Present: Rachel Baum, Rosina Alaimo, Jennifer Morris, Deborah Emerson, Ed Falcone, Bernie Tomasso, Patti McCall, Margaret Lanoue, Sally Daniels, Ken Fujiiuchi, and Mary Fellows, Marcia Eggleston, Marie Barron, Josh Cohen, Phyllis Keaton, Millie Rivers, Anne Hofmann and Sara Greenleaf, Tim Baird, Carol Clingan.

Also Present: Robert Hubsher.

Absent: Linda Fox, Kathryn Frederick, Aprille Nace, Donna Ciampa, Sherry Haluska.

President Rachel Baum called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

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      Motion: Tim Baird moved to accept minutes with amendments.
      Jennifer Morris seconded the 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.

   B. 2008 Budget
   Ed Falcone, NYLA Treasurer presented proposed 2008 Budget approved by Finance Committee. Michael offered clarifications on the proposed Budget.

      Motion: Jennifer Morris moved to accept 2008 Budget as recommended by Finance Committee. Carol Clingan seconded the motion.
      All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.
5. President’s Report

A. Rachel Baum provided update on her Library Learning Tour – just visited western NY prior to the Conference and will be providing slide show at Inaugural Celebration.

6. President-Elect’s Report

A. Proposed list of Committee Chairs for Council Approval:

- Awards Chair: Sara Dallas
- Continuing Education: Meg Van Patten
- Legislative: Kathy Miller
- Membership: Carole Kupelian and Patti McCall
- Public Awareness: Zahra Baird
- Web: Tim Baird
- IFC: Robert Hubsher
- Local Arrangements: Sara Dallas
- Conference Chair: Bernie Tomasso
- Exhibits Chair:

Motion:
Rosina Alaimo made motion to accept proposed list of committee chairs.
Rachel Baum seconded motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Executive Director’s Report

A. Dewey Scholarship Nominations

- Sarah Hodges – University of Buffalo
- Emily Cornell – Syracuse Univ.
- Gabriel McKee- LIU
- Rebecca Eller- Queens College
- Nancy Goldblatt – Ualbany
- Tobi Fineberg – Pratt
- Anne Hack – St. John’s

Motion:
Rachel Baum made motion to accept nominations.
Mary Fellows seconded motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. Legislative – Lobby Day is Tuesday, March 11th. Recently attended fundraisers for Senator Saland, Senator Bruno and Speaker Silver thanks to NY’ers for Better Libraries. Suffolk County Library Directors recently held Golf Fundraiser for PAC that raised $10,000. Will be meeting with Governor’s and Division of Budget staff in the next few weeks. Met recently with Assembly Library Committee Chair Amy Paulin.

C. Professional Development – Will be graduating first group of Leadership and Management Academy graduates at the Conference. Will offer second Library Support Staff certificate program with Schenectady County Community College next June thanks to continued state grant from Senator Farley. Will also be exploring continuation of Training On the Go! online programs through WebJunction and conference call CE’s.
D. Membership – Reached historic high of 4,165 members in September, recently launched association-based health care plan with CDPHP.

E. 2008 Initiatives
   1. Civil Service Task Force
   2. Information Literacy Standards Task Force
   3. Speakers Bureau
   4. Members-Only Website Page
   5. Membership Cards
   6. Salary Survey
   7. Online Databases

8. Conference Report
   Conference attendance is expected to exceed 2005 Buffalo numbers. However, vendor and membership attendance is less than Saratoga resulting in less revenue.

9. Committee Reports
   IFC Committee – Recommended Council adopt updated resolution on CIPA/filtering laws. Recommendation was tabled until next Council meeting to give people more time to review it.

10. Section Reports
    NYSALB representative Bob Presutti from the Lewiston Public Library made presentation on legislative proposal to require public library trustees to have annual training. Rachel Baum referred the proposal to the Legislative Committee for a recommendation after motion was made by Ed Falcone to put it up for a vote.

11. ALA Councilor Report –

12. Old Business

13. New Business

Motion: Tim Baird moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m.
Seconded by Rosina Alaimo.

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