

Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
May 29, 2008
Albany, NY

Present: Rosina Alaimo, Donna Ciampa-Lauria (via phone), Carol Clingan, Josh Cohen, Marcia Eggleston, Deborah Emerson, Ed Falcone, Kathryn Frederick, Lisa Jacobs, Phyllis Keaton, Aprille Nace, Mildred Rivers, Carol Kupelian, Michael Borges, Johanna Geiger

Also Present: Jennifer Morris, Fran Roscello

Absent: Tim Baird, Marie Barron, Rachel Baum, Linda Fox, Ken Fujiuchi, Anne Hofmann

President Rosina Alaimo called the meeting to order at 10:40a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – February 21, 2008

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept minutes.
Deborah Emerson seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. Electronic Vote on Slate of Candidates

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the results from the electronic vote.
Carol Clingan seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

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

Motion: Deborah Emerson moved to accept the Financial Report
Mildred Rivers seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. 2007 Audit

Contracted auditors discussed the new auditing standards, review of letters within the report, review of tabs within the report and provided recommendations for the future.

5. President's Report

- A. Rosina Alaimo provided update on her activities including the pre-Lobby Day PAC dinner, Lobby Day participation, and SLMS Conference. Rosina also gave thanks to Michael Borges for attending SLAWNY where Rosina was given an award for Library Advocate of the Year.

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

- A. Josh Cohen discussed the ongoing search for a new State Librarian as well as how the Civil Service Taskforce is progressing. Josh also discussed the pre-Lobby day PAC dinner.

7. Executive Director's Report

- A. **Legislative** – The Legislature restored the original proposed cuts in Library Aid, but a 2% across the board cut was imposed by the Division of Budget. Michael Borges provided an update on the retirement bill, the dormitory authority bill and BOCES internet, and book fair bills. Michael discussed the various fundraisers he was able to attend with thanks to the PAC. The success of this year's Lobby Day was also addressed.

B. Task Force Update (Information Literacy / Civil Service) –

- I. **Information Literacy** - Fran Roscello discussed and participated in a review of the draft Information Literacy Report. Michael Borges clarified various points.

Motion to approve in concept the draft of the 21st Century Information Literacy Standards for the Digital Citizens of New York.

Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the motion

Deborah Emerson seconded the motion with changes.

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

- II. **Civil Service** – Josh Cohen discussed the current goals of the task force. To make the Librarian I exam available on the web, to make the process more streamlined, and to make the results available based on a range of scores.

- C. **Council Retreat/Strategic Plan Update** – The topic for this year's Council Retreat will be branding and marketing the association.

- D. **Election Process/Member Survey** – This year's Council and Section elections will run from June 15 – July 15. The survey for active members was also reviewed.

E. Update on Required Continuing Education Proposal for Public Librarians –

NYLA is working with the State Education Department. The draft document describes how librarians would obtain the necessary 60 credits.

- 8. Conference Report** – More than 64% of the available exhibit space has been reserved with 4 groups on the waiting list for tabletop space. Changes to the preliminary conference program were discussed including the savings involved with cutting the number of pages back while increasing the marketing value of the promotional piece. Plans for the Vitality Event and the list of Sponsors were discussed. The Request for Proposal for the NYLA Conference 2011 & 2012 will be mailed out to major NY cities by the end of the Summer.

9. Committee Reports

- A. Membership Committee** – Membership Committee’s meeting with the SUNY Librarians Association was discussed.

Motion to approve Membership Committee’s recommendation to establish regional social events for NYLA members.

Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the motion.

Mildred Rivers seconded the Motion.

Kathryn Frederick abstained. Motion carried.

10. Section & Roundtable Reports

- A. ASLS – ASLS is planning a joint reception with RASS/SMART. The ASLS website is currently being worked on. Publishing opportunities would appeal to Academic Librarians – Michael Borges to explore this possibility.
- B. LAMS – The person coming forward for the LAMS election is an Academic Librarian. The most recent issue of JLAMS is now available.
- C. PLS – All available awards have been posted. PLS has a full slate of nominations for this year’s Board election.
- D. RASS – no report, technical issues with the conference call.
- E. SLMS – report sent via email by Marie Barron
- F. SMART – Committees have been restructured so they now have responsibilities. The spring workshop took place last Wednesday at CDLC. There was a good sampling of participants. The Board slate is not together yet. Planning for the conference is going well. Kathryn Frederick noted that programming for the NYLA conference is overwhelming and that the NYLA leadership manual needs to be clearer.
- G. YSS – The Spring Conference had about 230 attendees. Plans are going well for the 2009 Spring Conference.

H. Roundtable elections will eventually take place at the same time as the NYLA Council & Section elections.

I. Suggestion to list all Council Members in the Bulletin.

11. ALA Councilor Report – Written Report was submitted

12. Unfinished Business

A. CIPA Statement – Marcia Eggleston stated that it may not be possible for a librarian to unblock sites because the blocking software could be housed elsewhere. Ed Falcone stated that it would be difficult to uphold CIPA when the server is in a different part of the building. It was suggested that the document be clarified for libraries and schools. The statement should also include wording about the technical ability of the librarian to uphold CIPA (location of the server or blocking software).

13. New Business

A. **Proposed Bylaws/Leadership Manual Revisions** – Jennifer Morris provided a review of the proposed changes.

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to accept the changes.

Phyllis Keaton seconded the motion.

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

B. **Mary Lou Caskey – retirement resolution**

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to accept the resolution.

Carol Clingan seconded the motion.

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

C. **Teleconferencing for Council/Committee Meetings** – The NYLA Office will explore alternate meeting options to help reduce the costs involved with travel.

14. Next Council Meeting – September 25-26 at the Linwood Spiritual Center/Rhinebeck