NYLA – LAMS
MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2005 BOARD MEETING

Present: Patricia Kaufman, Ed Falcone, Josh Cohen, Rachel Baum, Bob Jaquay, Richard Naylor

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 at SUNY Albany

Minutes: Minutes of the February 8, 2005 meeting were approved. Motion by Richard Naylor, second by Rachel Baum.

Treasurer’s Report (J. Cohen): J. Cohen reported that the 5/31 balance is $4,176.13. There was one reimbursement (to Mahopac Library)

Legislation Committee (B. Jaquay): There was a mini-lobby day the previous week. There are 8 items on the NYLA Legislative agenda: Dormitory Authority Bonding Bill (bundling small projects; Library Bond Act ($500 million for construction); Chapter 414 Clarification; School Library Media Specialist Bill (mandating them in high-need schools); Loan-Forgiveness Program (forgive student loans for library grads in high-need areas); Streamline Construction Aid Approval Process (allows systems to approve grants); Maintenance of Effort Waiver Extension; Unclaimed Lottery Prizes (money goes to a library fund).

Membership Committee (R. Baum): LAMS has 52 basic members and 278 additional members. Rachel is going to write a personal note to all lapsed members and everyone who renewed. There are 472 NYLA members with no affiliation, we will target them also.

[Pat Kaufman joined meeting at 11:30]

JLAMS Committee (R. Naylor): Two issues have been published so far, and Richard is working on a third. Three articles have been submitted so far, he would like to see 1 or 2 more. The target date for publication is just before conference. Josh Cohen volunteered to write an article.

Nominating Committee: Phyllis Keaton will run for LAMS President, Josh Cohen will run again for Treasurer. The ballot will appear in the next newsletter.

Civil Service Task Force (P. Kaufman): There is no task force yet, but there was a hearing in Rockland last week. Many speakers were critical of civil service. There was some discussion on exempting directors from civil service. LAMS will contact Michael Borges – if a task force is formed, LAMS should be represented on it.

Conference Update:

• LAMS is the first section to book a booth.
• The LAMS Luncheon program with Nancy Perl is already posted on the LAMS web page.
• The 2-part civil service program will need to be in 2 different rooms.
• Gerry Nichols will speak at the budget program.
• The program rooms at the Adams Mark Hotel will be smaller than we’re used to. All programs will be in the hotel this year.
• Rachel has found a restaurant for the Board to meet in on Wednesday evening. Details coming.
• For our membership meeting, we’ll stay in the luncheon room after the program.
• We will consider having a LAMS table at the inaugural dinner.

Booth (R. Baum):
• LAMS will order 10 T-shirts for us to wear. Rachel will work on a custom design that’s based on ‘LAMS Rocks’. We will also take orders for more if there is interest.
• Rachel found a candy vendor who sells chocolate lambs in cellophane at $1.30 per pair. Will be a giveaway with each raffle ticket sold.
• The raffle prize will be an I-Pod. $5 for new members, $3 for members.
• We will have a ‘Rhymes With …’ contest, the prize will be a stuffed sheep. Rachel gave out a list of 20 rhymes, the committee picked the 10 best ones.
• LAMS needs to design a logo and a banner for the booth. We discussed a ‘music’ theme for the booth, Rachel asked everyone to save old CDs

NYLA Institute (R. Naylor): Marist was originally interested in partnering with LAMS, now the Business Department at Buffalo is interested. Bob Jaquay and Richard Naylor met with Michael Borges, NYLA is now interested in doing their own program: a package of 10 institutes for $750, for CE credit only. NYLA is moving ahead, they have a brochure in the works. There was discussion on whether to move ahead with our original plan, which would earn participants grad credits towards an MBA or MPA. Before the conference, LAMS needs to work out the details of the program in coordination with the Dean at Buffalo. LAMS also needs to contact NYLA and the CE Committee to keep them informed and assure them that the two programs are not in conflict with each other.

Newsletter: A newsletter should go out this summer, Josh Cohen will ask Deb or Greg if they can help Gerry Mahoney with the layout. Content will include: legislation update, membership and the booth, JLAMS, elections and a ballot coupon, and a mention that Rachel is running for NYLA President.

The meeting ended at 2:15.

Ed Falcone, acting secretary.