

**Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
September 24, 2009
Guilderland, NY**

Present: Josh Cohen, Kathy Miller, Rosina Alaimo, Ed Falcone, Penelope Klein, Anne Hofmann, Jennifer Morris, Gail Barraco, Marcia Eggleston, Deborah Emerson, Tim Baird, Erin Rushton, Rebecca Lubin, Karen LaRocca-Fels, Carole Kupelian, Patti McCall, Annette Birdsall

Absent: Ken Fujiuchi, Paula Goings

President Josh Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:55 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: All approved

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – May 14, 2009

Request to adjust motion for approval minutes to minutes accepted with corrections.
State Library should be changed to State Ed for the SLMS report

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

B. Electronic Voting

Motion: D. Emerson moved to accept the result of the electronic votes.
A. Hofmann 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 cash balance has a number primarily due to the endowment. E. Falcone noted that the economy is affecting membership, conference registration and exhibitors. Advocacy is also down as a result of less sponsors for Lobby Day. The Book Festival line would be higher, but the money due has not been received yet. E. Falcone noted that we are mostly on target with expenses aside from expenses relating to the building purchase (phone, utilities, etc.). M. Borges offered explanation for the differences between the conference revenue from 2007 & 2009 – both in Western New York.

Motion: M. Eggleston moved to approve the financial reports.
T. Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. 2010 NYLA Budget

The Finance Committee met prior to the Council meeting and voted to approve the budget. Council will vote on the budget at the meeting at the NYLA Conference. M. Borges explained various lines in the budget. Membership numbers are the result of the restructure, anticipated excitement and increased registration for the 2010 conference in popular Saratoga Springs. CE revenue is conservative with a continuation of the Leadership & Management Academy planned as well as the Library Assistant Technician Training Program, the new CE requirements, and the Training on the Go! program that will be brought back. The temporary services line is up as a result of NYLA's Intern, now Special Projects Coordinator possibly continuing with NYLA in the new year. Most other items remain the same.

Motion: E. Falcone moved to add 2% convenience fee to all member charges processed online to begin on January 1 and to be revisited in 1 year.
R. Alaimo seconded the motion
T. Baird opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

The Finance committee voted to put a cap on the ALA reimbursement of \$1000 per conference.

5. President's Report

A. NYLA's Awards Review

J. Cohen proposed looking at how we receive nominations for the Outstanding Service Award. K. Miller proposed the Public Awareness Committee be charged with helping to get the word out about NYLA awards. M. Borges recommended an ad hoc committee to look at what criteria are used to determine the recipient of the award. J. Cohen, A. Hofmann, J. Morris & R. Alaimo to serve on ad hoc Awards Committee to review process. A. Hofmann recommended nomination carryover – group to meet sometime at NYLA Conference to discuss in more detail.

B. ALA Councilor Expenses

Discussed as part of the 2010 NYLA Budget

NYSHEI is pushing for money to go toward databases for academic & research community. Legislation has passed on to governor's desk, but he may not sign as a result of the budget situation. B. Margolis is concerned with the potential rift in the library community. J. Cohen asked council to look at how we can work to fix this.

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

A. K. Miller, President-Elect, noted that her points about the NYSHEI issue were discussed as part of J. Cohen report. Provided Council with a draft of benchmarks for the NYSUT agreement. M. Borges stated that he has had some luck already with

getting through to leadership in the NYS Senate/Assembly as part of the partnership.

Motion: J. Morris moved to approve the benchmarks presented by K. Miller
M. Eggleston seconded the motion.
All approved, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

B. R. Alaimo, Past President – no news.

7. Executive Director's Report

A. Legislative Update – There is still a budget crisis. Letters to legislators are being received – thank you to anyone who sent one. The goal is to get as much of the money released as soon as possible to prevent a further loss of funds. M. Borges provided review of 2010 Budget Priorities.

Motion: P. McCall moved to approve the 2010 Budget Priorities
R. Lubin seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried

Google book settlement update - The Department of Justice ruled in favor of NYLA's position. Settlement as written is dead. Academics are split as a result of partnerships with Google.

