

**Draft Minutes
NYLA Council Meeting
February 25, 2010
OPAL & Teleconference**

Present: Josh Cohen, Marcia Eggleston, Kathy Miller, Penelope Klein, Anne Hofmann, Tom Bindeman, Mary Donohue, Jennifer Morris, Gail Baracco, Ellen Rubin, Deborah Emerson, Regan Brumagen, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, Matt Bollerman, Hong Yao, Fran Roscello, Marcy Strong, Sarah Sachs

Also Present: Dick Strauss (Library Trustee Association), Kim Iraci (Public Awareness Committee)

President Kathy Miller called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m.

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion: M. Bollerman moved to accept the Agenda
E. Rubin seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Minutes

A. Council Meeting – October 21, 2009

Motion: M. Bollerman moved to accept the minutes
A. Hofmann seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

B. Electronic Voting – 2009-2010 Dewey Scholarships

Motion: M. Eggleston moved to accept the electronic vote
D. Emerson seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

4. Finance Report

A. Monthly Financial Report

P. Klein explained the 2009 report including the deficit (membership down, increased operating expenses due to second building.) Mentioned that the deficit would be higher if NYLA does not resign for Niagara Falls in 2013.

P. Klein discussed 2010 budget to date, noted that there is nothing out of the ordinary in the reports. Mentioned that a variety of investment advisors had been interviewed concerning NYLA's endowment accounts.

5. President's Report

K.Miller has been working to expand the committees this year to be more inclusive. K.Miller stated that the increased involvement should lead to an increased retention rate for those members that are active within the association. K.Miller met with ALA Chapters with M.Borges. If any Sections or Roundtables would like her to attend meetings, let her know.

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

- A. M.Eggleston, President-Elect, noted that she met with the Commissioner of Education with M.Borges to discuss information literacy standards and other library issues. It is hoped that regular meetings will occur in the future.
- B. J.Cohen, Past President – Explained changes proposed by the Awards Task Force. The specific changes are the following: 1) Awards Committee take active role in nominating awardees in addition to nominations coming from the field; 2) Awards Committee will be composed of past Presidents and Council members; 3) Nominations from one year can be rolled over to next year for three consecutive years.

Motion:

J.Cohen moved to accept the proposal by the Awards Task Force
M.Eggleston seconded the motion.
All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion carried.

- C. Nominations Committee – J.Cohen reported that the following individuals have been nominated for candidates in 2010.
Matthew Bollerman and Frank McKenna for President-Elect
John Myers and Debbie Emerson for Councilor at Large
Ellen Rubin and Judy Marsh for Councilor at Large
Rosina Alaimo and Rocco Staino for ALA Councilor

Motion: Marcia Eggleston made motion to accept Nominations Committee recommendations.
All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried.

7. Executive Director's Report

- A. **Legislative Update** – State Budget situation continues to worsen and deficit has grown to \$9 billion. An overview of 2010 Budget/Legislative Priorities was provided along with recap of Pre-Lobby Day and Lobby Day agendas/ events/ speakers. An overview of the SnapshotNY and Libraries:Essential campaign was also given.
- B. **Continuing Education Update** – Reviewed upcoming Regional Institutes, Library Assistant Training Programs at Ulster and Nassau Community Colleges, and online offerings through Training on the Go!

- C. Membership Update** – Membership is down due to retirements and the economy/job losses/reduction in state aid, expect numbers to gradually climb back up due to Saratoga Conference and dues restructuring later in the year. The dues restructuring was discussed and will be put before the membership during regular scheduled elections in summer to be implemented in January 2011.
- D. Website Revisions** – Process is under way to revise the website with our web hosting/design company ES11 and should have sample ready by next Council meeting.
- E. Empire State Book Festival/Writers Hall of Fame** - Planning for the Book Festival is moving along, advertising campaign laid out, 120 writers participating, invites to the Gala/Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be distributed shortly.

8. Committee Reports

- A. Legislative Committee** – The LC reaffirmed their support for Lobby Day. The updated Legislative Priorities is available on the NYLA website with bill numbers.
- B. Public Awareness Committee** – K.Iraci explained the proposal submitted to Council. Due to the limited budget associated with the group, it was recommended that the committee find literary events already occurring and to piggyback promotion of the association and librarianship on these. Council recommended that if the committee is able to creatively secure funding to attend the NYS Fair, then it is possible for NYLA’s Public Awareness Committee to attend. The funding should not interfere with the existing sponsor base for Lobby Day and for the Annual Conference.
- C. Web Committee** – Written report submitted to Council.
- D. 120th Celebration Committee** - P. Klein introduced the NYLA 120th Celebration Committee, and explained that the committee will focus on raising funds for a scholarship program. There will be a celebration event (“Scholarship Bash”) at the 2010 conference. There were some questions about what the new fund will support, and it was suggested that the program be called the “Future Librarians’ Scholarship Program.”

9. Section & Roundtable Reports

- A. ASLS – Details are being finalized for the ASLS Conference this June in Ithaca. Main speaker is Michael Stevens.
- B. LAMS – Approved funding for Lobby Day. There are still socks available, please contact Rebecca Lubin to purchase some.
- C. PLS – Approved funding for Lobby Day. The Spring Conference will be in Ithaca. PLS is working on obtaining Michael Stevens & Lee Childs for the Annual Conference this Fall.
- D. RASS – There will be a RASS Board meeting next week. Downstate members will be invited and the program handbook is scheduled to be updated.
- E. SLMS – Spring Conference planning is underway. The SLMS Board approved a proposal from ML Associates to fund a scholarship to attend the SLMS Spring Conference.
- F. SMART – Working on a copyright mini-conference in Rochester. The Annual Conference Rudi Weiss speaker will be Elizabeth Lidi. The Membership Meeting will be reorganized.
- G. YSS – Approved funding for Lobby Day. The Spring Conference has been scheduled to occur just before the Empire State Book Festival. The 3 Apples Award planning is underway with votes to be logged in April.
- H. LTA – (Library Trustee Association) is working on a new handbook. There will be an Institute in May on Long Island. LTA is also looking to host online training to help fulfill the new requirements.

10. Conference Report

- A. **Niagara Falls 2013 – site selection** – M.Borges explained situation with Niagara Falls. Recommended that NYLA sign a contract to have the Annual Conference in Niagara Falls in 2013

Motion:

- E. Rubin moved to accept the recommendation by the NYLA Office.
- P. Klein seconded the motion
- All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Council requested that NYLA look into securing a government rate for those members eligible to receive it and to be sure the room block is lower than it was in 2009. Council also stated that the organization has plenty of time to promote the event.

- 11. **ALA Councilor Report** – A. Hofmann explained the ALA Strategic Plan and will send NYLA's comments to ALA.

12. **New Business**

A. Information Literacy Standards Endorsement – F. Roscello discussed Information Literacy Standards and explained that it is more specific to allow for greater accountability.

Motion:

M. Eggleston moved to accept the Endorsement.

E. Rubin seconded the motion.

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

B. Kathy Miller moved to make a resolution of thanks to Johanna Geiger for her with NYLA the past few years. **All in favor, none opposed, no abstentions.** Motion carried.

13. **Unfinished Business**

No unfinished business

14. **Next Council Meeting – May 20, 2010 – Guilderland, NY**