

**Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
May 14, 2009
Guilderland, NY**

Present: Josh Cohen, Kathy Miller, Rosina Alaimo, Ed Falcone, Anne Hofmann, Jennifer Morris, Marcia Eggleston, Deborah Emerson, Rebecca Lubin, Karen LaRocca-Fels, Carole Kupelian, Patti McCall, Annette Birdsall

Absent: Penelope Klein, Gail Barraco, Ken Fujiuchi, Tim Baird, Erin Rushton, Paula Goings

Also Present: Hong Yao for Paula Goings.

President Josh Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: All approved

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – February 12, 2009

Motion: M. Eggleston moved to accept the minutes with amendments.
K. LaRocca-Fels seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

E. Falcone, NYLA Treasurer, presented the Monthly Financial Report – stated that the organization is in good shape with nothing unusual with the revenue. M. Borges offered clarifications to the written report including information about interest accrual and the high office expenses as a result of owning two buildings.

Motion: R. Lubin moved to approve the financial reports.
D. Emerson seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. 2008 Audit

Auditors provided overview of information contained in printed report to the Board. Tab 2 contained information about what policies, estimates, communications, and what was entered as well as information about new accounting policies (990, etc.). Tab B provided information about the Significant Deficiency Letter, which states that there must be controls in place. A. Hofmann posed question about journal entries, which was clarified. Tab 1 contained information about qualified opinion (i.e.

opinions do not take into account Sections/Roundtables, statement of financial stability, statement of activities – profit & loss).

Motion: M. Eggleston moved to thank Galina for her work.
R. Alaimo seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

J. Cohen provided a summary of his activities as NYLA President including a trip to Long Island to meet with Academic & Public Library directors about their concerns. They would like to have better deals on databases. J. Cohen stated that he plans to go to Buffalo in June, that he was able to stop at the SLMS Conference & that he attended / spoke at the NYSALB Conference in Syracuse. J. Cohen stated that the ALA Lobby Day was not well attended, possibly because of the new political landscape. The rules for the stimulus money will be written in June & that the bigger the consortium the better chance libraries have. Also noted that the photo contest to celebrate National Library Week was a good idea.

A. David Cohen Resolution – lifetime membership in honor of 100th birthday

Motion: A. Hofmann moved to make David Cohen a lifetime member of the New York Library Association in honor of his 100th birthday.
M. Eggleston seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. Judith Krug Resolution

Motion: M. Eggleston moved to accept the motion.
A. Birdsall seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

C. Collaboration Outreach with other library organizations

J. Cohen reported that there has been some confusion about the various groups within the state. It was suggested that NYLA members with multiple memberships be approached to collaborate with the other groups.

6. President-Elect's and Past-President's Report

A. K. Miller, President-Elect, noted that she is helping J.Cohen with his initiatives and taking notes for her Presidency.

B. R. Alaimo, Past President, reported that all candidates for this year's Council Election have been notified and provided with information about the election.

7. Executive Director's Report

- A. Legislative Update** – Lobby Day was a great success for the turnout, 83 legislators attended, but we still didn't get the intended results. Only 10 million of the 18 million was restored. The 2009 Legislative Priorities were reviewed. There will be a mini-Lobby Day on June 2.
- B. Building Update** – The new office now has signs. The old building has been put up for sale/lease. We have received a grant to renovate the basement, which will be budgeted for in 2010. NYLA teamed up with Communication Services for a Phone bank operation – this will be offered to other groups as well.
- C. Continuing Education Update** – NYLA has received \$78,000 in grants for renovating the basement for training purposes (\$25,000) and to establish an Empire State Book Festival in April of 2010 (\$40,000). The Empire State Book Festival plans to have a NYS Writer Hall of Fame. Adult and Children's programming will be scheduled for both Friday and Saturday of the Festival. NYLA also received funds from Senator Hugh Farley to continue the Library Assistant / Technician Training Program. NYLA also received a grant to put on programming for the developmentally disabled.
- D. Membership Dues Proposal** – M. Borges provided an overview of the Membership statistics and retention rate from Lois Powell, NYLA's Membership Coordinator. M. Borges stated that we are working toward a regional membership structure. Brought forth proposal from 2007 for revamping dues structure.

Motion to decrease membership as part of option 2 for a two year trial beginning January 1, 2010 through 2012 to be voted on at the Annual Membership Meeting in October 2009.