Lifeline telephone service – There will be a hearing for how to expand the program. There is a possibility that libraries could tap into some of the money if ISPs are included, since libraries provide free internet access to people.

M. Borges stated that he has been appointed to the new Broadband Council.

B. Continuing Education Update – The Leadership & Management Academy is doing well and will continue in 2010. The Training on the Go program will be brought back – an announcement will be made at the NYLA Conference. The Library Assistant Technician Training program is expanding across the state. A. Birdsall requested that a Youth section be added to the existing curricula for the program.

C. Membership Update – M. Borges provided an overview of the Membership statistics and retention rate from Lois Powell, NYLA's Membership Coordinator. M. Borges noted that membership numbers are down with most of the non renewals coming from students & first time members.

Book Festival - The Book Festival will take place on April 10 and Gregory Maguire will be the Keynote Speaker. There will be a Writers Hall of Fame induction ceremony and fundraising gala on the night before the festival begins.

Motion: K. Miller moved to accept the IFC's recommendation of
Lewis Laphram as the recipient of the NYLA ProQuest
Intellectual Freedom Award.
P. McCall seconded the Motion

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

Motion: A. Birdsall moved to accept LAM's & PLS Dewey Fellowship Nominees, Jillian Thorpe & Heidi Jensen.
D. Emerson seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion: K. Miller moved to

8. **Conference Report** – J. Geiger, NYLA Deputy Director, provided update on 2009 conference activities & statistics. Council members provided with the Leadership Itinerary for Mandatory and ticketed events at the conference. Noted that registration is down from the previous years.

9. Committee Reports

- A. **Web Committee** – T. Baird invited all Council members to attend the Web Liaison Breakfast at the conference this year. Let Council members know that if they have a new web liaison they should let him or J. Geiger know so the new unit representative can be issued login information.
- B. **Membership Committee** – P. McCall provided update on Networking Events that occurred since the last Council meeting. Those that attend the events have enjoyed them.
- C. **Intellectual Freedom Committee** – The IFC will hold a meeting at the conference to review the manual.

10. Section & Roundtable Reports

- A. ASLS – The Conference call meeting was very convenient. Conference planning has gone well. Currently working on June conference in Ithaca.
- B. LAMS – Proposed a change to allow for members at large. Will vote to allow for electronic voting at the next LAMS meeting to be held during the program, *I STILL Don't Want to Talk About It* at the NYLA Conference. R. Lubin passed around a sample of the Little Miss Matched socks that will be sold at the LAMS booth at the conference.
- C. PLS – M. Bollerman has been planning the conference. Working on Spring Conference to include a Wine & Wellness event. Used the teleconferencing software, tested the OPAL webinar software.
- D. RASS – no report
- E. SLMS – Leadership Retreat in August went well. There have been issues in getting enough people to attend the Board meeting at the NYLA Conference, so will be

using teleconferencing software. The Spring Conference will be at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. There are now action steps for 2011 from the Library Summit – John Brock gave the OK to share the steps with NYLA Council.

- F. SMART – M. Strong has been working as the conference planner. Z. Baird almost had Henry Rollins for the Rudi Weiss lecture. LibraryThing said no to speaking at the conference.
 - G. YSS – Conference planning has gone ok. Leslie Roseanne Cerney is working on the Spring Conference to be held on April 9.
 - K. Miller stated that she is willing to pop in to any meetings at the conference, just let her know when & where.
11. **ALA Councilor Report** – A. Hofmann stated that she sent her recommendation for reimbursement. Is concerned that since NYLA is not covering the position in full we may not get people to run. A. Birdsall stated that it is important to YSS that we have ALA representation, as not everyone from the Section can afford to attend. C. Kupelian stated that the SLMS budget covers up to a set dollar amount & that people are aware of what's covered when they run for office.
12. **Unfinished Business**
No unfinished business
13. **New Business**
No new business
14. **Next Council Meeting – October 14 @ NYLA Annual Conference, Niagara Falls**
12:00 – 4:00 PM, Diamond, Crowne Plaza
Motion: M. Eggleston moved to adjourn the meeting.
T. Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.