

**Draft Minutes  
NYLA Council Meeting  
February 21, 2008  
Albany, NY**

**Present:** Rosina Alaimo, Josh Cohen, Rachel Baum, Ed Falcone, Anne Hofmann, Linda Fox, Tim Baird, Debby Emerson, Mildred Rivers, Marcia Eggleston, Ken Fujiuchi, Phyllis Keaton, Carol Clingan, Donna Ciampa, Marie Barron, Kathryn Frederick, Lisa Jacobs, Michael J. Borges, Johanna Geiger

**Also Present:** Robert Hubsher

**Absent:** Aprille Nace

*President Rosina Alaimo called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.*

**1. Welcome & Introductions**

**2. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the agenda.  
Linda Fox seconded the motion.  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Council Meeting – October 17, 2007**

**Motion:** Anne Hofmann moved to accept minutes with amendments.  
Carol Clingan seconded the motion.  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**B. Electronic Vote on Rural Libraries Roundtable**

**Motion:** Approved as voted electronically.

**4. Finance Report**

**A. Monthly Financial Report**

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

**B. 2007 Year End Results**

Ed Falcone, NYLA Treasurer, presented 2007 Year End results. Michael offered clarifications to the written report.

Council suggested NYLA explore other, more cost-effective Auditors. Michael explained the importance of having New York Library Association appear before the section on bank accounts.

**Motion:** Linda Fox moved to approve the financial reports.  
Debby Emerson seconded the motion.  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

## 5. President's Report

- A. Rosina Alaimo provided update on her trip to ALA Midwinter, Legislative Committee, and conference call with Robert Hubsher on the REAL ID issue.

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

- A. Josh Cohen discussed his role as the Civil Service Task Force Chair
  - I. Statewide Librarian I
  - II. Zoning & Banding
  - III. Underground Guide to Civil Service
  - IV. Next meeting is on Friday, February 29. A representative from Civil Service will be in attendance to help answer a few questions.
- B. **Rachel Baum** Rachel Baum discussed her list of accomplishments as NYLA President in 2007.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

- A. The new Server has been installed
- B. **Legislative** - Lobby Day is Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Recently attended various fundraisers and meetings thanks to PAC. There is a 60/40 chance that the 5 Million will be restored. Lobby Day is a great opportunity to increase the visibility of Libraries in NYS. There will be pre-Lobby Day meetings as well as the PAC fundraiser on Monday, March 10. There is a bill to allow association libraries into the state retirement system. Testified at the joint budget about 568,000 students without access to a school librarian.
- C. Press Releases on the newest Zogby poll and from Syracuse University are available on [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) there will be a press conference with Follett about the age of school library books.
- D. **Professional Development** – There will be 2 NYLA Institutes in the Month of March. The next Leadership Management Academy is scheduled for June. The Library Assistant Program will be back at Schenectady Community College in June.
- E. **Membership** - The 4200 mark has been passed. The Amnesty incentive brought back 60 members. The new membership brochure will be inserted with every new member packet. There will be an effort to gain NY ALA members who are not

currently NYLA members. MVP & CDPHP are now Vendor Partners offering the Association plan to interested member libraries. NY Long Term Care Brokers, Mackinac Island Press, Rosen Publishing and Facts on File are also new Vendor Partners. Matt Bollerman is the NYLA representative serving Long Island.

- F. Initiatives - Long Island Regional Representative** – Matthew Bollerman will be attending Long Island events for NYLA, promoting membership and organizing Regional Institutes.
- 8. Conference Report** – Nearly half of the exhibit space has been reserved for 2008. The conference programs are being processed. The Preliminary Conference program will be different than in the past – a 16 page promotional piece will be sent out to prospective attendees. The mailed promotional piece will drive traffic to [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) where the bulk of the Preliminary Conference materials will be located.

**9. Committee Reports**

- A. IFC** – Recommended Council adopt updated resolution on CIPA/filtering laws. Recommendation was tabled until next Council meeting to give people more time to review it. CIPA Resolution to be publicized and voted on electronically. Working on updating the manual.
- B. Legislative Committee** – Michael Borges discussed the items on the Legislative committee’s report. There was no need to vote on the Legislative Committee’s proposal for NYLA to send funding in support of ALA Day as it is already covered in the budget.

**Motion:** Approve NYLA Legislative Priorities

Marcia Eggleston moved to approve the NYLA Legislative Priorities with minor grammatical changes  
Tim Baird seconded the motion  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Have NYLA or NYLA President thank the Regents for working toward aligning their proposal with the NYLA proposal.

Josh Cohen moved to approve the Regents proposal.  
Tim Baird seconded the motion  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Follow the Legislative Committee’s suggestion to adopt a “wait & see” attitude concerning the REAL ID issue.

Mildred Rivers moved to approve the motion  
Carol Clingan seconded the motion  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

**Motion:** Recommend NYLA to recognize Friends of Libraries Week and encourage the Legislature to issue a proclamation as they did in 2007.

Ann Hoffman moved to approve the motion

Debby Emerson seconded the motion  
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

- C. **Public Awareness Committee** – Currently working on a library related events calendar. Also working on a PR campaign to promote the association.
- D. **Web Committee** – Working on the members only section of [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org) and keeping the overall content up-to-date.

#### 10. **Section & Roundtable Reports**

- A. ASLS – no report
- B. LAMS – working on ways to communicate better & how to handle voting
- C. PLS – Libby Post is the keynote speaker for the PLS Spring Conference. The Author! Author! Event will be held at the Automobile Museum in Saratoga Springs. Julia Spencer Fleming & Ann White are scheduled to speak.
- D. RASS – Board meeting recently held. A blog will be started next month. Noted Author Colum McCann is scheduled for the conference luncheon. The Best of Reference program is scheduled again, but will need a sponsor.
- E. SLMS – written report
- F. SMART – no report
- G. YSS – Board met 1/25 at NYLA office. The Spring Conference will be held at the Melville Marriott – Long Island. The web liaison will be redesigning the YSS section of [www.nyla.org](http://www.nyla.org)

#### 11. **ALA Councilor Report** – written report

#### 12. **Unfinished Business**

- A. Councilors At Large Election Procedure – Proposed change to ALA format tabled. Will carry out elections as has been done in the past.

#### 13. **New Business**

#### 14. **Next Council Meeting** – May 8 @ NYLA Office