Present: Rachel Baum, Ed Falcone, Anne Hofmann, Linda Fox, Tim Baird, Margaret Lanoue, Carol Clingan, Mary Fellows, Sara Greenleaf, Debby Emerson, Mildred Rivers, Rosina Alaimo, Bernie Tomasso, Sally Daniels, Jennifer Morris, Bob Jacquay and Martina Thompson, NYSALB representative.

Absent: Phyllis Keaton, Ken Fujiuchi, Patti McCall.

President Rachel Baum called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

   Motion: Margaret Lanoue moved to accept the agenda.
   Bernie Tomasso seconded the motion.
   All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

   A. Council Meeting – Nov. 1, 2006

      Motion: Mary Fellows moved to accept minutes.
      Jennifer Morris seconded the motion.
      All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

   B. Electronic Voting

      Resolution permitting NYLA to offer Cafeteria Plan, as authorized under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to all employees of the Association.

      Voting in the Affirmative:

      Margaret Lanoue, Jennifer Morris, Rachel Baum, Rosina Alaimo, Ed Falcone, Ken Fujiuchi, Mary Fellows, Patti McCall, Carol Clingan, Bernie Tomasso, Phyllis Keaton, Deborah Emerson, Tim Baird, Sara Greenleaf, Sally Daniels, Millie Rivers, Linda Fox.

      Motion: Anne Hofmann moved to accept electronic voting.
      Margaret Lanoue seconded motion.
      All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report

   A. Monthly Financial Report

      Report attached. Michael offered clarifications to the written report.
Motion: Debby Emerson made a motion to accept the Financial Report as submitted.

Sally Daniels seconded the motion.
All in favor, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. President’s Report

A. Rachel Baum reviewed her Library Learning Tour blog.
B. Reviewed Conference Improvement Task Force charette report and status of conference speakers.
C. Fall (September Meeting) retreat is set for Linwood Spiritual Center once again.

6. President-Elect’s Report

A. Working on theme and speakers for conference.

7. Executive Director’s Report

A. Legislative Activities
   • Lobby Day 2007 is March 13, 2007
   • Pre-Lobby Day Events planned for March 12, 2007
   • Fundraising Dinner for NY’ers for Better Libraries
   • NYLA Institute on Winning Referendums
   • Governor Included $19.7 million in Executive Budget
   • Testifying at Education and Higher Education Budget Hearings
   • Lobby Day taking photos for READ posters and bookmarks

B. Professional Development
   • Online Career Center up and running.
   • Training on the Go! launched.
   • Online Policies and Procedures in process of developing.
   • Sent letter to Commissioner Mills on certification issues.

C. Membership
   • Membership reached new highs.
   • Will be conducting membership drives for lapsed members, ALA members and organizational members.

8. Conference Report
   • Staff recommends Niagara Falls for 2009 Conference
   
   Motion: Accept staff recommendation for 2009 conference site made by Tim Baird.
   Seconded by Rosina Alaimo.
   All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed.
Staff recommends Saratoga Springs for 2010 Conference.

**Motion:** Accept staff recommendation for 2010 conference site made by Rosina Alaimo.
Seconded by Anne Hofmann.
All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed.

9. **Committee Reports**

   **Membership** – new organizational brochures are ready to make push for more libraries to join as members, and drives for lapsed members and ALA members.

   **Legislative** - SLSA/SLMS requested addition to NYLA Legislative Priorities of bill that would increase merger incentive aid for school library systems from $50,000 to $90,000.

   **Motion:** Jennifer Morris made motion to accept Legislative Committee recommendation to amend NYLA Legislative Priorities.
Seconded by Carol Clingan.
All in favor, no abstentions.

Task Force on Universal Broadband Initiative was established to respond to Governor’s Proposal.

   **Continuing Education** – recommendations for Section pricing of Institutes – half day is Minimum of $35 and must say it has been subsidized by Section. Full day prices must be NYLA rate of $85.

   **Motion:** To accept recommendations of CE Committee by Rachel Baum.
Seconded by Debby Emerson.
All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed.

   **Nominating Committee** – made recommendations for 2008 Council (see attached)

   **Motion:** Margaret Lanoue made motion to accept Nominating Committee recommendations.
Seconded by Mary Fellows.
All in favor, no abstentions, none opposed.

10. **Section Reports**

   ASLS – Submitted 16 program proposals for NYLA Conference.

   LAMS – Offering 2 $500 scholarships for conference.

   PLS – Working on updating its awards and scholarships.

   SLMS- Working on obtaining NYSUT union local support for resolutions endorsing increase in Library Materials Aid. Raising money from affiliates to support NYLA advocacy efforts.


   SLMS has developed new membership brochure.

   SMART- Offering Spring Workshop at Canandaigua in May.

   YSS – Submitted written report.

   NYSALB – Trustee training in Queens on May 4-5th

11. **ALA Councilor Report**

   ALA – APA (Allied Professional Association) launching certification programs, salary surveys.

12. **Old Business**

13. **New Business**
Mary Fellows brought up suggestion that NYLA Conference Programmers receive complimentary registration to attend NYLA Conference. Discussion followed on how Council members have to pay their own way and setting precedent for others to get complimentary registration. Consensus was Sections should provide scholarship to conference programmers or nominate them for NYLA Dewey Fellowships as way to recognize their efforts in developing conference programming. Jeremy was asked to gather info on the cost of paying for all the conference programmers to attend.

**Motion:** Jennifer Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm.
Seconded by Linda Fox.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.