NYLA – LAMS Minutes of February 8, 2005 Board Meeting

A meeting of the LAMS Board was held on 2/8/2005 at the Mid-Hudson Library System headquarters. President Patricia Kaufman, Past President Ed Falcone, Secretary Gerry Mahoney, Treasurer Josh Cohen, Membership Chair Rachel Baum, Legislative Committee Liaison Robert Jaquay, and JLAMS editor Richard Naylor attended.

The Minutes of the October 22nd meeting were approved with the addition of a dollar sign before the $433.00 cash received at the booth. The Treasurer reported that there is a balance of $3,535.67 in our treasury, but will pursue NYLA for some clarifications on the report as it appeared we were billed twice for the luncheon at NYLA Conference and not credited for the raffle funds collected. CE registration income was $1735.00; the NYLA fee was $275.00 and the speaker cost was $900.00. Luncheon receipts were $1300, with expenses at $900.00 for a $300.00 profit.

Pat reported on the NYLA Council Meeting. Sections were asked to make a contribution to Albany Day.

Legislative Committee Report was given by Robert Jaquay – The NYICE proposal, put forth by Pataki was discussed. Pending since 1999, it does not look like this move to supersede the Regents authority will be adopted by the State. The Leg Committee reaffirmed Library Governance Principles that are in opposition to the NYICE proposal. Lobby Day slogans were discussed and the issue of restoration of funds. Finding a way to express the funding level into value the public receives from that funding has not been successful.

Rachel Baum moved that LAMS donate $100.00 to NYLA for legislative lobby day with the intent that the section will contribute more in the future as the section becomes better established. Josh Cohen seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

Michael Borges is interested in adding section news to the NYLA Bulletin. It was decided that LAMS will use the bulleting as a venue and use a card format for elections and to announce NYLA programs, instead of the Newsletter format.

Membership - Rachel sent thank you notes to all 47 new members who joined at NYLA. The Section now has 321 members, 46 with LAMS as their basic section, and 275 with LAMS as additional section. Rachel reported that there are 425 NYLA members who have no declared section, some of whom might be recruited for LAMS. MemberClix was employed to send a message but formatting issues were evident. Rachel set a goal of quarterly contact with members.

Pat suggested there might be value in promoting Institutional Memberships if they are more cost effective for sending more people to conference on fewer membership dollars.

Resignation of President-Elect, Jennifer Simmons was discussed and the Board unanimously approved Bob Jaquay to become the next President of LAMS. Rachel will review LAMS membership to suggest potential new Board members.

JLAMS editor Richard Naylor reported on the upcoming issue. Five articles are under review, reflecting a variety of types of library.

Programs for NYLA, 2005 were discussed – the preliminary program is due February 27th. They are, roughly --

Dealing with Major Budget Cuts – fighting back – Rachel, presider
Branding Your Library/Communicating the Value of your Library - (Michael Conte of Syntax Communications or the Ivy Group)

Planning, Process, or Prayer: Your Library’s Budget – budget development from POV of several types of libraries – Pat, presider

Civil Service - ---- - Bob presiding

Building Program with Todd Harvey – Ed- presiding

Board Leadership begins with You – tips and techniques - Josh, presiding

LAMS Lunch – singing group, possibly Elliott Spitzer, Hevesi, OINK (Only in New York)

Booth – Rachel (who will no doubt outdo herself)

Certification Program – was discussed – NYLA’s idea is to do an institute each year, for $500-700, 3-4 days, at a Library School, (or NYLA pre-conference) with courses on leadership, boards, budgeting, etc. Since Borges’ proposal sounded more like CE courses, and the intent was an MPA/MBA type of series, Josh volunteered to call him.

A Lawyers for Libraries program was discussed – one that would review library law for librarians and lawyers and grant CE credit to lawyers.

Richard said he would investigate working with Buffalo on the Certification program as they employ distance learning. The programs offered by Queens and CW Post are not available on-line.

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Geraldine S. Mahoney

Secretary