NYLA/LAMS BOARD MINUTES - April 29, 2004

Present: Ed Falcone, Pres., Pat Kaufman, Vice Pres., Josh Cohen, Treas., as well as Gerry Mahoney (secretary pro tem), Richard Naylor, and Robert Jaquay. Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2003 were accepted as written by Jennifer Simmons, Secretary. Treasurer’s Report- Josh reported that at the end of March, $2,230.00 was on hand. This is double the LAMRT account.

Membership – Ed reported that there are about 225 members – most of whom add LAMS on as an additional section. Income from a second section is only $5.00, compared to 25% of section fee if chosen as a primary. A list of lapsed NYLA members who were LAMRTS will be solicited for membership. Discussion on how to recruit PLS, ASLS, downstate folks who don’t join NYLA ensued. Rachel will be encouraged (in her new position) to encourage academics… Richard will e-mail those who were LAMS members, who receive their renewals in July, to encourage them to join LAMS as their primary section.

J-LAMS, the e-journal was discussed. Articles are being submitted by 4 academic, 2 school, and 1 public librarian, Richard is working on soliciting manuscripts and will probably utilize the NYLA bulletin, NYLINE, re-contact Library School staff members, ASLS, the Systems, 3-Rs, SUNY “net”/Rachel. Discussion of format, appearance, paper or e-alone ensued. Richard will use PageMaker; the NYLA website will host the e-version. He proposes to make the issues available to LAMS members via password, but have it a pay for view/copy for non-members. The LAMS Board serves as the publisher and has ultimate say on the policies, editorial appointment, etc of the journal.

LOGO – the need for a new LOGO was discussed. A revised brochure must be composed, the LAMS heading on the Newsletter is temporary, and the e-journal will also need a heading. Josh will speak to Deb Begley or we will explore online services, in-house capabilities, and graphics people previously employed to do the design.

Survey on Library Certificate - Jerry Nichols responded to the NYLA Member-clicks distribution of the Survey which is Marist-oriented since he offers a course in Suffolk. Jerry is retiring and will be offering his course through Palmer/Post at SUNY Purchase. The Public Library Directors Management Institute is offered in a seminar format and course content includes: Principles of Public Library Organization on & Management, Financial Management, Human Resources Administration, Legal Issues & the Regulatory/Governance Environment of the Public Library, and Public Library Facilities Including Automated Systems & Telecommunication. Jerry will be approached a on the idea of combining participation at two sites and offering one certificate, i.e., working together in some manner. Using NYLA CE sessions as a venue (e.g., one day meeting as a conclusion of an on-line course) was also suggested.

NYLA Program – Pat reported that the preliminary program is in and lunch choices were reviewed for the Leaders Luncheon. The format of the luncheon will continue to be library leaders by invitation, with an outside speaker’s comments the focus, instead of the comments of each round table.

Legislative Committee - Bob feels that Michael Borges, NYLA Director, will be key in moving ahead the library agenda in Albany. Leg day may now have topic-focused discussions in the morning and lobbying based on the educational piece in the afternoon so that attendees are speaking with a common voice. Sections were asked to contribute $250.00 each to underwrite the Lobby day efforts. Borges is also working with publishers in New York City to build a coalition for libraries. Hopefully, the business involvement will help with the republican leadership.

Brochure – pending. Council Meeting – Ed will attend a NYLA council meeting on May 20th

Respectfully submitted, Geraldine S. Mahoney, Secretary Pro-Tem