

**Draft Minutes  
NYLA Council Meeting  
September 27-28th, 2007  
Rhinebeck, NY**

**Present:** Rachel Baum, Rosina Alaimo, Jennifer Morris, Deborah Emerson, Ed Falcone, Bernie Tomasso, Patti McCall, Margaret Lanoue, Linda Fox, Sally Daniels, Ken Fujiuchi, and Mary Fellows.

**Also Present:** Marcia Eggleston, Kathy Miller, Robert Hubsher, Carole Kupelian, Meg Van Patten, Josh Cohen.

**Absent:** Phyllis Keaton, Millie Rivers, Anne Hofmann, Sara Greenleaf.

*President Rachel Baum called the meeting to order at 11:09 a.m..*

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

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

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Council Meeting – February 8, 2007**

**Motion:** Ed Falcone moved to accept minutes.  
Rosina Alaimo seconded the motion.  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**B. Electronic Voting**

Resolution accepting recommendations for 2008 NYLA State Budget Priorities from the Legislative Committee.

Voting in the Affirmative:

Ed Falcone, Margaret Lanoue, Jennifer Morris, Deborah Emerson, Patti McCall, Anne Hofmann, Sally Daniels, Sara Greenleaf, Bernie Tomasso, Mary Fellows, Linda Fox, Tim Baird, Rachel Baum, and Rosina Alaimo.

Resolution accepting recommendations of Awards Committee for Outstanding Advocate for Libraries Award – Senator Vincent Leibell and for Outstanding Service to Libraries Award - Annette Johnson of the Prisoner Reading Encouragement Project, Inc”.

Voting in the Affirmative:

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

**Motion:** Mary Fellows 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**

Ed Falcone, NYLA Treasurer presented the September Monthly Financial Report. Report attached. Michael offered clarifications to the written report.

#### **5. President's Report**

**A.** Rachel Baum reviewed her Library Learning Tour – visited 68 libraries and logged over 3,500 miles, visited school, college and public libraries and library schools.

#### **6. President-Elect's Report**

**A.** Made progress on Committee appointments – will have list for Council approval at next meeting.

#### **7. Executive Director's Report**

##### **A. Legislative Activities**

- Kathy Miller, Legislative Committee Chair will report on.

##### **B. Professional Development**

- Leadership and Management Academy will have first 13 graduates at Conference
- Online Policies and Procedures up on website.
- Library Assistant Training Program at Schenectady County Community College was well attended by 27 participants and had waiting list.
- LDAT – Library District Advisory Team – up on website for public libraries to ask questions about creating library districts.

##### **C. Membership**

- Membership reached all time high of 4,161 in September.
- Will continue membership drives for lapsed members, ALA and organizational members.
- Will send new members lists to Sections and Membership Committee to follow up on.

##### **D. 2008 Initiatives**

- Civil Service Task Force
- Salary Survey
- Information Literacy Standards
- Speakers Bureau
- Members Only Section Page for Website and Membership Cards
- Online Database Vendors Partners

**E. Section Voting Schedules**

Discussed need to align and coordinate voting schedules for Sections and Roundtables with NYLA Council elections to avoid sending out multiple election notices to members and facilitate participation by new Section representatives in NYLA Leadership Retreat.

**Motion:** To approve aligning Section and Roundtable elections with NYLA Council elections.  
Rosina Alaimo moved to accept motion.  
Patti McCall seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**F. Hutner Will/Trust**

Michael Borges reported on status of funds received so far - \$150,000.  
\$100,000 deposited into Endowment Fund and \$50,000 into Vitality Fund.  
Proposed use of portion of funds to launch new initiatives such as Online Databases to be outlined in 2008 Budget. Concerns were raised about competition and allowing all libraries to purchase databases through NYLA.