- A. Hofmann moved to accept the motion.
- C. Kupelian seconded the motion.
- All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

- 8. Conference Report** – J. Geiger, NYLA Deputy Director, provided update on 2009 conference activities. ASLS, PLS, YSS all have Pre-conference CE workshops this year. Space is being held for Section Board meetings. Speakers for special events and Local Arrangement tours are in place. Explanation of updated conference schedule, including a redistribution of program slots, the location of the Job Center. The Annual Membership meeting will now take place on Friday morning rather than late Friday afternoon – there will be refreshments served. RASS, LAMS & PLS are all up for the Dewey Fellowship this year. Reminder to complete & return Council housing forms. J. Geiger provided Trade Show report from A. Wing, NYLA Marketing Coordinator. As of 5/13 49% of the available exhibit space had been sold. Four Vendor Partners are exhibiting. Council members were provided with a list of potential exhibitors to contact to help encourage past vendors to attend this year's conference.

9. Committee Reports

- A. Web Committee** – J. Geiger provided report of web activities including NYLA's participation in various social networking sites (Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, Flickr,

etc.). Review of recent security updates for the website that pertain to the Web Liaisons.

- B. Membership Committee** – P. McCall stated that her goal is to have the structure for Networking Events in place before her term as Chair ends. P. McCall encouraged Section Presidents to remind their Membership Representatives that active participation is needed.
- C. Continuing Education Committee** – J. Geiger provided CE report. Online / Distance learning options are being looked at for 2009. All Regional Institute participants are now provided with instructions on how to complete their program evaluations online. Review of scheduled CE programs for the conference as well as Regional Institutes scheduled for the Winter/Spring 2009.

10. Section & Roundtable Reports

- A. ASLS – no report
- B. LAMS – There has been some discussion about creating a Councilor-at-Large position before a candidate jumps to President-Elect. Custom socks from Little Miss Matched will be sold at this year's conference with Peace/Love/Freedom theme. JLAMS recently came out and is always looking for content.
- C. PLS – working on 2010 conference to be scheduled for April 30 in Ithaca. The current theme is Wine & Wellness. The conference giveaway for 2009 will be "Flashback flashdrives".
- D. RASS – Conference programs are all set. Looking to change the name of the Section to more accurately reflect the type of members, this will be explored further in 2010. There are currently 3 vacant spots available for officers. Best of Reference does not have a sponsor for 2009.
- E. SLMS – There has been more interaction with the State Ed this year including: library summit, governor summit, technology summit, middle level summit, P16 group. Special thanks to M. Borges for setting contacts up. 3Apples winners have been announced. Implementation of Picture Books will begin in the Fall. M. Borges stated there is a possibility the 3Apples winners can be announced at the Empire State Book Festival.
- F. SMART – The Spring/Summer SMART Board program has been scheduled for June 2. Rudi Weiss lecture is still in the works – wanted to get Henry Rollins, but he's not able to commit. Currently looking at getting Tim Spaulding of LibraryThing. Plan to have a joint section reception with ASLS/SMART/RASS
- G. YSS – 2009 Spring Conference was a success, there were 9 Past-Presidents in attendance. Linda Sue Park is this year's Empire State Award winner. Plan to begin scheduling conferences a year out. Website redesign not working out so well. Looking at putting together a WIKI with SLMS. Working on logo/tagline redesign.

May go back to 3 year commitment for Board members also looking into more virtual meetings.

11. **ALA Councilor Report** – A. Hofmann stated that she is attending the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago and encourages members to email her requests.

12. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **Proposal for NYSUT Affiliation**

Request to change wording on page 1, second paragraph. Request to include information about NYSUT contributing \$25 to membership on page 2 paragraph d. P. McCall voiced concern that some members would leave NYLA if we become an affiliate of NYSUT. R. Alaimo voiced concern that NYSUT is not supportive of librarian position and that NYLA would need to educate NYSUT on what librarians need. A. Birdsall provided follow-up to Rosina's concerns. J.Cohen summarized discussion – need benchmarks/report card to track success of agreement, stated that we will have a Bulletin article to address what the agreement does NOT mean, M.Borges to provide periodic reports to council. J.Morris requested information on how organizations are organized. C. Kupelian posed question: How will it affect Civil Service? M. Borges clarified to state that the agreement can't change Civil Service. M. Borges stated that the agreement would go into effect in September 2009 and that NYLA would issue a Press Release with NYSUT. K. Miller agreed to draft the benchmarks.

- Motion to move to affiliate with NYSUT for 2 years to be effective September 2009.**

Jennifer Morris moved to accept the motion.

Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion.

None opposed, C. Kupelian abstained. Motion carried..

13. **New Business**

No new business

14. **Next Council Meeting – September 24 @ NYLA Office**

- Motion:**

M. Eggleston moved to adjourn the meeting.

R. Alaimo seconded the motion.

All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.