NYLA Council Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2011 @ NYLA office

Attending: Marcia Eggleston, Geoff Kirkpatrick, Kathy Miller, Julie Hamrah Johnson, Rose Cerny, Debby Emerson, Matt Bollerman, Fran Roscello, Jennifer Morris, Rocco Staino, Gail Barraco, Christine McDonald and staff members Michael Borges, Amanda Wing and Erika Dudden.

By phone: Ellen Rubin, Sarah Maximiek and Tom Bindeman

1. M Eggleston called the meeting to order at 11:05 am.

2. Approval of agenda: Moved by M Bollerman and seconded by E Rubin.

3. Approval of minutes of last meeting: Moved by Bollerman and seconded by R Cerny

4. Financial report
   a. 2010 Financial audit:
      i. Ron Guzior of BST suggested that the Treasurer’s duty of reviewing ledger be added to job description.
      ii. Bollerman moved to accept, J Morris seconded. Passed with none opposed and no abstentions.
      i. April Financial Report Reviewed by C McDonald
         1. Borges explained that this is a six-month transitional budget.
         2. Briggs scholarship not listed. Will ask Galina to add.
         3. “Miscellaneous” is for insurance payments.
         4. Miscellaneous expenses are renovation costs.
         5. Building maintenance costs are higher due to snow removal
         6. K Miller asked for a report on Scholarship Fund.
         7. Borges explained that review of new budget includes way to close $77K deficit
            Restructure membership to 3-tier system similar to ALA; offer joint membership with ALA
            Discussed move to Affiniscape (membership software)
            Moving to electronic version of Bulletin

Lunch Break. Meeting resumed at 1:08 pm.

Discussion of 2011-12 budget resumed.
Borges summarized proposals: new membership structure; new membership software. Need to accept new budget before July 1; will vote by email. 252 Hudson is now rented out.
5. President’s report  
   a. Appointment of Task Force on Summer Reading: J Morris moved and G Kirkpatrick seconded. Passed.

6. President-Elect’s and Past-President’s reports  

7. Executive Director’s report  
   a. Legislative update: New York State legislature approved a $3 million restoration in library aid. Proposal to end contract with NYSUT is reflected in 2011-12 budget.
      i. Library Assistant training program: 15 Ulster, 17 Nassau and 8 Tompkins. Plans to expand the program, may partner with UAlbany.
      ii. Leadership and Management Academy: continues as revenue generator
      iii. 3 more CE programs scheduled for this spring and summer
      iv. E Dudden had webinar update for L Post. Well-received so far and more are planned. Will continue alternating institutes and webinars. 2 more Institutes are scheduled for June.
   b. Membership update: April 2011 report, low numbers are not good. Sections need to recruit new members. B Hildreth of PLS was noted as doing a great job. SLMS had a large drop-off in members, and LAMS is also down. Borges explained Library Journal/School Library Journal new membership benefit.
   c. Center for the Book/Hall of Fame/Book Festival: Festival attendance was down compared to first year.
   d. Website update: demo of new web site. Soon to go live.


9. Committee reports: None

10. Section and Roundtable reports: Eggleston asked that everyone email their reports. F Roscello announced that SLMS is now SSL.

11. ALA Councilor report: R Staino submitted online via email.

12. Unfinished business: none

13. New Business: none

14. Next Council meetings are September 15-16 (retreat) and November 2.

Adjournment: McDonald moved and D Emerson seconded. Motion carried.