

**Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
September 28, 2008
Albany, NY**

Present: Rosina Alaimo, Josh Cohen, Ed Falcone, Marcia Eggleston, Deborah Emerson, Tim Baird, Mildred Rivers, Donna Ciampa-Lauria, Kathryn Frederick, Lisa Jacobs, Michael Borges, Johanna Geiger

Also Present: Kathy Miller, Penelope Klein, Jennifer Morris, Erin Rushton, S. Rebecca Lubin, Carole Kupelian, Patti McCall, Barbara Madonna, Robert Hubsher

Absent: Rachel Baum, Anne Hofmann, Ken Fujiuchi, Linda Fox, Aprille Nace, Phyllis Keaton, Carol Clingan, Marie Barron

President Rosina Alaimo called the meeting to order at 10:34am.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the agenda with changes.
Rebecca Lubin seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – May 29, 2008

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to accept minutes with amendments.
Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion.
Robert Hubsher requested past minutes be placed on the web.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. Electronic Vote on Nominations for Awards

Motion: Mildred Rivers moved to accept the electronic vote.
Deborah Emerson 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 September Monthly Financial Report. Report attached. Michael Borges offered clarifications to the written report. Penelope Klein requested clarification on section allocations; Michael Borges explained the budget item. Kathy Miller requested information about NYLA's

investments and how the current economic situation has affected them, Michael Borges offered clarification. Tim Baird requested the Web Committee budget line be reinstated.

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to approve the financial report.
Lisa Jacobs seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

- A. Rosina Alaimo provided an update on her activities at the ALA Conference in Anaheim. Rosina has been keeping up-to-date with various NYLA Committees via the listserv.

6. President-Elect's Report

- A. Josh Cohen discussed the chapter relations meeting he attended at the ALA Conference in Anaheim and said that Michael Borges gave a great presentation. Committee chairs for 2009 are being considered. Speakers for the 2009 conference are being finalized; there is a strong possibility that the Farewell Luncheon speaker will be Joyce Carol Oates. The proposed Legal Defense Fund was discussed as well as the current legal situation facing the Endicott & Your Home Public library.

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to donate \$500 to Endicott & Your Home Public Library to assist with their legal fees.
Tim Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to establish a Legal Defense Fund to assist Organizational Member libraries with legal issues that would have statewide significance.
Kathryn Frederick seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

7. Executive Director's Report

- A. **Legislative** – There was a special Legislative Session in August where the governor proposed an additional cut to funding. Michael Borges stated that he was able to convince the DOB to revise their original number, which saved a little over a million dollars from getting cut.

Information Literacy Task Force Update - The recommendations are available on the NYLA website and have been submitted to the Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is looking into including the info standards in NYS Learning Standards. NYLA was able to get two school librarians appointed to the ELA Panel and the Regents Steering Committee on Learning Standards.

Civil Service Task Force Update – Josh Cohen stated that the Task Force met with a NYS Dept. of Civil Service representative about making the Librarian I & II test available online and also make it easier to obtain results. The possibility of a statewide electronic test is likely. There is also the hope that a sub score can be implemented that will be based on the specialty.

B. Membership. First Non-Profit Companies is a new Vendor Partner offering a discount on unemployment insurance for Organizational members. Drexel University is a new Vendor Partner offering a discount on online courses for personal members. GrantStation is an existing Vendor Partner that is now offering the free use of its expanded database for Organizational Members.

Membership hasn't dropped below 4,000 this year. The conversion rate of First Time members to Regular members is pretty decent, it appears a good number of people have been joining to obtain the member rate for conference. To help encourage membership throughout the state, NYLA hopes to have regional NYLA reps in the various regions similar to what is currently set up on Long Island. There was a request to have the retention rate further broken down by section, if applicable. The Amnesty program from the beginning of the year contributed about 50 new members while the Spring into Action membership drive contributed about 40. There will be a mailing to all ALA members residing in NYS that are not current NYLA members. The letter is signed by Anne Hofmann and Rosina Alaimo and invites the ALA members to also join NYLA. A special membership brochure was created to help make this mailing successful. The generic NYLA membership brochure was updated to include the newer generation of librarians.

C. Professional Development –The Leadership & Management Academy is in its 4th year and the number of applicants has increased since its inception. The Library Assistant Training program that began at the Schenectady County Community College is also being offered at the Ulster County Community College. Proposal to require CE for certified public librarians will be on the Board of Regents Agenda in December for final approval.

D. Dewey Fellowship Nominations – ASLS, Judy Fishetti; SLMS, Kenneth P. Riccardi; YSS, Janet Kreason

Motion: Tim Baird moved to approve the Dewey Fellowship Nominations.

Lisa Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

ProQuest Intellectual Freedom Award – Colette Titkin

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to approve the nomination.

Debbie Emmerson seconded the motion.

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

E. Correctional Libraries Roundtable

Motion: Josh Cohen moved to create a new roundtable.

Tim Baird seconded the motion.

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

8. Conference Report – Exhibit space and Vendor Spotlight Session space is now sold out. This year there are more than 30 ads in the Final Conference program, which has greatly contributed to paying for the cost of printing the program. The registration numbers are a little better than they were in 2006 & 2007. There will be a push to register in the next 5 weeks before conference to help with the registration numbers even more. The Vitality Fund Event was discussed, including the fashion show and raffle portions of the evening.

9. Committee Reports

A. Legislative Committee – Kathy Miller discussed various points from her written report.

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the 2009 NYLA Budget Priorities as recommended by the Legislative Committee with recommended amendments

Mildred Rivers seconded the motions.

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

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the proposal of the Legislative Committee that NYLA support the concept of state aid provided for computer software be available for the purchase or license of databases for school districts.

Debbie Emmerson seconded the motion

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

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the proposal of the Legislative committee that NYLA send a letter (attached) to the appropriate entities expressing concern about the reduction of LSTA grants to the field.

Lisa Jacobs seconded the motion.

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

B. Intellectual Freedom Committee – Robert Hubsher requested clarification from Council on the requested edits to the CIPA statement. IFC is disappointed with the original decision of Council concerning the Real ID act. Robert Hubsher to send additional information to council for review.

C. Public Awareness Committee – Tim Baird discussed the happenings of the Public Awareness Committee including the creation of NYLA profiles on various Social Networking sites.

10. Section & Roundtable Reports – reports to be submitted electronically

11. ALA Councilor Report – report to be submitted electronically

12. Unfinished Business – none

13. New Business

A. Selection of Auditors

Motion: Marcia Eggleston moved to accept the NYLA Office recommendation that NYLA use the same company/auditors for the next three years.
Tim Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion Carried.

B. Recommendation for 2011/2012 Conference Sites

Motion: Ed Falcone moved to accept the NYLA Office recommendation that the 2011 & 2012 Annual Conference take place in Saratoga Springs.
Tim Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

- *meeting suspended to go on a site visit of the new building* -

C. Purchase Agreement for New Building – Michael Borges discussed the purchase options as well as the comparison between the current location and the proposed location. Various concerns were addressed including whether the proposed location is ADA compliant and how NYLA intends to notify and promote the new home.

Motion: Ed Falcone moved to permit Michael Borges to move forward with the purchase of the building contingent upon all appropriate inspections/appraisals.
Mildred Rivers seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

Motion: Debbie Emerson moved to authorize Michael Borges to borrow up to \$335,000 for the purchase of the new building.
Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

14. Next Council Meeting – November 5, 2008 at the NYLA Conference in Saratoga Springs at the Saratoga Hilton.

Motion: Tim Baird moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:07pm.
Debbie Emerson seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.