Minutes of the February 14th, 2006 Board Meeting of LAMS

The meeting was held at the Mid-Hudson Library System.

Present: were Josh Cohen, Bob Jaquay, Richard Naylor, Phyllis Keaton, Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, and Patricia Kaufman.

The meeting started: at 11:15, LAMS President Robert Jaquay presided.

The minutes: from the previous meeting were not available; however, notes from the previous meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Treasurer's Report: Josh Cohen presented the Treasurer’s report: Conference expenses were $3,000, leaving a balance of $5,243. Dues allocations will come in soon and last year that was about $3,000.

President's Report: In the President’s report Bob related that:

- Membership in January stood at 377, which is 55 higher than last year’s total of 322.
- At the NYLA Counsel meeting a budget review was covered in depth. The Vitality Fund has over $124,000 and the endowment has $14,000.
- NYLA is installing a membership software program that will allow on-line dues payment and conference registration. It will also perform the other functions of our current service, such as list serve, so that Memberclicks will be dropped. An advantage for us is that during on-line registration members will have to choose a section.
- February 28th is final date for inputting conference program information.
- The Fall 2007 conference in Buffalo is scheduled for the convention center however since the Adams Mark is much cheaper it is possible that there will be changes.
- At conference there will be an alumni library school reception night on Wednesday.
- NYLA is paying $7,000 for a lobbyist. March 14th is lobby day and the theme is “Libraries Deserve their share of the Pie”. Tip sheets for focus issues will be provided. Briefings are between 9:30 and 11:00. there will be no charge for bus parking.
- Twelve regional NYLA Institutes are scheduled to be held this year.
- YSS is revising the state standards to be done by the annual conference.
- At NYLA Council there was quite a lot of talk of pushing for a unified conference. A reason given that section members do not go to NYLA conference is that their own conference gives them what they need. And, SLMS made $35,000 on their last conference. SLMS has over 100 affiliates, 8 of which participate in their conference. They do scholarships and many other things. YSS gets about 200 at conference and SLMS 500. YSS breaks even.
- There will be a retreat in September for outgoing and incoming NYLA Leadership.
- LAMS Board Member Ed Falcone is running for NYLA Treasurer and due to the withdrawal of Tom Lawrence they have gotten another candidate and that will be Jeff Cannel.

Bob talked about the situation with the LAMS/RASS Luncheon: RASS has secured the speaker. Francisco Goldman. Kimberly Bolen is a conference consultant and has been communicating with Bob. Lucia Chen, RASS President, sent an email as if we would start a collaboration in 2007. It is our understanding that we have already formally established this collaboration, and that 2006 is our year for securing the speaker.

Paco Underhill is someone we would like to have as the speaker. NYLA President, Jennifer Morris, might have an in-road to securing him, and it appears as though NYLA will assist in the financing.

We paid $2,288 for Nancy Pearl. Our conference revenue was not available at the meeting.
The LAMS board agreed to give $125 to NYLA for Lobby Day.

Richard said that we have five articles submitted for the Spring issue of JLAMS. Pat suggested that we advertise it on publib to give us a wider distribution and to get more recognition. We have five articles under review.

The board discussed conference programming with Chair-Elect/Program Chair Phyllis Keaton. The Board decided not to co-sponsor other programs for two reasons. First, the description itself should be enough to tell people what they need to know to decide if they want to attend; and second, we really do not know the quality of the program. In terms of the Google program, the Google representatives will be asked about their content and we may want a panel to follow that.

We discussed having a reception for President Elect, Rachel Baum using chocolate as the theme.

We would be happy to run the Job Information Table again and are considering offering a resume critiquing service. We discussed the booth theme and other conference trade show details and pretty much settled on one. Due to a problem of another section ending up with some of our ideas last year, these are not in the public minutes.

Regarding the CE program, we want to expand the second half of the legal program, expanding it with some consideration of liability and privacy. We thought there were plenty of materials for a day’s CE.

The board decided to put potential plans for a certificate program on the agenda of the next meeting. We scheduled the next meeting for May 9th 10:30. We will once again converge at Mid-Hudson.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Submitted by Richard Naylor for Geraldine Mahoney