**H. Dewey Fellows Nominations**

Lois Gordon – PLS  
Miriam Tuliao – RASS  
Patricia Haar – LAMS

**Motion:** To approve nominations from Sections.  
Bernie Tomasso moved to accept motion.  
Debby Emerson seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

**8. Conference Report**

Jeremy Johannesen reported on conference attendance – see attached report.  
770 pre-registered – totals are above 2005 Buffalo Conference attendance..

**9. Committee Reports**

*Membership* – Discussed ideas for increasing renewal rates, NYLA office phone calls are helping, sending chatchka in mail like letter opener, next membership recruitment effort directed at expired members from 3-5 years approximately 500 people on list. Plan to piggyback social events after CE workshops on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> and December 7<sup>th</sup>. Also discussed creating regional membership framework based on 3R’s regions to schedule and coordinate membership efforts and social events. Committee recommended increasing Section dues from \$5 to \$7 effective January 2008.

**Motion:** Increase Section dues from \$5 to \$7 effective January 2008.  
Ed Falcone made to accept motion.  
Patti McCall seconded. All in favor, except Tim Baird. Motion Carried.

*Legislative* - Reported on Regents Proposals to include \$8 million in library system aid and \$14 million in public library construction aid in their recommendations to the Governor. Michael Borges was asked to join Governor's Broadband Council. YSS requested that funding for Family/Adult Literacy be increased from \$300,000 to \$1.2 million. Committee recommended introducing legislation to address concerns. NYLA Lobby Day is Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, with Legislative Breakfast Reception in Meeting Room 6. Rally will need to be moved from Well (already booked) to another location. Instead of t-shirts – looking at tote bags or folders and will again be asking Sections to voluntarily contribute 50 cents per member to sponsor Lobby Day.

*Continuing Education* – Committee recommended that new public librarians graduating in 2009 and thereafter to be required to have 60 hours of continuing education every five years.

**Motion:** To initiate regulatory and/or legislative efforts to require public librarians graduating in 2009 and thereafter to be required to have 60 hours of continuing education every five years. Rosina Alaimo moved to accept motion. Debby Emerson seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

*Intellectual Freedom* - Committee made recommendation on recipient of NYLA ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award to Herbert Kurz.

**Motion:** To accept IFC recommendation for ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award. Bernie Tomasso moved to accept motion. Sally Daniels seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Committee and ALA Councilor also recommends that NYLA endorse ALA resolution on the use of National Security Letters.

**Motion:** To accept recommendation on ALA resolution. Margaret Lanoue moved to accept motion. Ed Falcone seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

Recommendation from ALA Councilor that NYLA endorse ALA resolution on No Child Left Behind Amendments.

**Motion:** To accept recommendation on ALA resolution on No Child Left Behind. Sally Daniels moved to accept motion. Bernie Tomasso seconded motion. All in favor, non opposed. Motion Carried.

Committee recommended that NYLA reaffirm June 5, 2001 statement on internet filtering with updated information to reflect recent court decisions.

**Motion:** Mary Fellows moved to accept motion. Margaret Lanoue seconded motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion Carried.

Committee also discussed need for NYLA to develop policy statement on libraries serving undocumented residents – photo id and one other form of id.

*Public Awareness* – Committee working on National Book Fest and 3Apples Award promos. Need to review Committee charge. Michael Borges suggested that the Committee work with

NYLA office to promote library themed weeks, like National Library Week, Banned Books Week, Children's Book Week, etc.

## **10. Section Reports**

PLS – submitted written report

LAMS – not represented.

RASS – New officers – Paula Goings incoming VP, possibly working on 2009 RASS calendar, contributing info for NYLA Bulletin.

SLMS – submitted written report and created new scholarship to attend NYLA Conference.

YSS – Submitted written report.

SMART – submitted written report

**11. ALA Councilor Report** – addressed under IFC report.

## **12. Old Business**

Strategic planning discussion set for Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Marketing strategy needs to be part of strategic plan. Margaret Lanoue working on issue related to Councilor at Large voting arrangement – set to report at Feb. meeting.

## **13. New Business**

**Motion:** Tim Baird moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by Rosina Alaimo.

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