

**Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
February 12, 2009
Guilderland, NY**

Present: Annette Birdsall, Marcia Eggleston, Debby Emerson, Carole Kupelian, Penelope Klein, Kathy Miller, Rebecca Lubin, Josh Cohen, Michael Borges, Karen LaRocca-Fels, Johanna Geiger, Tim Baird, Erin Rushton, Ed Falcone, Rosina Alaimo, Gail Baracco, Patti McCall, Anne Hofmann, Donna Ciampa-Lauria

Absent: Jennifer Morris, Ken Fujiuchi

President Josh Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Agenda amended to add in Web Committee Report. Wording edited for item 7A.

Motion: Carole Kupelian moved to accept the agenda with amendments.
Tim Baird seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – November 5, 2008

Motion: Debby Emerson moved to accept minutes.
Rosina Alaimo 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 January Monthly Financial Report. Report attached. Michael offered clarifications to the written report. A. Hofmann raised issue of budgeting for ALA. Item added to agenda as item 13B.

Motion: Rebecca Lubin moved to approve the financial reports.
Marcia Eggleston seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

5. President's Report

A. Josh Cohen provided a review of the Conference Programmer Committee meeting that occurred earlier in the week and let the new Councilors at Large know they should pick a Roundtable. J. Cohen provided an update on the Civil Service Task

Force, the joint press release with the PEN American Center and solicited council for ideas on which meetings he should attend as NYLA President.

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

A. Nominations for 2009 Elections – Rosina Alaimo provided suggested nominations for President Election & Councilor-At-Large positions

I. list of persons nominated

Motion: Anne Hofmann moved to approve the nominations.

Annette Birdsall seconded the motion.

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

B. President-Elect Kathy Miller provided list of Professional Organizations in NY as per Josh Cohen's prior request.

7. Executive Director's Report

A. Legislative Update – Congress will pass the stimulus bill, however libraries are not currently part of it. There will be money for the state; hopefully that money will be used appropriately. Interest in creating Library Champions in the Senate. Keep working at the legislators for support since most of them are new. Continue to raise public awareness about libraries. A petition has been created with the intention that it will be circulated and brought to NYLA's Library Lobby Day. Legislator packets for Lobby Day will include articles about the need for NYS libraries.

B. Building Update – the NYLA Office has partially moved to the building. The remainder of the move will occur the following Thursday. Some groups have looked at the Albany space, no serious offers yet.

C. Continuing Education Update – The Library Assistant/Technician Training Program will be expanded to various community colleges around the state. 6 NYLA Institutes have already been scheduled, which is an increase from the previous year. There is a hope to offer more distance learning topics via chat, conference calls, etc.

D. Membership Update – Involvement in NYLA should begin at the Section level. Discussions have continued with ALA about a joint membership with NYLA members (separate from student & support staff joint membership). There are about 5000 ALA members in NYS; about 3000 are not yet members of NYLA. There was a large jump of members without a section in the monthly report as a result of a large number of joint memberships with ALA. ALA does not collect section information for us on their form. NMRT-NYLA Network needs some definite structure, since new people are in a position to handle the largest group. Rebecca Lubin & Tim Baird to look into identifying new members with leadership capacity.

8. Conference Report – 2009 Conference Programmers met earlier in the week to discuss the program proposals for this year's conference. Statistics from 2008 Conference & Trade Show were shared as well as the survey results from the attendees and the exhibitors. Josh Cohen voiced an interest in creating a special conference track for Budgeting & Finance issues.

9. Committee Reports

- A. **Intellectual Freedom Committee** – The Real ID Act was sent to the DMV – they are still looking into it.
- B. **Legislative Committee** – A meeting will be scheduled after Lobby Day. There has been a change in the 414 law.
- C. **Membership Committee** – plan to have a networking event post-NYLA Institute on March 6 at CREO. MC needs names of people interested in organizing other regional get togethers. Meetup.com could be used to reach out to transitional members.
- D. **Public Awareness – Working** on setting up with committee members. Should be operational by the next Council Meeting.

10. Section & Roundtable Reports

- A. ASLS – Working on website updates and a handbook for the Section.
- B. LAMS – The conference programs are in order, working on creating bulletin boards and blogs on leadership issues. Michael Borges brought up the possibility of LAMS sponsoring the Leadership & Management Academy. The JLAMS logo has been revamped.
- C. PLS – needs guidelines for what makes a CE Program.
- D. RASS – There is a full board this year, though still very NYC centric. Will work on marketing and seeking a sponsorship from Reference USA for the Best of Reference program. Also working on updating publications.
- E. SLMS – Working with school libraries, SLSA Sponsor. Marla Yudin working with NYLA, AASL for summit and people who are willing to attending on their own dollar. Also working on advocacy efforts and education of SED staff
- F. SMART – There is a full board this year. Programming for the conference is going well. SMART issues a booth challenge to other Sections.
- G. YSS – Hopes to have their registration out sooner, possibly to piggyback on the Book Festival. Excited about collaborating with SLMS for the Summer Reading Program. The Online Summer Reading Program will be through Evanced Solutions and will be operational by either April 2009 or April 2010. The logo and tagline are in the process of being revised and the website is being updated. An attempt is being made to go paperless.

11. **ALA Councilor Report** – Anne Hofmann mentioned her retirement and that NYLA’s Empire Friends group won the National Friends of Libraries Award for the second time. The ALA Annual Conference will take place this July.

12. **Unfinished Business**

A. ALA Councilor Reimbursement / NYLA Presence

Council discussed the original decision about the 2009 Budget as well as a misunderstanding to what was originally voted on.

Motion to fully reimburse ALA Councilor for 2009 Midwinter in Chicago and to readdress the issue in September.

Motion: Tim Baird moved to accept the motion.
Carole Kupelian seconded the motion.
Anne Hofmann abstained.
All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

13. **New Business**

A. **Proposal for NYSUT Affiliation** – Michael Borges explained the proposal where NYLA would pay them for lobbying efforts and promote NYSUT and NYSUT would help us gain members. Council discussed the implications of the agreement and charged Michael Borges to find more information about the agreement and report back to Council.

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

Motion: Rosina Alaimo moved to adjourn the meeting.
Annette Birdsall seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.