L&E to create some type of mentorship program for Equity winners
			* DV: Reached out to groups to help get the ball rolling on this—little to no response; virtual mixer idea?
			* AB: Connect with LibrarylinkNJ for mentors?
			* BT: Should we reach out to faculty at winners institution? DV: Big ask, might not be sustainable
* To Do
	+ Discuss scholarship application & rubric (October Meeting)
		- Look over application prior to October meeting in order discuss anything we may want to change or improve
		- Discuss Equity components of the application
		- Look over application rubric in order to discuss anything we may want to change or improve
			* DV: Will send out Doodle and links for the meeting
	+ Timeline and Publicity (November Meeting)
		- Decide on the timeline for application deadline
		- Figure out avenues for publicity and divide up responsibility for contacting them (NJASL, NJALA, etc.)
			* DV: Discuss where to advertise and figure out deadlines

Spectrum Discussion

* JS: What is status of Spectrum connection/partnership? 🡪 DV: We want to build the Equity scholarships to the level where ALA wants to work with us; BT: Had call with Tracie Hall of ALA and she was impressed with Equity so far; BT asks: What are the NJLA requirements to partner with ALA?
* JW: Would ALA have state specific scholars, ie NJ based winners from NJLA commitments; BT: Tracie Hall was interested;
* DV: Asked past Spectrum scholars about Leadership Institute 🡪 network was highly valued, offered national prestige.
* JW: Asks to ensure sponsors are included in conversation about Equity to Spectrum shift
* DV: December meeting can be spectrum focused; BT can create working group on issue; DV will send out Spectrum Prospectus before December meeting, JW agreed to participate

Future Meetings dates:

10/12, 11/2, 12/7 all at 10AM

End of meeting: 11:02